

PARISH CELEBRATION

As Covid restrictions are now relaxing, I thought it was time to re-introduce our Annual Parish Celebration. This will take place on **Saturday 11th June at St Gregory's**. I acknowledge that some people still feel vulnerable and would suggest that this is not a celebration for them (hopefully we will have an outdoor celebration later in the year which may be more appropriate). As this is our first post Covid celebration, some caution will still need to be taken and so numbers will be limited. Please keep this in mind when requesting tickets so that Parishioners from both parishes who wish to attend will have the opportunity to do so. Ticket request forms will be available as of next week.

CHORLEY FOODBANK

A big thank you for all your kind and generous donations, your support for those most in need is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times. We still need your help though so items such as teabags, coffee, cereal, pasta, rice, tinned goods and toiletries would be gratefully received.
Thank you.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

This month we celebrate Christ's **Resurrection Hope** as we stand in solidarity with the **People of Ukraine**.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/resurrection-hope/>

Our Latest resources for schools and parishes

What do we know about the resurrection and how have artists risen to the challenge? Fleur takes us on a visual journey - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-resurrection-in-art/>

The third article in our super **Meaning of Life** series by Bp David Evans explores **Adaptability: being and becoming** - [godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-3-adaptability](https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-3-adaptability)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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SEA	TIBERIAS	SIMON	PETER
THOMAS	NATHANAE	CANA	GALILEE
ZEBEDEE	BOAT	NET	STARBOARD
FISH	CLOAK	WATER	FIRE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

1st May 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

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Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 24th Apr 2022

Gift Aid: **£83.70**

Loose Plate: **£537.65**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous weekly donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP

REFLECTION

During this Easter period, the readings tell us over and over about the resurrection of Jesus and of his appearances to his followers. Today's Gospel tells us that after Jesus's death and resurrection, his followers returned to their old way of life as fishermen. The reading has two important aspects. Firstly, even though the followers of Jesus recognise him, they are still a bit unsure that it is truly the Lord. Secondly, Jesus invites Peter to repent of his three denials by confessing his love for the Lord three times. So what begins as a very ordinary invitation to eat a cooked breakfast becomes a deep experience of forgiveness and renewal for Peter. Jesus now offers him the opportunity to renew his commitment as a faithful and loyal disciple. Jesus is not angry with Peter for his denial, and neither does he judge or criticise him. The risen Jesus not only changes the way his followers fish, he also changes their hearts, especially Peter's. The resurrection transforms the old into the new and looks to the future rather than dwelling on the past. Once Peter pledges his love to Jesus, he is invited once again to follow Jesus. There are also similarities in today's Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. Just as Jesus invited his disciples 'to come and have breakfast', in the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his Body and Blood. The gifts we bring to the altar - bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth which will become his body and blood. God has no need of anything further. After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials - he is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Peter is sent on a mission. 'Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep.' As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice. Let us go forward therefore with faith and confidence. Let us follow the Lord.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery - Derek Birchall
 Christine Zawistowicz - Joanne Hardyman - Catherine - Kathleen Green

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY REVIEW OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following a further review of Covid requirements by the Archdiocese, the following changes will take effect week commencing **Monday 2nd May**:

1. **Face-coverings** will now become optional for people who attend a service in church.
2. **Sanitiser** will be available for those who wish to use it on entering the building but this will no longer be mandatory.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will **no** longer be a section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - the priest and Ministers of the Eucharist will continue to wear a face covering and will still cleanse their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will **not** be reintroduced at this time.

MASS OF WELCOME

At both morning Masses today, the families with children who are to be baptised during this coming year will be welcomed into our Parish Communities. Please keep them all in your prayers.



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Jackson John Patrick Phillips

Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 8TH MAY 2022

The 4th Sunday of Easter (8th May) is Vocations Sunday. The National Office for Vocations has planned a week of events leading up to the day and on the day itself which will help celebrate people living out their vocation and also to encourage discerners as they listen to God's call. This year's theme is 'the Journey', chosen due to the paths we all take on the road to holiness. All details can be found at www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday.

Thursday 5th May at 7:30pm – 9pm 'The Conversation'

An opportunity to listen in and ask a panel of guests key questions on vocation, discernment and their work within the Church.

This event takes place on Zoom and live on **Radio Maria England**. It is free to join, come with burning questions and submit them in the chat.

To book (free) www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-conversation-tickets-306529176017

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 01 May	9:30am 6:30pm	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Thomas Livesey (A & BR) Shaun McGeown LISCF	ST GREGORY'S Mass of Welcome
SUN 01 May	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	William Ingram (A)	ST OSWALD'S Mass of Welcome
Mon 02 May	10:00am	St Athanasius	John Hutchinson (LD) Successful Operation (MO)	
Tues 03 May	9:15am	St Philip & St James	Nicholas Jackson & Family (F)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 04 May	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Bernard Marmion	
Thur 05 May	9:15am		People of the Parish	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 06 May	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 07 May	10:00am		Philip Barton (BR)	
SUN 08 May	9:30am 6:30pm	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Jim Dunn (A) Thomas & Mildred Wilcock (F)	ST GREGORY'S Vocation Sunday
SUN 08 May	11:00am	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	John Calveley	ST OSWALD'S Vocation Sunday