

PASTORAL PLAN

There is a Pastoral Plan pamphlet and prayer card - do please read and pass it on to people who you think may be interested. There is a lot to take in all at once and it will have implications for us at Parish, Deanery & Diocesan levels. Over the next few weeks I hope to be able to offer a way forward in implementing the recommendations within the Parish - the ones outside parish level will take a bit longer!

To find out more about the plan, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Leyland

Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree

Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom

LIVING WATERS FOODBANK - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Chorley Foodbank are urgently appealing for items for their Christmas food parcels which will be distributed to those families who are most in need. Items such as chocolate selection boxes, boxes of biscuits, tinned ham, tinned salmon, packets of stuffing, cranberry sauce & Christmas puddings etc. would be very welcome. Please leave your items in the box in the porch or at the presbytery. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS JOY NEW TOY APPEAL

Chorley Buddies in association with Chorley Council and other local schools and parishes are appealing for new toys and gifts to bring some Christmas joy to families who may need some help this Christmas. Donated gifts may be dropped off at the Presbytery. **NB: This year it has been requested that the gifts are not wrapped. The last date for donations will be noon on Thursday 9th December.** Thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Boxes of Christmas cards are available from the Parish Office priced at £3.50 each.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

28th November 2021 - 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

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Registered Charity No: 232709

Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:30

Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 21st November 2021

Gift Aid: **£116.50**

Loose Plate: **£290.28**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection next week will be taken by the SVP

REFLECTION

This Sunday we begin a new season in the liturgical calendar of the Church as we begin the great Season of Advent. There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks.

One message and set of values will come to us from the media and the shops. We will be told that we will have to move faster, stay busy, queue longer in the shops and spend more money on those 'must have' presents so that we will have the 'perfect' Christmas! However, there is a very different message and set of values that will be offered to us through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent.

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter of St Luke's Gospel in which we hear that Jesus is teaching in the Temple.

We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The message of Advent is an invitation and it also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared and we are asked to wait in joyful hope. Waiting is not something that we are usually good at these days. Our modern world tells us to move faster in so many ways.

However, Advent asks each of us to do very opposite. During these sacred days of preparation, we are being asked to take some time to be still and silent as we prepare ourselves spiritually for the Christmas season. If we get too caught up in the shopping and spending, there is the danger that we will miss what Advent is really about. Today we are asked not to miss the next four weeks of Advent. Advent is a time for allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides his first coming at his birth, Jesus comes to our lives through the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), through the Word of God, through the worshipping community, at the moment of our death and, finally, in his *Second Coming*. Let us pray today that we will all 'Stay Awake' and be ready for that time!

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Margaret Shaw - Thomas Moss
 Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Neil Bass - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden
 Sheila McGeown - Caroline Rigby - Anthony Crilly - Bernard Marmion - Julie Pilkington
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,
 especially Barbara Eaves

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MASS/SERVICE TIMES

WEEKDAY SERVICES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

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FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

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SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & 11:00am (St Oswald's)

BAPTISMS



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Arabella-Mae Seed & Niamh Ellie Barker
 Please keep them and their family in your prayers
 as they start out on their faith journey.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

There will be a Service of Reconciliation at **3:00pm on Sunday 19th December 2021**
 at St Gregory's. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021

1st Mass of Christmas (Friday 24th December)

6:30pm (St Oswald's)

8:00pm (St Gregory's) (with carols from 7:30pm)

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

9:30am (St Gregory's) (please note there will be no evening Mass)

11:00am (St Oswald's)

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 28 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Eileen Gallagher (A) Mary & Bill Pilkington (DW) Pat Chadwick (LD) Shane Deveraux (LD)	ST GREGORY'S
Sun 28 Nov	11:00am	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Alan Macdonald	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 29 Nov	10:00am		Mary Doreen Ainscough (F) Margaret Berry (BR)	
Tues 30 Nov	9:15am	St Andrew	Special Intention (S)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 01 Dec	8:30am		William Dearden (A) Peter Evans	
Thur 02 Dec	9:15am		Agnes Price (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 03 Dec	8:30am 9:15am	St Francis Xavier	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 04 Dec	10:00am	St John Damascene	Norman Martin (A) The Victims of Crime	
Sun 05 Dec	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	David Warbis John & Elizabeth Watmough (A) Jack Barton	ST GREGORY'S Bible Sunday
Sun 05 Dec	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S Bible Sunday