



BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Poppy Catherine Prescott
Please keep her and her family in your prayers
as they start out on their faith journey.

WELCOME!

We are pleased to welcome into the church this Easter,
Thomas Robinson and Lee & Adele Williams
We wish them every blessing and assure them and their families of our prayers as they
take this important step on their faith journeys.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS


Congratulations to Bethany Devlin & Christopher Inman who were
married at St Gregory's this week. We wish them every joy and
happiness as they begin married life together.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life
through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is
curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics,
sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition.
We'll begin on 10th April 2024 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every
Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who
you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your
interest please contact: **Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257**
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 24th March 2024 - Palm Sunday, Year B

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Waiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 17th March 2024

Gift Aid: **£82.00**

Loose Plate: **£317.94**

Standing Orders: **£369.92**

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

*The retiring collection on Good
Friday will be for the Holy Places*

REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates as both Palm Sunday and
Passion Sunday. It is today that we enter Holy Week, and
welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us to share
in his suffering, death and Resurrection. Yet, we are not just
remembering a historical event that happened over two
thousand years ago - this is also the time we remember and
celebrate the events which brought about our own
redemption and salvation. Jesus's entry into the city begins
on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line
the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and
garments on the ground and they shout out his name. This
was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and
armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcome
Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, *Hosanna, Hosanna,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* Yet, how
quickly the mood of the crowd changes as they turn on Jesus.

The same people who were happy to welcome him with
shouts of joy, would soon begin to shout '*Crucify him, Crucify
him.*' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends -
the rest of them run away and desert him and he is left alone.
There is a very real danger that we can lose sight of what we
are remembering and taking part in during Holy Week. As
well as celebrating this great week with dignity and
reverence, we also need to ask ourselves what it is all about
and what it means to each of us today. Proper participation in
the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God,
increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of
Jesus. This is also the week when we should remember the
burden of Christ's passion as experienced daily by the hungry,
the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and those who
are outcast. As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our
journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves
'Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm
Sunday and plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on
Easter Sunday?' During this busy week of prayer, liturgy and
ceremony, let us all consider what kind of followers of Christ
we are, and what we are going to be.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Fr Laurence Mayne - Dorothy Fairclough - Christine Zawistowicz - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan
 Sheila McGeown - Teresa Abernethy - Rita Compton - Shirley Langstrath - Jimmy Waddington
 Catherine - Paul Spedding - Susan Yates - Brenda McGuigan - Angela Helmn - Paul Jamieson
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
 and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK 2024

There are some leaflets detailing the times of the Holy Week services at the back of church,
 do please take one for yourself and also you may like to pass one on to a neighbour or a
 friend who might also like to attend.

SERVICE TIMES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00PM (ST OSWALD'S)
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY

11:00AM (ST OSWALD'S)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3:00PM (ST GREGORY'S)
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00PM (ST GREGORY'S)
EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES
9:30AM (ST GREGORY'S)
11:00AM (ST OSWALD'S)

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on
Wednesday 27th March at 19.30. You can join the Mass via LiveStream at:

<https://youtube.com/live/YTD06cRtV6Q>

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

There will be a special celebration at Sacred Heart Church on **Sunday 7th April at 3pm** on the
 Feast of the Divine Mercy. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet,
 Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass. There are some copies of the chaplet of the Divine
 Mercy at the back of church, please do take one.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy'

Matthew 5:7

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 24 Mar	9:30am	PALM SUNDAY	Mary Jane Barton (BR) Barbara Edwards	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		People of the Parish	
SUN 24 Mar	11:00am	PALM SUNDAY	Hélène Draper (LD)	ST OSWALD'S
Mon 25 Mar	10:00am	FUNERAL SERVICE	James Critchley (BR)	
	11:30am		Janice Tatlock	
Tues 26 Mar	9:15am		For a successful operation	
Wed 27 Mar	8:30am		The Bolton family	
Thur 28 Mar	7:00pm	HOLY THURSDAY	The sick & housebound of our parishes	ST OSWALD'S
Fri 29 Mar	11:00am	GOOD FRIDAY	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	ST OSWALD'S
	3:00pm		CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	Divine Mercy Novena begins today ST GREGORY'S
Sat 30 Mar	8:00pm	HOLY SATURDAY	Those being received into the church	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 31 Mar	9:30am	EASTER SUNDAY	Shaun McGeown (A) Pauline Critchley (A) David & Kathleen Critchley (60th WA)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 31 Mar	11:00am	EASTER SUNDAY	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S