

REGULAR PARISH GATHERINGS/MEETINGS

WEEKLY:

Scripture Group - Meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in St. Gregory's Meeting Room.

Coffee Morning - St. Gregory's Meeting Room: Every Thursday following 9am Mass.

New Coffee Morning - Our Lady's - Every Friday following the 9am Mass.

MONTHLY:

Bereavement Drop in - 1st Thursday of Each Month 11am-12noon-Saint Gregory's Meeting Room.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Will resume in the New Year

A Time of Prayer, Praise & Reflection - Will resume in the New Year

ALTERNATE WEEKS:

UCM - 6th December - Christmas night out at Briars Hall - Time of coach to be confirmed. Ladies from both parishes always welcome.

Over 50's - 4th December - Carols with St. Gregory's School Choir

Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised £829.03 for St. Gregory's and £308.00 for Our Lady's

Health and Safety - In order to comply with a health and safety we have now been asked to ensure that we have a sign in/out sheet for any key holder accessing either of our churches. This is to ensure that we comply with 'Work Alone Policies' and develop a procedure to ensure safety at all times. Please note, nobody should be on church premises for longer than an hour without being accompanied. This is for your safety and wellbeing should anything happen to you.

DBS - If you have not already done so, would you please complete both an 'Application Form for Volunteer Roles Involving Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults' and a 'Code of Conduct Form' and return them to the parish office as soon as possible. Both Forms are available from both Sacristies.

Office Hours: Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 12noon. If you need to contact the office, please do so between the hours stated above.

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Webcam now fully installed and Live streaming! -

To access from the web please go to WWW.MCNMEDIA.TV.

Facebook Page - St Catherine of Alexandria: Lydiate

Parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria Churches of Our Lady and St. Gregory, Lydiate 1st December, 2019

Advent

Happy New year!

Today marks the beginning of the Church's New Liturgical year. Our focus for the first two weeks of Advent is Christ's second coming, a mystery we proclaim each time we celebrate the Eucharist in the memorial acclamation. "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." In fact, for us, no other acclamation will do, for all that we celebrate in the Eucharist, is the life which will be ours in Christ, when he comes in glory. That is the beauty of the Eucharist, we have a foretaste of the promised paschal Feast of Heaven!

It is fitting that our Celebration of the Eucharist evermore captivates our experiences and fittingly honours them, whilst at the same time finding the gift of the community, the unity that he prayed would become the remedy for our many needs. This year let us be prepared to be transformed by the mystery we celebrate, into Christ himself.

Advent Preparations

A great way to prepare for Christmas this year would be to take a chapter of St Luke's Gospel each day and read it. In doing so, by the time we reach Christmas Day, we will have read about the entire life of Jesus and contemplated his meaning in our hectic Advent daily lives. For the clever among you, why not read it backwards so that by Christmas Day you arrive at the nativity story.

Advent Reflections and Prayer

Led by Sr. Kathleen Hopkins

Thursday 5th & Thursday 12th December, 2019 at 7.00p.m. in the Church of St. Gregory.

Ecumenical Carol Service

Saint Thomas', Lydiate on

Thursday 19th December at 7.00 pm.



SYNOD 2020

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LITURGY: During the coming week:

First Mass of the First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	30th	6.00pm	Alison Reid L.D.
Sunday Dec.	1st	8.00am	Mr & Mrs Bunsworth & Family
Our Lady's		9.30am	Dorothy Rossiter
		11.00am	Patrick Moonan
Monday	2nd	9.00am	Don Jackson
Tuesday	3rd	9.15am	Graham Waters (Mass at St. Gregory's School)
Wednesday	4th	9.00am	Agnes & Bridget Uriol
Thursday	5th	9.00am	Gerry Potter (Bali) R.I.P.
Friday	6th	9.00am	James Robertson
Saturday	7th	9.00am	Thanksgiving

First Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	7th	6.00pm	Denise Frost
Sunday	8th	8.00am	Joe Curran
Our Lady's		9.30am	Sean Flynn
		11.00am	Anne Marie & Jacqui Morley

Rosary: Every day following the 9am Mass in St. Gregory's Church and on Thursday evening at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Church.

Please remember the sick in your prayers: James Bolger, Agnes Brown, Alfred Chapman, Charles Clark, Jeremy Conlon, Colin Ennis, Jack Conyngham, Bernard Dawes, Peggy Doyle, Claire Houghton, Alexander Mangan, Isabel & Kevin Rogan, Christine McKeown, Vincent Mullen, Chris Murphy, Patricia Norris, Theresa Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Sinnott, Joseph Turner, Darren Woods, Theresa Dawes, Kitty Riella, Anne Sinnott, Allan Doyle, Doreen Brown, Lawrence Benson, Vin Curran, Marie Hughes, Gladys & Don Lofthouse, Michael Murphy, Peter McClean, Nikki Robinson, Jeanette McGarrigle, Pat Leadbetter, Emma Brand and Nora Naylor. *(Please inform us if names are to be added or removed.)*

Walk with Me - A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2018 - Please take your complimentary booklet from the back of church.

The Knights of St. Columba - Christmas Posters are now available from the back of church. Please take a copy and display it in your windows at home, let us 'Keep Christ in Christmas.'

The Georgian Singers Christmas Carol Concert - Friday 13th December at 7.30pm in St. George's Social Centre, Station Road, Maghull. Raffle and light refreshments. Tickets cost £5.00. Please see the noticeboard for further details.

Synod Theme Meetings - all following the 11am Mass

Session 3 Sunday 26th January, 2020

Session 4 Sunday 8th March 2020



Synod:- Theme 2 Following on from the meeting last Sunday in St. Gregory's, there are now two Synod Leaflets available in each church on our second theme. We encourage you to use these at home, to follow them and to perhaps formulate some proposals that may be discussed around this theme at Synod.

With You always Programme 2019

Session 2 This Sunday 1st December, 2019
t 12.15pm-1.15pm or 1.45pm-2.45pm

Nugent Care Gift Collection - 8 December 2019 - Every year the parishioners of St Gregory's arrange a collection for the children cared for by Nugent Care. We ask that you donate a gift suitable for a child and place unwrapped in to a gift bag. The gifts are taken up and placed upon the altar during mass on the 8 December 2019

Little Church Nativity - This year Little Church is having their Nativity play on Sunday 15 December 2019 following the 11am mass. Over the Christmas period children will get a chance to practice Christmas carols in Little Church. On the day of the Nativity we want to give all the children a chance to take part we have plenty of Nativity costumes but if children have a favourite they can bring that along for the day. Following the Nativity there will be a party for all the Little Church children in St Gregory's Social Club from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm - with games and entertainment - parents are welcome to stay. There is no charge for the party but could we ask that families bring a donation of cakes, biscuits, crisps or sweets to contribute towards the party - any leftovers will be donated to Sefton Foodbank.

Youth Alpha/Prayer & Pizza Evening Monday 16th December at 7pm in St. Gregory's Church - for young people aged 11 to 16. Come and join us and spend time relaxing, praying and meeting new people of your own age over a slice of pizza.

Bambinelli Sunday - On the Sunday before Christmas - 22nd December - We would like to invite you to bring the image of the infant Christ from your cribs and during that mass we will bless them. This is an old custom which survives still in many parts of Europe. Once the figure has been blessed the tradition holds that the Christ child is hidden until the dawn of Christmas day when he is placed in the manger for all to see.