

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 - 11th December - At Home - Close - sherry and mince pies. Ladies from both parishes always welcome.

Over 50's - 18th December - Christmas buffet.

Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised £818.21 for St. Gregory's and £272.23 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.

Parish Priest. Fr Grant Maddock

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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 8th December, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 Opportunities

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.

St. John Bosco Carol Service

Monday 9th December at 6pm in the Church of St. Gregory

Advent Service of Penance and Reflection

Monday 16th December 7 pm
St Gregory's Church

Ecumenical Carol Service

Saint Thomas', Lydiate on
Thursday 19th December at 7.00 pm.

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve - 5.00pm Carols - **St Gregory's**
5.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

8.00pm Carols - **Our Lady's**
8.30pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day - 8.00am Dawn Mass **St Gregory's**
9.30 am Christmas Day Mass **Our Lady's**
11.00am Christmas Day Mass **St Gregory's**

Welcome Father Faustinus

This Christmas we welcome Fr. Faustinus back amongst us. He will be joining us from 19th December until the New Year.



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Saints of the Week:

9th December
Saint John Diego

11th December
Saint Damasus I

12th December
Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th December
Saint Lucy

14th December
Saint John of the Cross.

LITURGY: During the coming week:

First Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	7th	6.00pm	Denise Frost
Sunday Dec.	8th	8.00am	Joe Curran
Our Lady's		9.30am	Sean Flynn
		11.00am	Anne Marie & Jacqui Morley
Monday	9th	9.00am	Ruth Burke 1st Anniversary
Tuesday	10th	9.15am	Special Int. (Mass at St. John Bosco School)
Wednesday	11th	9.00am	Mrs Joan Coyne L.D.
Thursday	12th	9.00am	Mary Nixon 90th Birthday
Friday	13th	9.00am	Patrick & Elizabeth Byrne
St. Gregory's		10.00am	Requiem Funeral Peter McLean
Saturday	14th	9.00am	Robert Jennings

First Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	14th	6.00pm	Arthur Campbell
Sunday	15th	8.00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady's		9.30am	Ronnie Bell
		11.00am	Molly Pagan Birthday

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, Nikki Robinson, Jeanette McGarrigle, Pat Leadbetter, Emma Brand and Nora Naylor. *(Please inform us if names are to be added or removed.)*

Latently Dead: Peter McLean. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

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.'

Nugent Care Gift Collection - This Sunday 8 December 2019 - Please put your gift unwrapped into a gift bag and it will be taken up and placed upon the altar during mass.

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 in Saint 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.

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.

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 postponed until the New year.

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.

Home Alone Christmas Party - Are you usually alone over Christmas? Maybe you've lost touch with your friends and family and find it hard to meet now people or maybe you've recently lost a love one and are dreading the Christmas Season alone. Whatever the reason come along and join the free Home Alone Christmas Party this Sunday 8th December at Holy Rosary Social Club 1.30 - 5.30pm. Please see the notice board for further information.

Eucharistic Minister's - If your DBS check is complete and you have not yet been commissioned, please let Fr. Grant know. Thank you.