

Baptisms – New Covid rules concerning Baptism mean that there can only be 6 people in attendance for these celebrations. For all information about Baptism please contact the parish office preferably via email where Maureen can forward to you all the appropriate information and application forms. We look forward to celebrating with you the gift of your Child's Baptism and membership into the Body of Christ, the Church.

Appeal for Stewards - If you would like to help, please contact the parish office as soon as possible where we can forward to you the role description and responsibilities of stewards. Thanks to all those who have volunteered so far.

Track + Trace App: If you can download the NHS App that will help us to play our part in stopping the spread of the virus. Please note as you come into church you can register with the QR code in the porch.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

Archdiocese of Liverpool Safeguarding Department: Alexandra Griffiths, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, 0151 522 1043

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Child-line: 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything. <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Samaritans Helpline: 08457 90 90 90 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to. <https://www.samaritans.org/>

Parish Office - Due to the current Covid Regulations, Maureen will be in the office at her usual times however, contact is restricted to telephone conversations and emails according to Diocesan Protocol following risk assessment. Newsletters will return to normal which I hope you will take and continue to share with those of our community who are not on line and may feel disconnected due to lockdown.

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

Tel: 0151-526-0096 - Email olsg@rcaolp.co.uk

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

11th October, 2020 Year A

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES

Thanks to the increased number of people volunteering to steward at masses, we are now able to put on a Sunday Morning mass at St Gregory's. From the weekend of 24/ 25th October masses will be as follows:

Vigil Mass

Church of St Gregory 4.30pm

Sunday Morning Masses

Church of Our Lady 9.45a.m. - where possible on the Lawn in the prayer Garden

Church of St. Gregory 11.15a.m.

WITH YOU ALWAYS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Let us pray for all our children and their families as they prepare to receive the gift of First Holy Communion across the weekends of 10th, 17th and 24th October. May the grace of the Sacraments keep them close to Christ as they enter a new phase of being able to relate to him.

SYNOD SUNDAY

Next weekend we celebrate the third Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese. This was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021. The summary proposals on our 4 Synod Themes will be published which you will be able to find on the Synod Website. Over the following weeks our parish Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be. www.synod2020.co.uk

St. Gregory's Live Stream

Is finally going to be fixed on Thursday 22nd October. Thank you for your patience. The face book streaming will still continue for the time being.



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Saints of the Week:

12th St. Wilfrid

13th St. Edward the Confessor

14th St. Calistus

15th St. Teresa of Avila

16th St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary

17th St. Ignatius of Antioch

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First Mass of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	10th October	4.30pm	in St. Gregory	Jess Stubbs
Sunday	11th October	10.00am	in Our Lady	Teresa Bruce
Monday	12th October	12noon	in our Lady	Fred Rigby
Tuesday	13th October	9.00am	in St. Gregory	Sick & Housebound
Wednesday	14th October	NO MASS		
Thursday	15th October	9.00am	in St. Gregory	Mgr. Austin Hunt
Friday	16th October	12noon	in Our Lady	All First Holy Communion Children & their families

First Mass of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	17th October	4.30pm	in St. Gregory	Arthur Holt
Sunday	18th October	10.00am	in Our Lady	People of the Parish

Provision of Mass - It is important to remember that we are taking preventative measures to keep each other safe. This is a holy thing we do, it is a pro-life stance. (Try to think of that when you find the face covering uncomfortable!) The Sunday obligation to Mass is still lifted and we encourage people, where possible, to join us during the week. Keep safe and keep social distancing, keep washing hands. If you are unwell, with possible symptoms, please do not come to church. If you have gone for a test and are awaiting results do not come to church. Please remember that if you are removing a face covering to receive Communion, remove it from your ears, do not put fingers near your mouth if possible. Masses in Our Lady's, where possible, will take place outside where we can accommodate more people socially distanced than either of our churches can sustain. Our current numbers per mass are 44 for Our Lady's Church and 54 for St. Gregory's Church.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes including... James Bolger, Agnes Brown, Alfred Chapman, Charles Clark, Jeremy Conlon, Colin Ennis, Jack Conyngham, Bernard Dawes, Peggy Doyle, Claire Houghton, Alexander Mangan, Christine McKeown, Vincent Mullen, Chris Murphy, Patricia Norris, Theresa Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Sinnott, Joseph Turner, Darren Woods, Theresa Dawes, Anne Sinnott, Allan Doyle, Doreen Brown, Lawrence Benson, Vin Curran, Marie Hughes, Gladys & Don Lofthouse, Michael Murphy, Nikki Robinson, Jeanette McGarrigle, Pat Leadbetter and Sally Croughan-Mosey. *(Please inform us if names are to be added or removed.)*

Padua Pilgrimage - Due to Synod, the Parish Pilgrimage to Padua and Lake Garda will now take place 1st - 8th July, 2021

Walsingham – Unfortunately, due to Covid, we have had to postpone our Pilgrimage to Walsingham which was due to take place from 26th to 28th November 2020. Fortunately, all being well, we have transferred the booking to next year, 25th to 27th November 2021. If you reserved a place for this year and would like to keep your booking, please contact the parish office. There are still places available, if anyone else would like to join us please contact the parish office.

Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation - The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings by Zoom starting on Monday 12th October. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk

Baby Loss Awareness Week 9-15 October: According to statistics from the national charity, Tommy's, and the Government, every day: 8 babies are still-born, 515 babies are miscarried, 550 babies are aborted. That's 2,146 mums and dads whose child died ...How do we bring God's love to them? For more information go to [http:// babylossmatters.lifecharity.org.uk/ churches/](http://babylossmatters.lifecharity.org.uk/churches/)

Parish Prayer Garden in Our Lady's Grounds – Marble Altar - If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards its installation, please do so online (via the website) or place a donation, the name of the person/family you wish remembered in an envelope and hand it in to the presbytery or the parish office. Fr Grant will let us know the costs when he has met with the Stonemasons this coming week.

Can you Help? One of our parishioners is working locally with a group of people who are seeking asylum here having fled from conflict. Their most pressing need is for smart phones so that they can contact family and also deal with the complexities of life in this country. If you have an old smart phone and charger please contact her for further information on the email below. Please make sure they have been cleared of your information and unlocked. Your contact details would be useful. Many thanks. annhenders@yahoo.co.uk

Mgr. Austin Hunt, 1st Director of Deacons in the Archdiocese died this week. Please remember him in your prayers.