

## 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. The next drop in will be in February.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - Will resume Sunday 26th January

**A Time of Prayer, Praise & Reflection** - Will resume Monday 27th January

### ALTERNATE WEEKS:

**UCM** - 22nd January welcome back at home. Ladies from both parishes always welcome.

**Over 50's** - January 29th - Bring and Buy

**Health and Safety** - In order to comply with a health and safety will you please continue to fill out the sign in/out sheet when you are 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.

**Archdiocese of Liverpool Directories for 2020 are available for purchase from the Piety Stall.**

**Thank you** for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised £1,018.02 for St. Gregory's and £ for Our Lady's

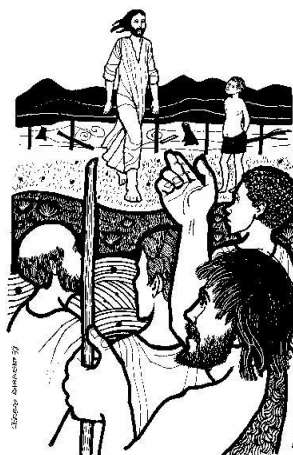
**Office Hours: Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 12noon.** If you need to contact the office, please do so between the hours stated above.

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**Facebook Page - St Catherine of Alexandria: Lydiate**

## Parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria Churches of Our Lady and St. Gregory, Lydiate



### 2nd Sunday of the Year 19th January 2020

As we continue the New Year, whatever our mood or life-situation, our readings give us hope and comfort as we celebrate Jesus Christ's life of service and ministry.

In the so-called 'Servant Song', Isaiah writes of the mysterious servant of the Lord God. Christians have long identified him with Jesus, who was formed by God in the womb and sent into the world as 'the light of the nations'. **(First Reading)**

The words of the **Psalmist** would fit well on the lips of the Servant. He worships God with 'an open ear', and with a spirit that delights in generous service.

In the **Gospel**, we encounter not only Jesus as he begins his public ministry, but also John the Baptist, who witnesses to Jesus's baptism. John hears the voice of the Father and sees the Spirit descend and rest on Jesus: a revelation of the three persons of the Trinity.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul wishes the Corinthians the grace and peace of Christ; a grace that implies everything associated with God's free gifts to us in Christ.

We, too, like the Corinthians, have a calling to be holy and to lead a life of prayer. This week, we might pray for the grace of an 'open ear' and an open heart, and ask for continued faithfulness in our Christian ministry this coming year.

**Mass with our Schools' Choirs**  
The next mass with our schools' choirs will be on  
Sunday 26th January at 11am.



SYNOD 2020

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### Saints of the Week:

**20th January**  
Saint Fabian  
Saint Sebastian

**21st January**  
Saint Agnes

**22nd January**  
Saint Vincent

**24th January**  
Saint Francis  
de Sales

**25th January**  
The Conversion  
of Saint Paul

## PARISH OF SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

**LITURGY:** During the coming week:

### First Mass of the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	18th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	19th	8.00am	Special Intention
<b>Our Lady's</b>		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mary Bell</b>
		11.00am	Anita Granby
Monday	20th	9.00am	Betty Private Intention
Tuesday	21st	9.00am	Stanley Hannah Anniversary
Wednesday	22nd	9.00am	John Henry Lloyd L.D.
Thursday	23rd	9.00am	Don Rimmer Birthday Remembrance
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Robert Swift</b>
Saturday	25th	9.00am	David Quirk Anniversary

### First Mass of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	25th	6.00pm	Ronald Nixon Birthday
Sunday	26th	8.00am	Bob Parry Deceased
<b>Our Lady's</b>		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Geoff Mousley L.D.</b>
		11.00am	Dan O'Leary Anniversary

**Rosary:** Every day following the 9.00am Mass in St. Gregory's Church.  
**There will be no Rosary in Our Lady's Church on a Thursday evening until further notice.**

**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, Nora Naylor, Kieran O'Malley and Michelle Juretic.  
*(Please inform us if names are to be added or removed.)*

**Why we need more Deacons** - Archbishop Malcolm will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to be deacons and what the formation involves. Wives are also welcome. Wednesday 5th Feb 2020, 7.30 – 9.00pm at St Joseph's Parish, Crow Orchard Lane, Wroughton, WN6 9PA For further details please contact: [diaconate@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.co.uk) or 0151 522 1042

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Synod Theme 3 - How We Pray Together** - Leaflets are now available from the back of church. Please take a copy and once you have reflected on the situation, how our faith informs us and what needs to be done in order to become the Church God is calling us to be, write down your proposal for action and put it into the post box at the back of church.



### Synod Theme Meetings all following the 11am Mass

Session 3 Sunday 26th January, 2020

Session 4 Sunday 8th March 2020

### With You always Programme 2020

**Session 3 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**  
**Session 4 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020**

### WOW—Welcome to our World

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Sunday 26th January at 4pm  
Our Lady's Church

### A Time of Prayer, Praise and Reflection

Monday 27th January 7-8pm St. Gregory's Church

**Youth Alpha/Prayers & Pizza Evening** - for all young people of secondary school age Monday 3rd February, 2020 at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

**Peace Sunday:** The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to keep Sunday 19th January as a day of prayer for world peace, and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis: 'Peace as a journey of hope: dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion'.

The day has a particular 'flavour' this year because we pass so many significant anniversaries in the coming months: the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, marked by Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January; the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe – marked by a special Bank Holiday on 8 May; then, in August, the 75th anniversaries of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the 75th anniversary of Japan's surrender – all events which continue to mark our history, events which show both the human capacity for inflicting evil and the human capacity to resist evil.