

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our children who have made their First Holy Communion and received the sacrament of Reconciliation. These celebrations will continue in both parishes over the next few weeks. Please remember them in your prayers as they take the next step on their faith journeys.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Zoe Heath & Dean Catterall** who were married at St Gregory's yesterday and to **Emma Ramshaw & Luke Lightfoot** who will be married at St Gregory's this afternoon. We wish both couples every joy and happiness as they begin their married life together.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today marks World Communications Day which was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motion pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

Pope Francis has set a theme for this day: Listening with the ear of the heart (or as Pope Francis puts it: The apostolate of the ear). His message can be found at: <https://stgregoryschorley.org.uk/prayer-music-resources/prayer-resources>

Archbishop Malcolm has also asked me to circulate the following resources:

A letter from Bishop John Arnold

General Intercessions for the weekend of 28/29 May

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

P J X H R N I Z U M X Z R J L
 X C F F E L W Y Z T A U D C C
 X K J P A E A O L M E T F J F
 N S G V L Y A R M R B R Y E O
 M H P Q I I O O D U I I U S U
 M N E I S I U E P K K G X U N
 Y Q G A E F J G A W N H L S D
 F U D X V W O R L D O T D V A
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 E E U O G E R L E S V S O T N
 R F V R P U J D E D N A I Y W
 T R B Y X H G Y S Z T N P D X
 N S O C O N T I N U E R S B X

FOUNDATION REALISE
 FATHER JESUS
 RIGHTEOUS NAME
 WORLD CONTINUE
 KNOWN WORDS
 HEAVEN LOVE
 GLORY



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

29th May 2022 - 7th Sunday of Easter, Year C

REFLECTION

Just a week before the celebration of Pentecost the theme of unity re-echoes in today's gospel reading of the highly priestly prayer of our Lord: *'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one'*. In this prayer, Christ prays for all those who will come to believe in him through the teachings and testimonies of his apostles. And it is through the teaching of the apostles that this prayer has been handed down to generations after them as an undiluted message of the gospel. For us the people of God, it is crucial that today we return to Jesus' prayer, for it describes his hope, his vision, and his picture of what we, his followers, are to look like and how we are to live our lives together in unity. It is very clear that his words are meant for everyone — both then and now — as he prays for *'those who will believe in me'*. It is a prayer for community. Jesus prays that, *'all may be one'*. To be a follower of Jesus is to be a part of a greater whole. According to Jesus there are to be no solitary Christians or spiritual 'Lone Rangers'. Within that community the prayer is for unity: Does that mean we all have to get along or agree all the time? Jesus' prayer reminds us that our unity, our 'oneness' is to be a sign to the world of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Oneness and unity is about love. If you have been a part of a family, a member of a church, or a community, you know that within that love there can be disagreements and squabbling. We are all human — but we are one in Christ whether we agree with each other or not and we are one in Christ whether we like one another or not. To become a part of Christ is to become a part of the community; a part of the one and it is with God's help that we can live out that oneness. When we work together to strengthen our sense of God and community, we build the spiritual strength to turn from those things that would lead us away from God and the Church. In our Gospel today, the disciples were in the time between the Ascension and the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. We are in the time between the first and second coming of Jesus Christ. Today, let us rejoice in the assurance that Christ is with us, continuing to pray for our oneness, our unity and our love.

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

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Christine Edwards

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Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 22nd May 2022

Gift Aid: **£56.00**

Loose Plate: **£412.97**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The special collection this week is for World Communications

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Paul Spedding - Neil Haydock
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden - Sheila McGeown
 Caroline Rigby - Dorothy Fairclough - Paul Eastham - Laurie Montgomery - Derek Birchall
 Christine Zawistowicz - Joanna Hardiman - Catherine - Kathleen Green - Philip Compton

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,
 especially Michelle Fitzsimmons

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY REVIEW OF COVID REQUIREMENTS

Following a further review of Covid requirements by the Archdiocese, the following changes will take effect week commencing **Pentecost Sunday**:

1. **Face-coverings** will now become optional for people who attend a service in church.
2. **Sanitiser** will be available for those who wish to use it on entering the building but this will no longer be mandatory.
3. **Social Distancing** - there will no longer be a section of the church with social distancing.
3. **Holy Communion** - ministers will still cleanse their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
4. **Holy Communion** under both kinds will not be reintroduced at this time.

PENTECOST - RETURN OF SUNDAY/HOLY DAY OBLIGATIONS

As you are aware, since the beginning of the Covid pandemic until the present time, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days has been relaxed. Thankfully, more recently the challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly and most people have now resumed normal activities that are no longer restricted by Covid measures. This means that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. There will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass and this is understandable. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or a legitimate fear, this is not seen as a breach of their obligation.

CONFIRMATION 2022

A warm welcome to all those who have registered to be Confirmed this year from the parishes of St Gregory's and St Oswald's. Confirmation at St Gregory's will be on **Wednesday 6th July at 7:00pm**. If this date is not suitable, please let Mrs Walmsley know as soon as possible. She will also inform you of any Parish activities before that date.

Dear Parishioners, please keep all of our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 29 May	9:30am 6:30pm	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joanna Hardiman (S) Special Intention People of the Parish	World Communications Day ST GREGORY'S
SUN 29 May	11:00am	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Private Intention	World Communications Day ST OSWALD'S
Mon 30 May	10:00am	Blessed Lawrence Richardson	Bert Parker (A)	
Tues 31 May	9:15am		The Hayden Family (F) Philip Compton (S)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 01 Jun	8:30am	St Justin	Sam Smith (LD)	
Thur 02 Jun	9:15am	St Marcellinus & St Peter	Sylvester Woods (F) Ann Shepherd (A)	Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 03 Jun	8:30am 9:15am	St Charles Lwanga & companions	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 04 Jun	10:00am		Joanne Gilgun (A) Simon Foley (S)	
SUN 05 Jun	9:30am 6:30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY	In Thanksgiving for HRH Queen Elizabeth's reign Paul McManus (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 05 Jun	11:00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	For HRH Queen Elizabeth's Intentions	ST OSWALD'S