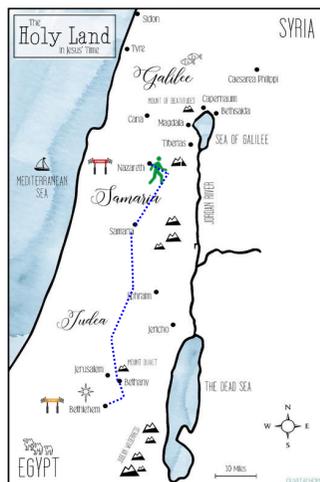


## THE PENTECOST CHALLENGE

Many thanks to all those who have so generously supported Fr Graeme, Mgr McKenna and the Weldbank Walkers in their fundraising efforts in support of the Friends of the Holy Land. So far they have raised over £2,400 and walked a total distance of 294 miles between them! There is still time if anybody else would like to sponsor them, please go online at <https://fhl.enthuse.com/pf/weldbank-walkers> or Alternatively drop your donation in at the presbytery. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

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Alternatively drop your donation in at the presbytery.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

## SYNOD 2020

On this great Feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church we thank God for the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. We pray for our Synod which will take place next month, and ask God to guide all those who will take part. May this be a moment of blessing and renewal for all the members of the Church in the Archdiocese.

*'Merciful Father, Faithful God, our Church has never lacked the life-giving presence of your Holy Spirit. May your Holy Spirit always be at work among us, helping us to be more like Christ in our love of you and of our neighbour. We ask your blessing upon our Synod. May we be truly open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Help us to become ever more fully the Church that you are calling us to be. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen'*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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**Parish Administrator:**  
Christine Edwards

**Safeguarding Rep:**  
Edward Brierley

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
w/c 16th May 2021

Gift Aid: **£110.00**  
Loose Plate: **£281.50**  
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

## REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST

Fifty days ago we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter and today we mark the end of the Easter season as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Before his Ascension, Jesus promised his followers that he would send them a Helper, an Advocate, namely the Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen them. After more than two thousand years we may look back on the first followers of Jesus as being great leaders but initially they certainly weren't! They were neither strong, courageous or even very faithful.

They betrayed Jesus, Peter denied him and the rest of them deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death, they all doubted and hid themselves away out of fear because the Jewish and Roman authorities were looking for them. They had lost all heart and hope but then the strangest thing happened to them! With the sound of wind and the sight of fire, these frightened followers of Jesus were transformed from within. Through the Holy Spirit they were each given new hope, new heart and new purpose and their fear was silenced and replaced with courage and conviction. They left the upper room in which they were hiding to go out into the streets to proclaim the good news about Jesus. They became new people, missionaries with a new message - the beginning of our church. We are no different from the first followers of Jesus; we too have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When we were baptised and confirmed, we were anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit. God continues to call and fill us with the same Spirit that those first followers of Jesus experienced. We are sent out just as they were to live and share our faith with courage and conviction. Today it is our privilege and responsibility to proclaim the good news about Jesus. Let us pray that each of us may be open to experiencing the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. May we be renewed and refreshed with the power of the risen Lord so that in the words of Pope Francis *'we may, go out again and again without hesitation, without fear to proclaim the joy of the good news which is for all people.'*

### Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss  
 Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne  
 Kathleen Dunn - Paul Spedding - Canon Albert Shaw - Victoria Birkett

*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.

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

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### STEP 3 - CHURCH UPDATE

Following the Prime Ministers update earlier this week, and following further guidance received from the Archdiocese, the following will apply in Step 3 from Monday 17th May:

**Funerals may now be attended by a maximum of 80 persons**

**Burials of ashes can also continue with up to 30 people in attendance**

**Weddings can now go ahead with a maximum of 30 attendees**

**Baptisms can now go ahead with a maximum of 30 attendees**

All previous precautions including social distancing, the wearing of face masks and sanitisation regimes must remain in place.

There will also be no toilet facilities available.

May God continue to Bless you and your families

*Fr Graeme*

**Masses/Devotions will be LiveStreamed and recorded at the advertised times.**

#### Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am    Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

**Sunday Masses:** 9:30am (St Gregory's), 11:00am (St Oswald's - not Live Streamed)

**Devotions** will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

### CONSULTATION

Up until now, whilst we have been in lockdown, we have had Sunday Mass at St Gregory's at 9:30am and now I have taken over as Parish Priest at Coppull, the 11:00am Mass is being said there. Whilst this is logistically the most practical and therefore the most rational option for me, I appreciate it was done without consultation. As we move forward in the knowledge that there can only be one Sunday morning Mass in each Parish, it seems only right to give you all the opportunity to express your preference. If you have any views, please let me know. I realise that no one time will suit everybody and it is also worth keeping in mind that whatever the time of Mass, the choir and Children's Liturgy will need to be incorporated at that Mass. In addition, to accommodate numbers, St Gregory's will need to reinstate a Sunday evening Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 23 May	9:30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	The Parishioners	St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 23 May	11:00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	John & Olive Turner	St Oswald's Coppull
Mon 24 May	8:30am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church	David Warbis	
Tues 25 May	10:00am	St Bede the Venerable	John Todd (A)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Wed 26 May	8:30am	St Philip Neri	Valerie Bretherton Canon Richard Firth (F)	
Thur 27 May	10:00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Bridget McManus	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Fri 28 May	8:30am		Vera Critchley B(R) LISCF	
Sat 29 May	10:00am	St Paul VI	Rev G Britt Frank Wrennall (A)	
Sun 30 May	9:30am	TRINITY SUNDAY	Bert Parker (A) Teresa Jamieson & Family	St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 30 May	11:00am	TRINITY SUNDAY	The Parishioners	St Oswald's Coppull