

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.



BAPTISM

Today we welcome in Baptism at St Gregory's
Albus Jon Holt
Please keep him and his family in your prayers
as they start out on their faith journey.

VOLUNTEERS WEEK - 1st - 7th JUNE 2022

As this week has been designated 'Volunteers Week', I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all those many people who give up their time to volunteer in our parish. Your commitment and contribution really makes such a difference to our parish life and church community. God bless you all. *Fr Graeme*

ALPHA & RCIA COURSE INITIATIVE

There will be an Open Evening on **Thursday 30th June from 7:00pm - 9:00pm** at St Gregory's for anybody who would be interested in joining the Alpha and linked RCIA course initiative, starting in September this year. Please do let us know if you would be interested in attending. *Find out more about how Alpha works at: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130>. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested or need more information or alternatively email The Chorley Network of Catholic Laity on: cnocl@hotmail.com*

CHILDREN'S CORNER

R	E	H	T	A	F	D	E	I	S	EVENING	FIRST	DAY
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

5th June 2022 - Pentecost Sunday, Year C

REFLECTION

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples as well as the 'birthday' of the new community of God's people, the Church. The feast of Pentecost was initially a harvest festival of Jewish origin but later on it became a celebration of the gift of the law and the covenant with God at the foot of Mount Sinai and marked the beginnings of Israel as a nation with its own law. Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Passover (Easter) and is simply the Greek manner of saying fiftieth. The 1st reading recalls how the disciples are gathered together and there is the rush of a mighty wind which fills the house and appears as tongues of fire which rest on each of them, giving them special gifts. Paramount among these gifts is the ability to speak in tongues so that the message of Christ may be heard by people of different nations. The message of Christ is the proclamation of the mighty works of God, the first of these being that God loves us. When we receive the Spirit of God we receive a Spirit of love. St. Paul gives a prominent position to love when he lists the gifts of the Holy Spirit - love being a language of universal significance. The message of the responsorial psalm 'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth' reminds us as we celebrate the birthday of the Church, to pray for a renewal of hearts, especially of the members of the Church. The second reading reminds us of what it means to be a Christian. St. Paul speaks of it as 'having the Spirit of Christ' and tells us that as children of God we inherit all of God's goods and the greatest of these is God's righteousness. The Gospel presents one of the final speeches that Jesus makes prior to his passion and death. In this passage we are reminded about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence of Christ in the world which is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. Let us pray that this reconciling presence be a way of life for all Christians.

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

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Christine Edwards

Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 29th May 2022

Gift Aid: **£194.50**
Loose Plate: **£372.10**
Standing Orders: **£186.25**

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

The retiring collection today will be taken by the SVP.

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 Barry John Williams

*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.

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 and therefore obligations will be reinstated as of this week. 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.

WORD OF LIFE MEETING

The Word Of Life scripture sharing group which will meet again this **Thursday (12th June)** in the presbytery from **10:30am to 11:30am**.
 All are welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
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
Mon 06 Jun	10:00am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church	John Calveley	
Tues 07 Jun	9:15am		Kath Dunn (A)	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 08 Jun	8:30am		Teresa Thompson (BR)	
Thur 09 Jun	9:15am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Private Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 10 Jun	8:30am 9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
Sat 11 Jun	10:00am	St Barnabas	Derek Smith (A)	
SUN 12 Jun	9:30am 6:30pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Kathleen Dunn (BR) People of the Parish	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 12 Jun	11:00am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Elizabeth Hilton (A)	ST OSWALD'S