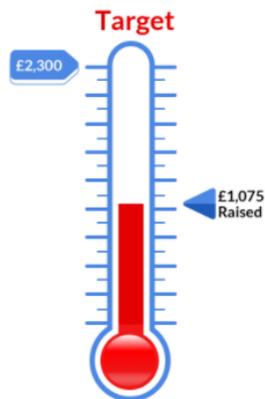
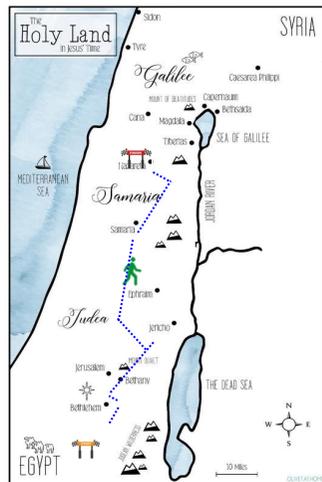


## THE PENTECOST CHALLENGE



The 'Weldbank Walkers' are now well on their way to Nazareth and between them have covered over 166 miles of their collective 334 mile target and in the process they have collected £1075 of their £2300 sponsorship target. Thank you all for your generosity. If anybody would like to sponsor them in this very worthy cause, you can do it on-line [here](#) or alternatively, there are some forms at the back of church. Please place your form



& donation in an envelope and place it in the collection bucket in church or post through the presbytery door. This week the Team have reached Nablus, Zababdeh & Jenin. If you would like to know more about these places and their importance on the journey, please follow the links:

- <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/nablus>
- <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/zababdeh>
- <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/jenin>

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SVP

St Gregory's SVP are continuing to meet via Zoom. If anyone needs help or support or would like to donate to us, both can be achieved by contacting St. Gregory's church or posting an envelope through the presbytery door marked for St. Gregory's SVP. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and help. We keep you all in our prayers.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

9th May 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

### REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we are reminded of the greatest commandment taught to us all as Christians, that we should love one another just as Jesus loves us. The first action in relation to love is obedience to God's commandments which are not meant to make our life difficult; rather they are meant to help us practice love more readily - just as a handrail is not meant to hinder our movement on the stairs but is there to help and protect us in going up and down. Through obedience to God's commandments, we show not only our love of God, but also express our renewed relationship with him. In times of crisis, many people long to see a great miracle from God. The problems that we face in the world each day often seem insurmountable - from economic pressures to wars, incurable and highly contagious diseases and a host of many others - we are all hoping that God will intervene and put an end to all these troubles - in short we need a miracle! But God's work on earth is done and now it is up to us with his help and guidance to continue that work, and in doing so produce the miracles we need. And Jesus has already revealed to us how we do this - by loving one another! The problem is that we tend to think of love purely as a romantic emotion. True love is expressed in action. When we learn to love in deed and truth then this is the miracle that happens every day - because of love, enemies are reconciled, peace and harmony is restored again in warring countries, families are reunited, the poor and hungry are fed, criminals mend their ways, resources and blessings are generously shared among people, justice and peace prevail, and kindness and generosity rule. Life is often difficult and full of troubles, but that should not give us reason to complain to God. The difficulties and troubles in our life are opportunities to practice and show our love, and to prove once and for all that we are true followers of Jesus: *'This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another'* (Jn 13:35). Love which is practiced is the greatest miracle we hope and pray for in our world today.

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Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 15:00

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 2nd May 2021

Gift Aid: **£122.00**

Loose Plate: **£248.30**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Donations: **£4.70**

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

The special collection next week is for World Communications

### 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  
*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 Anne Knowles.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE

Following the Prime Ministers announcement of a 4 step road map out of lockdown, and following further guidance received from the Archdiocese, St Gregory's is now open for Public Worship. 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.

The following will apply in Step 2 (from 12th April):

**Funerals are permitted to go ahead and can be attended by close family only  
 (max 30 people)**

**Burials of ashes can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance**

**Weddings can now go ahead with 6 attendees  
 and are no longer limited to exceptional circumstances**

**No Baptisms to take place at this time**

We will update the guidance re: Steps 3-4 as we progress through each stage of the Government roadmap.

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

### CHORLEY FOODBANK

As the Covid rules have now been relaxed a little, the box in the porch is now back in operation. Items such as teabags, coffee, cereal, pasta, rice, tinned goods and toiletries would be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 09 May	9:30am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	David Warbis Paul Spedding (S)	St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 09 May	11:00am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Phyllis Rourke	St Oswald's Coppull
Mon 10 May	8:30am		Derek Smith	
Tues 11 May	10:00		Joe Robinson (A)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Wed 12 May	8:30am 1:00pm	St Pancras Funeral Service	The Bridcut Family (F) Anne Knowles	
Thur 13 May	9:30am 11:00am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	LISCF The Parishioners	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm St Oswald's Coppull
Fri 14 May	8:30am	St Matthias	Michael Tryers (LD)	
Sat 15 May	10:00am	Our Lady of Fatima	John Farnworth (F) Gerry Thompson (B)	
Sun 16 May	9:30am	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Harry Ainscough (F)	World Communications Day St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 16 May	11:00am	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Josie & Robert Halsall (LD)	St Oswald's Coppull