



## THE PENTECOST CHALLENGE

The 'Weldbank Walkers' have now completed over 75% of their journey to Nazareth. Between them they have covered over 255 miles of their collective 334 mile target and in the process they have collected £1525 in sponsorship. 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.



## CONFIRMATIONS

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is inviting young people in year 8 (and above) to the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your child would like to receive the sacrament this year but has not yet registered, details of how to do this can be found [here](#)

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms will now be permitted to go ahead with a maximum of 30 persons per family.

As Fr Graeme is now covering both St Oswald's and St Gregory's the arrangements for Baptisms will be as follows:

**St Gregory's - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 1:00pm**

**St Oswald's - 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:15pm**

If you would like to book a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 01257 262462

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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 FATHER SON SPIRIT



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

16th May 2021 - Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B

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### Part of the

### ARCHDIOCESE of LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 232709

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Parish Administrator:

Christine Edwards

### Safeguarding Rep:

Edward Brierley

## REFLECTION

Today's Gospel from St John looks back on the final few days of Jesus's life as he said farewell to his disciples at the Last Supper. It is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of the prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Throughout St John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth - this prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. We also hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father and we are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity - through him, we are united with one another and with God our Father. But importantly, we also hear Jesus describe part of his mission in the language of protection - in Jesus's presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. As Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from evil. One of the greatest gifts that we are given in our life is protection from harm. In our families, we work together to keep one another safe from physical and emotional harm. For example, when our children are young, we childproof our homes to make them safe and we strive to talk to one another so that we don't hurt one another's feelings by our words. Most importantly, we work together to protect each other from those things that might harm us spiritually, shielding our children from those things in our culture that might tempt them. 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. When Jesus prayed for his disciples, he was praying for us as well. His words are echoed in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples - the Lord's Prayer. As we say together the Lord's Prayer in our communities, let us pray especially for each other and for peace and protection from all that is evil in our world today.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 9th May 2021

Gift Aid: **£145.00**

Loose Plate: **£203.97**

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

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 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
Mon 17 May	8:30am		Maureen Hall B(R)	
Tues 18 May	10:00am	St John I	Margaret & Thomas Hale (F)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Wed 19 May	8:30am	St Dunstan	Victoria Birkett (S)	
Thur 20 May	10:00am	St Bernadine of Siena	Fred & Monica Bates (F)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Fri 21 May	8:30am	St Christopher of Magallanes	Michael Tryers (LD)	
Sat 22 May	10:00am	St Rita of Cascia	Teresa & Gerry Thompson (Wedding Anniv)	
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