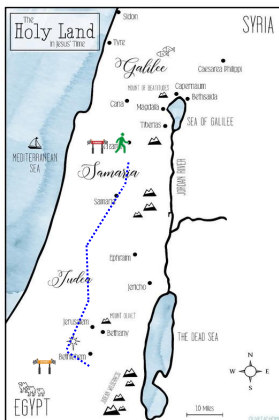


THE PENTECOST CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Weldbank Walkers in their fundraising efforts in support of the Friends of the Holy Land and a big thank you to all those who so kindly sponsored them on their journey. They have raised the magnificent sum of **£3,500**. Donations will be kept open until the end of June. If you 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. Sincere thanks for your kind support.



SYNOD 2020

On this great feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ we renew our gratitude for this precious gift. In our celebrations of this Holy Sacrament we are the witnesses of the self-giving love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The presence of Christ within us is renewed and we become more deeply the members of the Body of Christ alive and at work in our world. Through the work of the Synod may our Church reflect more faithfully the beauty and mercy of Christ in all that we do in His name.

Merciful Father, we humbly thank you for the love you have revealed in the precious gift of the Body and Blood of your Son. May our Synod be an instrument in your hands. As you have fed us so may we work to feed our hungry brothers and sisters. As you have blessed us so may you make us a blessing to the people you call us to serve. You have shown us your great mercy, help us to bring your forgiveness and love into the world today.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Please remember the SYNOD in your private prayers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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L	I	V	E	N	D	A	E	R	B
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R	N	O	S	E	D	F	A	S	T
E	F	L	E	H	O	R	E	E	A
T	A	B	D	T	E	L	I	C	H
E	V	R	E	A	F	A	B	N	I
L	S	E	L	F	E	E	V	A	K
A	N	R	E	T	E	D	A	E	L

BREAD	HEAVEN	LIVE
EVER	FLESH	DRINK
BLOOD	ETERNAL	FATHER
ANCESTORS	DEAD	ANYONE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank



6th June 2021 - The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ, Year B

REFLECTION

At the Last Supper during which Jesus first offered himself to us through the breaking of bread and pouring of wine, he asked that when whenever we do this, we do it in memory of him. So every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are remembering the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We present simple things as gifts to God - bread and wine - fruit of the earth and work of our hands. God accepts our gifts, blesses them and then through the power of the Holy Spirit they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Eucharist is an expression of God's eternal generosity and our response therefore can only be to thank Him which is why whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we respond, *Amen*. But the Eucharist is not something to be taken for granted. As Pope Francis reminds us; *'The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'* (*The Joy of the Gospel: 47*). During the early stages of the pandemic we remember the times when our church buildings were closed to the public, when Mass continued, but only behind closed doors, Live-streaming became the mode of liturgical engagement and Catholic people were offered the notion of 'spiritual communion' rather than actually receiving the sacramental Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. To find ourselves without access to the sacraments, and in particular not being able to receive Holy Communion, was for many a feeling of dislocation from the Church. As we come then to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi this year, with the easing of restrictions, it is apt that we revisit the Mass and the celebration of the Eucharist as an integral part of that celebration. Today's feast doesn't just remind us about what we *receive* every time we celebrate the Eucharist - it is fundamentally about who we *are* - we are the Church, the Body of Christ. St. Augustine wrote, *'Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ. When we say 'Amen' we are saying, 'Yes, I believe that this is the Body and Blood of Jesus and that I will become the Body of Christ to others.'*

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Christine Edwards

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Edward Brierley

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 30th May 2021

Gift Aid: **£57.00**

Loose Plate: **£284.95**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Donations: **£53.55**

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

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

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

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 Gerard Doherty & Michael Shorrock (St Oswald's)

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

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.

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

CAFOD APPEAL

CAFOD has issued an urgent call to ACTION ahead of the 11th -15th June meeting of the G7. Our government has said it wants to use this meeting of world leaders in Cornwall, to work out how to 'build back better' after the pandemic. The world needs this to mean the cancelling of debts of those poorest countries struggling with both coronavirus and debt crisis, and to push banks to do the same: to call on companies to prevent human rights abuses throughout their supply chains; to get a commitment from all to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 15 degree threshold.

How to Act: To remind Boris Johnson the eyes of the world are on him, please sign the petition to the Prime Minister at cafod.org.uk/reclaim

The aim is to ensure that people in the poorest communities are not – as Pope Francis warns is often the case – 'treated as an afterthought'. Jesus gives us unmissable examples of his commitment to the poorest and he now needs us to be the channels of his love.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 06 Jun	9:30am	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	Canon Albert Shaw (LD)	St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 06 Jun	11:00am	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	Phyllis Rourke	St Oswald's Coppull
Mon 07 May	8:30am 12:00 noon	FUNERAL SERVICE	Mary Gertrude Kenyon (A) Michael John Sharrock	St Gregory's St Oswald's Coppull
Tues 08 Jun	10:00am		Edmund & Timothy Donegan Teresa Thompson B(R)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Wed 09 Jun	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	St Columba & St Ephraem REQUIEM MASS	Michael Tryers (LD) A successful operation LISCF Gerard Francis Doherty	St Gregory's St Oswald's Coppull St Gregory's
Thur 10 Jun	10:00am		Derek Smith (A) Martin Hicks (A)	Devotions 1:00pm-2:00pm
Fri 11 Jun	8:30am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Rev G Britt Special Intention	
Sat 12 Jun	10:00am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Family & Friends (G&I)	
Sun 13 Jun	9:30am	11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joseph & Mary Ainscough	St Gregory's Weld Bank
Sun 13 Jun	11:00am	11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Albert & Mary-Ann Andrews	St Oswald's Coppull