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Saint of the Week

Richard of Chichester

Richard de Wych was born in Droitwich in 1197. As a boy he worked on his father's farm. Educated at Oxford, Paris and Bologna, he was ordained priest at the age of 45, and was appointed Bishop of Chichester two years later. As the King opposed his appointment, he did not take over the see until 1247. Meanwhile he lived in a priest's house, visiting the parishes of the diocese on foot, and looking after an orchard. He is

remembered for his generosity to the poor, mercy to sinners, and the reform of the liturgical life of his diocese.

His is the famous prayer: Jesus may I know you more Clearly, love you more Dearly and follow you more Nearly, day by day - Amen



Children's Corner

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Reflection

... on 'communion', as we celebrate our Trinitarian God – three-in-one, perfect unity and perfect love, and First Holy Communions – becoming one with and in Christ, - and as we face an uncertain political future where collaboration and welcoming partnership are more important than ever...

A spirituality of communion implies also the ability to see what is positive in others, to welcome it and prize it as a gift from God: not only as a gift

for the brother or sister who has received it directly, but also as a "gift for me". A spirituality of communion, finally, means to know how to "make room" for our brothers and sisters, bearing "each other's burden" (Gal 6:2) and resisting the selfish temptations which constantly beset us and provoke competition, careerism, distrust and jealousy. (John Paul II, Novo Millennio Ineunte Nr. 43)

It is said that we are `children of information', but `orphans of communication'

Dialogue requires patience, clarity and good disposition towards the other. It includes the confrontation of different points of view, – but not as weapons, but as beacons of light. Let us not give up our ideas, utopias, convictions or rights, but only the claim that ours are unique or absolute. (From 'A Year with Pope Francis')

Ready To Change

It's easy to settle into a routine, the well-trustedpattern. I have 'my' world with its familiar faces, defined tasks, comfortable reference points... But what if I am asked to change, to go in another direction, to give up what I've been doing and move into new fields of action?

The Spirit, wrote Irenaeus in the second century, keeps the vessel of faith ever young.

And the Spirit is always active, rejuvenating... if I allow this.

I need to be docile, ready to change everything at the whisper of his voice.

(from Going to God Together, Brendan Leahy)

11th June, Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

9:30am	John Houghton (A)
11:00am	Theresa Thompson (B)
6:30pm	Patrick McManus (A)

Weekday Masses

Monday	8:30am	Anthony Hardyman (A, B)
Tuesday	8:30am	John Turner
Weday	8:30am	Special Intention (CA)
Thursday	8:30am	Sp.Int. (O.L.of Lourdes&St. Bernadette)
Friday	8:30am	Monica & Martin Hicks (A)
Saturday	10:00am	Thanksgiving (Mary Help of Christians)

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

18th June, The Feast of Corpus Christi

9:30am Paul Mulhearn 11:00am Walter Stables 6:30pm Rowland McGreal (A)

Saints of the Week

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Richard of Chichester

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley, Winifred Calderbank

Deaths in the Parish

With sadness we record the deaths of four parishioners since our last newsletter. *Margaret Christine Stitt*, whose funeral service will be at Charnock Richard Crematorium at 10am on 12th June. *Margaret Mercer*, whose funeral service will be at 10.00am on 13th June at our church. Also of *Gertrude Howell*, whose funeral service is at 11:00am on 14th June here at St. Gregory's. Christine's mother, Marie Kenyon, died on Wednesday evening and her requiem has yet to be arranged. May they all rest in the peace of our Lord, and we pray for them and the families who are mourning their loss.

Baptism

Today we welcome in baptism Holly McClarty and Evan Alexander Hale. We pray for them and their families as they start out on their new faith journey.

Celebration of First Holy Communions

The children who received their first Holy Communion yesterday are joining us at the Parish Mass at 11.00am today, so that we can all celebrate the occasion with them. Again, thank you to all who contributed to the wonderful celebration and the preparations for it, and whatever the weather, there will be a party in the garden to which everybody is most welcome. And a special welcome to families who had a child baptised during the past twelve months.

Wedding Bells

Lucy Rogerson and Paul Docherty will celebrate their wedding with a nuptial Mass here on Thursday, and on Saturday Andrew Morris and Rebecca Henry will get married here at St. Gregory's. We wish both couples every blessing and happiness.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1195, and thank you for your generous response to Sr. Ruth's appeal for the Missionary Sisters which raised £817.29, plus an additional private donation. This will be sent off this week.

Priests in Retirement

As we support our retired priests with the special collection today, we may remember all the hard work Monsignor put into St. Gregory's and indeed the wider Church. He celebrated the 51st anniversary of ordination on Thursday and we wish him good health and every blessing as he enjoys his retirement, whilst still contributing to the life of the Church from The Lodge. Ad multos annos!

<u>SVP</u>

The monthly SVP collection will be taken today also, as we thank the group for their continued good work and pray for all they do.

Sacristy and Sanctuary Group (S.A.S.)

The ladies of the S.A.S. team perform a variety of jobs in the church on a rota basis. These activities range from washing altar cloths, replenishing votive candles, cleaning chalices, cleaning holy water receptacles and providing flower displays. We are seven strong and would like to invite more volunteers to join us. If you have a spare hour say once a month (Friday or Saturday), you will be most welcome. Please contact Margaret on 07867 988462.

Day For Life

Next Sunday we also celebrate the value of human life at all stages of its development. A special collection for life-related activities supported by the Church will be held.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters	12 th June - John and Mary Mark
Rotas	18 th June, The Feast of Corpus Christi
S.A.S.	Margaret Scard
Dial a Ride	Taxi
Readers	Linda Corcoran
Eucharistic Mini	sters Richard Jackson
	Margaret Scard
	Jack Knight

Sara Norse George Walmsley Helen Mather Barbara Slater Ulrika Yeomans Joe Comerford Melvyne Cunliffe