

St. Gregory's Newsletter

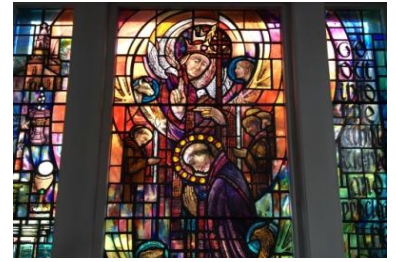
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The Parish Office is staffed on
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from
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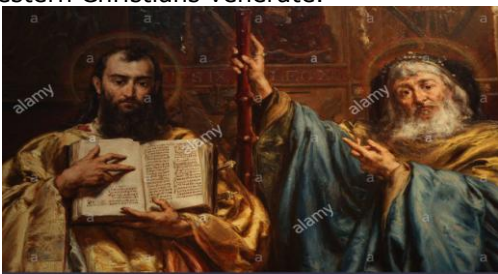
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Saint of the Week SS. Cyril and Methodius

Cyril (826 – 69) and Methodius (815 to 85) were brothers now called the apostles of the Slavs. Born of a senatorial family in Thessalonica, they both became priests and went to Constantinople, where the younger of them, Cyril (called Constantine till he became a monk), was librarian at Santa Sophia. In 863 the Emperor sent them to Moravia. They translated some of the Scriptures and the Liturgy into Slavonic. However, when they met opposition from German bishops, they returned towards Byzantium. The pope sent for them and they were received with great honour. Cyril became a monk but died soon afterwards, whilst Methodius was consecrated archbishop. In modern times he has been regarded as a pioneer of the use of the vernacular in the Liturgy and as a patron of ecumenism, whom both Eastern and Western Christians venerate.



Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice is a Gospel imperative since Jesus calls us not just to welcome all who meet, but to treat people with dignity and respect in every aspect of our private and public lives. This annual day of celebration aims to raise awareness of our responsibility as Church to eradicate racial discrimination in all its forms within the Church and wider society.

The theme this year is 'Our Community' and all Catholics, lay, religious and ordained, are called to promote a true community spirit wherever we live, meet, work and pray together.

Reflection

We are each created in the image of God, our Father.

As brothers and sisters we make up God's family.

Yet God's world is made glorious by its rich diversity.

This we sometimes misunderstand and fear.

We need patience to build on what unites us, to celebrate our differences and learn from them.

We need the wisdom to recognise the Church beyond the walls of our building, reaching out across all communities, countries and cultures.

We need courage to offer refuge to those in need, to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all.

We need to pray for God's help to see that He created us in His image -

neighbour or stranger,
always our brother or sister.

"Love one another, as I have loved you, and I have shown you, how to be free. Serve one another, and when you do, do it in love for me." Sir Jude Nnam

Childrens' Corner

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th February 2017

Sunday 12th February

9:30am Stephen Corcoran
11:00am Kathleen Swarbrick
6:30pm Edwin Clifton

Sunday 19th February

9:30am Bert Southworth
11:00am Luke & Hayley Brabin
6:30pm Sienna Stapleton-Thomas

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Maureen Turner (FM)
Tuesday 8:30am Joseph and Beatrice Turner (FM)
Wednesday 8:30am Robert Stretton
Thursday 10:00am Requiem Mass for Robert Brownley
Friday 8:30am Teresa Humer (B & A)
Saturday 10:00am Mary Eileen Farrell (A)

Saints of the Week

SS. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Weekly Confession: Saturday after morning Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Kathleen Reynolds, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Hilda Haworth, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Dorothy McDonald (Howarth), Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley, Mary Ellison, Canon Richard Firth

Sadly we record the death of Robert Brownley on 7th February. We pray for him and his family and celebrate his Requiem on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

Baptism

In the first baptism this year we welcome Rueben George Hallworth into the family of the Church and wish him and his smaller natural family every blessing as they start out on their new faith journey together.

A Wedding

We congratulate Hayley and Luke as they celebrated their wedding – also the first at St. Gregory's this year - and wish them a long, happy and fruitful life together.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £967.

Lourdes Pilgrimage in July - Bingo Night

St. Gregory's Youth Group and the Lourdes Group from Holy Cross are fundraising for the pilgrimage to Lourdes at a **Bingo Night at St. Mary's Parish Centre on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm**. Please support them as they in turn give of their youthful strength and enthusiasm to frail and sick pilgrims.

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which coincides with the World Day of Prayer for the Sick (see front page of newsletter last week). In addition to Archbishop Malcolm's impassioned letter there are also a poster and leaflets in the porch, with all the background information about the **diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 21st to 28th July**. They are beautifully produced, please take one if interested or if you know of somebody who may wish to take part.

Romania

Jean Hickson from the Romania Group has written to thank us for the 'amazing Christmas gifts and clothes' and assures us that these gifts do make a significant difference to the orphanages and communities in Rumania who are in desperate need. Thank you especially to the parishioners who continue to knit regularly throughout the year to support them. Please see her letter on the notice board.

Food Bank

In response to having watched the film 'I Daniel Blake' and its message about the current situation of so many people in our country lacking basic necessities such as food and shelter, Anne Rawlinson is coordinating a collection of food and – importantly – toiletries for the *Living Waters* Food Bank. If you wish to contribute, please leave your donation in the box which is now placed permanently in the porch and will be emptied weekly and delivered to the food bank, "feeding local people in crisis". Thank you Ann for this new initiative.

Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics (and other Christians) will start in mid-February 2017. All who are divorced or separated or experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship are very welcome. The small groups are informative, affirming, free, confidential. For a place on the South Liverpool course please call: Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195, for the Ormskirk course Maureen O'Brien 07967 753371 General enquiries m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk 0151 522 1044

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 13th February Terence and Sandra Donnelly

Rotas 19th February, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

S.A.S. Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

Dial a Ride Taxi

Readers Marissa Sanders

Euch. Ministers Edward Brierley

Richard Jackson

Yvonne Cunliffe

Sharon Hobin

Clare Meredith

Helen Mather

Linda Walmsley

Helen Graham

Carol Hardman

Terry Turner