

St. Gregory's Newsletter

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January 2018

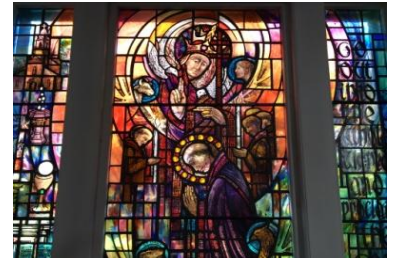
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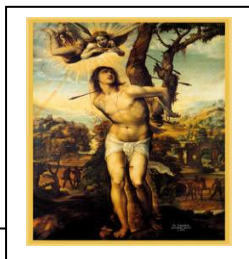
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Saint of the Week

ST. SEBASTIAN 'THE MOST DARING SAINT'

Sebastian was an undercover Christian for most of his life. Born into nobility, he became a soldier who enlisted at Rome around 283 and quickly moved up through the ranks. The emperor Diocletian did not know he was a Christian and made him a Captain of the Praetorian guards. Sebastian spent much of his time encouraging and converting countless prisoners of the Roman army. He was a gifted healer—using the Sign of the Cross—and also converted his fellow soldiers, as well as the governor of Rome. Saint Sebastian was eventually caught and martyred for his faith.. Early representations in art show him being pierced with arrows.



Peace Sunday

- **Peace** – based on justice. A world where human rights are respected, basic needs are met and people feel safe and valued in their communities.
- **Reconciliation** – a process which begins when people try to mend relationships – between individuals or whole countries after times of violence or dispute.
- **Nonviolence** – a way of living and making choices that respects others and offers alternatives to violence and war.

A Prayer - "Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one... Bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace."

(adapted from Laudato Si, please also see www.paxchristi.org.uk)

.... The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth... When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce.....

(from the 2018 Peace Day Message by Pope Francis)

Children's Corner

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- MOUNTAIN
- PRESENCE
- BLEACHER
- WHITE
- ELIJAH
- MOSES
- RABBI
- THREE
- TENTS
- SHADOW
- BELOVED
- VOICE

THANK-YOU
From Our Food Bank
STOREHOUSE
for your continuous gifts

Items always required are tuna, tinned meat such as ham, biscuits, dried packets of pasta with sauce, jam, hygiene products, shampoo, etc.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - PAX CHRISTI WORLD DAY OF PEACE

14th January

9:30am Valerie Bretherton
11:00am Patricia Beardsworth
6:30pm Constance Gee

Weekday Mass

Monday, 8:30am Clitheroe & Farmworth Families
Tuesday 9:30am Theresa Bolton
THE SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL JOIN US
Wednesday 8:30am Teresa Critchley
Thursday 10:30 Requiem Steve De Hanne
Friday 8:30am Andrew Evans (A)
Saturday 10:00am David Hall
Weekly Confession Saturday after Morning Mass

21st January

9:30am Austin McManus
11:00am Cyril Moss (B)
6:30pm Jean Livesey (LD)

St. Anthony

St. Wulstan

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Rosary 20 Minutes before Weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Margaret Brindle, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we announce the death of Steve De Hanne. We pray for him and his family, may he rest in peace. The Mass which was 'booked' for the Fishwick Family on 18th January will now be celebrated on 3rd February.

Family Mass

At the 11am Mass today we welcome and pray for the children and their families who are preparing for baptism and those making their first Holy Communion in May.

Tuesday Morning Mass at 9:30

We welcome the children from St. Gregory's Primary School to celebrate mass with us at the start of the new term.

Scripture Reflection

All are invited to the Scripture group meeting this Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Parish House. We will reflect prayerfully on One Corinthians. This is a new parish venture – do come along!

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £999.20, and also for the SVP retiring collection taken last Sunday.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th to 25th January

The theme for this year's week of prayer comes from a verse in the Song of Moses in which the Israelites praise God for his decisive action for the salvation of his people from slavery to the Promised Land. 'Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power' Exodus 15:6 This well chosen text reminds us that true power is love, as manifested in Jesus who through love and by his sacrifice opened for us the path to freedom and encounter with the Father.

Mindful of our fragility and the suffering we have inflicted on one another over the centuries, we need to pray for the grace of unity as a gift from God. Let's also offer ourselves as instruments of His love, building bridges and deepen or re-establish relationships of esteem and friendship with people, families, groups from other denominations or Churches.

FURTHER AFIELD

Preparation for the Rite of Election

Know somebody who would like to become a Catholic? Please see the poster at the back for this lovely day at Aintree.

Dublin 2018 - World Meeting of Families

As mentioned last week.... Check out the website www.worldmeeting2018.ie. 'The year 2018 will be an exciting one as we look forward to welcoming people from every corner of the world to our shores for one of the most important events of the Catholic Church including, God willing, having Pope Francis join us for the Festival of Families and the final Mass.' **Ask Father Graeme for more information on this exciting opportunity.**

Support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics

Starting again in February. To book a place for the course at Aintree contact Maureen on 07967 753371. See poster.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting	15 th January	David Chadwick and Pauline Turner		
S.A.S.	21 st " "	Sandra Donnelly and Madge Martin		
Dial a Ride	" "	TBC		
Readers	" "	Christine Crossen	Linda Walmsley	John Oswell
Eucharistic Ministers	" "	Yvonne Cunliffe	Nora Ball	David Porter
		Clare Meredith	Barbara Slater	Ulrika Yeomans
		Jack Knight	Paul Thompson	