

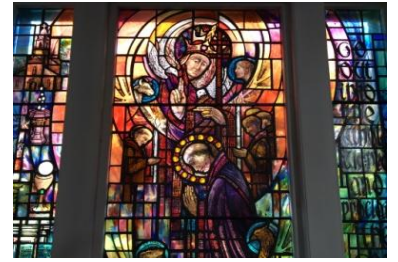
# St. Gregory's Newsletter

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## Saint of the Week St. Anthony of Egypt

Regarded as the patriarch of monks, he is the patron saint of Fr. Graeme's former church at Scotland Road in Liverpool, hence close to his heart and all the more important!

Born in Upper Egypt in 251, St. Anthony lived in complete solitude for 20 years in a deserted fort. He left his solitude to guide his disciples who had gathered around him and from his monastery went to Alexandria to encourage the confessors during the persecution of Maximinus. He was buried in an unknown place but his relics were found and brought to Alexandria. He was much loved and is regarded a founder of monasticism and healer of both men and animals. Anthony died in 356.



## Today: 50<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace

Nonviolence: A style of politics for peace

"At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our 'deepest dignity', and make active nonviolence our way of life."

Francis goes on to speak about our "broken world" and "a horrifying world war fought piecemeal" and the great suffering this causes, but "violence is not the cure for our broken world..... The Gospel command to love your enemies is rightly considered the *magna carta* of Christian nonviolence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil..., but in responding to evil with good and thereby breaking the chain of injustice."

The message expands fully on such a programme of nonviolence, including historical examples, its domestic roots "it is fundamental that nonviolence be practised above all in families" and pledging the full support of the Church.

"All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers... Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace"

The full message is available on the notice board in the porch.

## Childrens' Corner

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January

9:30am Doreen & Harry Ainscough  
11:00am Canon Richard Firth  
6:30pm Catherine Wendy Beesley

St. Anthony of Egypt

St. Wulstan

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian  
St. Agnes

### Weekday Masses

Mon. 8:30am Tom & Patricia Leonard  
Tues. 8:30am Freda Waddington (LD)  
Wed. 8:30am Mary Jane Barton & Fr. Bernard  
Thurs. 8:30am Elizabeth & Richard Fishwick (B&A)  
11:00am Funeral Service  
Stephen Joseph Murphy  
Fri. 8:30am Ken Ball (LD)  
Sat. 10:00am John Bridge

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

9.30am Michael Dickinson  
11.00am Herbert Spedding  
6:30pm Janet Latham

**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 · Raymond Chiasson · Teresa Critchley · Jim Sherrington

*Sadly we record the death of Stephen Murphy on 7<sup>th</sup> January. We extend our sympathy to Julie and the family and pray for them all. May he rest in peace.*

### Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £1072.

### Christian Unity Week

Jesus' last will and testament is contained in his prayer shortly before his suffering and death – 'Father may they all be one, as you are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us...' (John 17:21) Every year during the octave of prayer for Christian unity (18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January) services and activities are held the world over to bring us closer to that goal. **Chorley Churches Together have prepared a prayer service at Trinity Methodist Church in Gillibrand Walks (PR7 2EZ) and invite us all to take part, at 3.00pm next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January.**



This year's theme is built around the scripture verse 'The Love of Christ compels us' (2Cor.5:14). Unity amongst Christians is not something optional, amongst division, conflict and hatred it has to be sought with courage and without counting the cost. The world needs ministers of reconciliation, to break down barriers, build bridges, make peace, open doors to new ways of life in the name of him who 'loved us first, whilst we were still sinners' (Rom. 5:8). His Holy Spirit leads the way on the path to reconciliation, and every one of us is called to reach out towards one another and so re-build unity.

(Photo: Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby)

### Love, Andrew x

Many of you knew Frank's son Andrew Dearden whom so sadly we buried last year. His wife Pam has written a beautiful book, 'a gritty and cathartic story of their family's devastating yet uplifting journey through treatment, recovery and recurring illness, where love shone through to the end.' The book is on sale today at the back of church, see Teresa or Frank, £7.99, all proceeds are going to 'Headway', Preston, a charity for head injuries.

### Anniversaries in 2017

If you are celebrating a big anniversary this year and wish to book a mass to celebrate your special occasion, please 'book' the date soon to ensure its availability.

### Diocesan Directories

These are on sale at the back of church, price £3.50. Very useful if you want to know the facts and figures and who makes everything run smoothly in our Archdiocese.

### Ministering to the Assembly

**Counters** 16<sup>th</sup> January John and Mary Mark

**Rotas** 22nd January, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**S.A.S.** Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

**Dial a Ride** Phil Southworth and Bernard Hargreaves

**Readers** Pauline Doyle

Darryl Hobin

Norma Gillett

**Euch. Ministers** Yvonne Cunliffe

David Chadwick

Terry Turner

Linda Walmsley

Darryl Hobin

not confirmed

Edward Brierley

Margaret Scard