

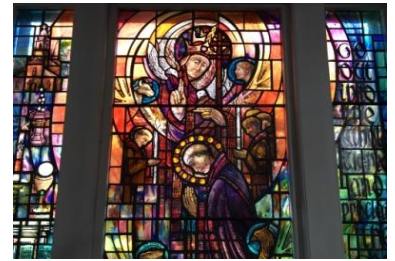
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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He has Risen as he said!!

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all and your families all the grace and blessings that flow from this Easter Season and may the peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

Can I also on behalf of the whole parish thank all those parishioners, young and older, who have given up so much of their time to prepare and enrich our services over the Triduum, much of it behind the scenes and so unseen. The hard work of these people has meant that these have been truly wonderful Celebrations, enhanced by the participation of so many people at them.

Thank you all for your generosity and hard work, it is much appreciated. God Bless you!

Fr. Graeme

Canon Richard Firth

19th May 1919 - 10th April 2017

We were all saddened to hear the news last Monday of the death at Nazareth House of our dear Father Firth, Parish Priest here for 26 years, up to 2001.

On Wednesday here at St. Gregory's we celebrated a joint Requiem Mass with his family and friends in Dublin, where Monsignor McKenna - his one-time altar boy - concelebrated with Father Marsden, who represented our Deanery and the Archdiocese.

There are copies of a tribute to Father Firth (by Terence Donnelly) at the back of church and this will also be published on our website.

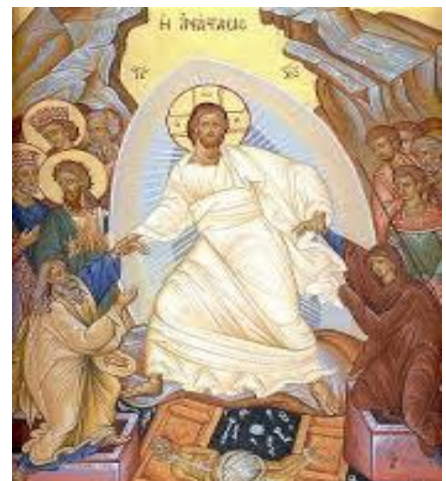
Each of us has special personal memories of Father Firth who for so many years was present at the most significant moments of our lives. He spiritually nourished generations of St. Gregory's parishioners as a quiet, dignified, thoughtful, unassuming, deeply religious and much loved priest and shepherd of his flock.

We treasure our memories of Father Firth and are deeply grateful for his life amongst us, his many years of pastoral care and service.

"May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs welcome you as you draw near, and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the choir of angels receive you, and where Lazarus is poor no longer, there may you find eternal rest."

Children's Corner

Y	R	E	N	A	W	A	E	L	S	MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
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Easter Sunday - 16th April 2017

Easter Sunday 16th April

9:30am The Parish
11:00am Leon Dickinson RIP
6:30pm **NO MASS**

Second Sunday of Easter, 23rd April Sunday of Divine Mercy

9:30am Winifred Calderbank
11:00am Mary Ellison
6:30pm Calderbank & Noblett families

Weekday Masses

Monday 10:00am Harry & Doreen Ainscough
Tuesday 10:00am Bill & Barbara Tennant (A)
Wednesday 10:00am Andrew Evans (Birthday)
Thursday 10:00am David Lynch (A)
11:00am Funeral Service for Marian Holding
Friday 10:00am Stephen Rainford (FM)
Saturday 10:00am Special Intention (MMW)

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Kathleen Reynolds, 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

Easter Message from Archbishop Malcolm

Please pick up a copy at the back of church.

Holy Water and House Blessing

A highlight of the Easter celebration is the blessing of water for baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. It is also the time for us to take away the blessed water and bless our homes with it. Why not do that yourself this Easter... there are bottles and a card with the House Blessing available at the altar. Walk round your house, sprinkle some water and say the prayer, it is a lovely thing to do.

Collections

Thank you for last week's collection of £1023.

Blessings at Communion

After a trial period of those wishing to receive a blessing at Communion coming just to the priest, it seems odd that as the ordinary minister of communion the priest then spends more time giving blessings than distributing communion. So from Easter Sunday, both priest and ministers will give blessings so there is no need to change queues.

Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers

All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to a day of reflection on Saturday 22nd April starting with the 10:00am Mass/straight after. This will be especially useful for new ministers. Coffe and lunch provided, ends mid-afternoon.

Living with people with Dementia

A workshop to encourage those caring for, or visiting, people living with dementia will be held on Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30pm with Fr. Chris Thomas at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Churchtown. Poster at the back, contact m.knight@rcaol.co.uk for further information.

Brownedge Festival 2017

This popular festival at St. Mary's Browndedge, Bamber Bridge starts on 29th April, with daily events throughout the following week. If interested, you can find further information on the notice board or at www.brownedgefestival.org.uk.

St Joseph's Adlington

We wish Fr. O'Shea all the best with his move to Wigan, and send Fr Marsden our prayers as he takes over the pastoral care of St Joseph's, Anderton as well as St Mary's.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 17th April, Marie Dewland and Mary Hargreaves

Rotas 23rd April, Second Sunday of Easter

S.A.S. Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride Malc Scard and Kevin Masterson

Readers Louise Cogan

Each. Ministers Emmy Moss

Edwards Brierley

David Chadwick

Carla Blears

George Walmsley

Sharon Hobin

Helen Mather

Helen Graham

TBA