

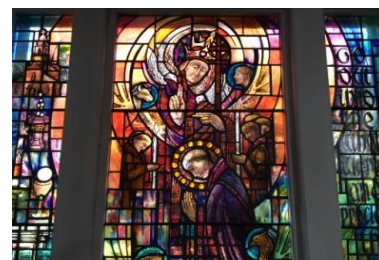
St. Gregory's Newsletter

16th July 2017 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Book pg.102



The Parish Office is staffed on
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from
09.00 to 13.00.

Website www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk
Telephone 01257 262462
e-mail stgregorys.weldbank@btinternet.com
Archdiocese of Liverpool Registered Charity
No. 32709



Saint of the week

Mary Magdalene

A follower of Jesus 'out of whom he had cast seven devils', she stood at Calvary, went to anoint his body at the tomb and was first witness of the resurrection. Thus she became the apostle to the apostles, as she went to tell them that He had risen.

The Church in modern times has abandoned Mary Magdalene's former identification both with the sinner woman who anointed Christ's feet in Simon's house, and as being Mary, the sister of Martha.

She has fascinated people throughout the ages, leading to many and varied legends, and has captured people's imagination in literature and art. However, what is most important is her close relationship and her commitment and devotion to Christ. Her celebration has been upgraded from 'memoria' to 'liturgical feast, recognising her importance in the Church.



Reflection

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28)

Jesus gives an invitation to the people crowding round him, mainly simple, poor, with little education and unable to know and to follow the complex religious obligation of their time and saddled with heavy taxes under Roman rule:

'Come to me...'

Jesus gives special attention to them and all those excluded by society, because they were seen as sinners. He wants everyone to understand and welcome the most important law, the law that opens the door to the Father's house: the law of love. God, indeed, reveals his wonders to those with open and simple hearts. Jesus invites us, too, to come closer to him. He showed himself as the visible presence of God who is love, a God who loves us immensely just as we are, with our talents and shortcomings, our aspirations and failures! And he invites us to trust in his "law" which is not a burden that crushes us, but a yoke that is easy, filling with joy the hearts of those who live this law...

So let's accept Jesus' invitation to go to him, knowing he is the source of our hope and our peace. Let's accept his "commandment" and strive to love, just as he did, in the endless opportunities to do this all through the day: in our families, in the parish, at work - responding to offences with forgiveness, building bridges rather than walls, and putting ourselves at the service of anyone weighed down by difficulties. Far from being a burden, we will discover that this law gives us wings to soar on high.

'Word of Life' July 2017

Children's Corner

E	R	R	E	V	E	L	C	E	D	BLESS	EARTH	CLEVER
S	S	E	L	B	L	U	H	E	E	ENTRUSTED	LABOUR	YOKE
A	T	E	D	A	B	E	T	R	S	GENTLE	HUMBLE	HEART
G	A	S	B	L	M	S	T	E	A	REST	BURDEN	LIGHT
A	E	O	E	H	U	T	K	B	E			
S	U	N	E	R	H	O	U	E	L			
R	N	A	T	G	Y	R	H	R	P			
E	R	N	I	L	D	E	A	S	Y			
T	E	L	H	E	E	A	R	T	H			
S	T	E	N	T	R	U	T	S	D			

SUPPORT OUR FOODBANK "STOREHOUSE"

Any imperishable items such as toiletries, cleaning product, tinned meat and vegetables, long life milk, fruit juice etc. are most welcome.
Thank you for your generous support.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th July 2017

16th July

9:30am John Lilley
11:00am Joanne Gilgun
6:30pm Special Intention

23rd July, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Brian Fish (A)
11:00am Franziska Leist
6:30pm S. Molyneux

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am L.I.S.C.F.
11:00am **Funeral Service Austin Walsh**
Tuesday 8.30am David Hall
Wednesday 9:30am School Mass
Thursday 8:30am People of the Parish
Friday 8:30am Margaret Mary Cartmell (FM)
Saturday 10:00am Margaret Dickinson

Saints of the Week

St. Apollinaris
St. Lawrence of Brindisi
St. Mary Magdalen

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

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, Victoria Mary Birkett

Bless thy servants who are sick O Lord and send them help from thy holy place. Amen.

Baptism

Today we welcome 2 children and their families in baptism: Theo James Nelson and Amelia Rose Winstanley. We wish them all a beautiful day and God's blessing as they start out on their new faith journey.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £990.02 and thank you for the special collection for the *Apostleship of the Sea* which amounts to £403.23

Coffee, cake and a chat ... for Lourdes

Come along *after the 11am Mass* and support our young people who are going on pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you would like them to take your **petitions** please bring them along.

The pilgrimage is from 21st to 28th July. The Lancashire Coach 5 will leave St. Joseph's Friday morning after their liturgy at 7:30am. Please support them with your prayers, a few leaflets are available at the back of church.

Christening on 20th August???

If your child's baptism is booked for the 20th August can you please see Fr. Graeme ASAP as one family has been given the wrong piece of paper as the confirmation slip so we don't have the name or details.

School's Out

School finishes on Wednesday. Congratulations to pupils and staff for a great year! Have a wonderful, well deserved holiday, keep safe and enjoy yourselves.

Parish Party

Saturday 26th August, a family fun day. Invitations still at the back of church, please take one, complete and return or let us know via email. *If you would like to be involved in organising or helping in any way, please see Father Graeme.*

Reading Rota

If in doubt, please consult the rota on the notice board or just follow the rota printed below.

Exhibition - ACN Portraits of Faith: Syria's Christians Search for Peace

At the Cathedral, please see poster for further details. (22 – 23 July, daily 10am - 4pm, entrance is free)

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters	17th July	Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre	
Rotas	23rd July		
S.A.S.		Janet and Pauline Critchley	
Dial a Ride		Barry Crossen and Catherine Jackson	
Readers		Simon Robinson	Dominic Stone
Eucharistic Ministers		George Walmsley	Richard Jackson
		Edward Brierley	Clare Meredith
			Alex Duxbury
			Carol Hardman
			Anthony Hooson