St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saint of the week St. Benedict

St. Benedict was born in Nursia, Northern Italy, c. 480AD, and educated in Rome. He chose to live a solitary life in the mountains around Subiaco, in a cave. He lived there for three years, soon acquiring the reputation of a holy man and requests of visitors and followers. Later he organised a form of monastic life in twelve monasteries. The monks who joined St. Benedict devoted themselves to work and prayer. In the great abbey of Monte Cassino, which he founded, he wrote his Rule, still followed by Benedictine monks around the world today. This wonderfully combines the Roman genius with the monastic wisdom of the Christian East. He was proclaimed Patron of Europe because of his influence on Christendom in the Middle Ages. He is also a doctor of the Church and considered a Father of monasticism. His famous prayer of committing himself to love God in all things of life starts like this:

O Lord, I place myself in your hands and dedicate myself to you. I pledge myself to do your will in all things: To love the Lord God with all my heart, all my soul, all my strength. ...



Reflection

Today's Gospel is an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like?

He tells us himself:

he is gentle, and humble of heart.
There is a simplicity about this
Gospel which speaks very clearly to
tired hearts.

Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus.

How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is kind and full of compassion.'

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Children's Corner

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SUPPORT OUR FOODBANK "STOREHOUSE"

Fr. Graeme and Anne Rawlinson attended a meeting this week at the *LivingWaters Church* and were thanked for our support of the foodbank. This has been used by over 500 families already this

year!

Often there is a particular need of certain items. When this is the case, we will highlight it on the newsletter.

Thank you for your generous support.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sea Sunday - 9th July 2017

9th July 16th July, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brian Fish (A) 9:30am John Lilley 9:30am 11:00am Mary Kenyon (LD) 11:00am Joanne Gilgun Special Intention 6:30pm Special Intention 6:30pm

Weekday Masses Saints of the Week

Monday 8:30am Franziska Leist Tuesday 10:00am Requiem Susan Clapham St. Benedict

Wednesay 8:30am Angela Weir (LD) Thursday 8:30am Josie Snape St. Henry

Friday 8:30am John Dickinson St. Camillus de Lellis Saturday 10:00am Alan West St. Bonaventure

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.

Wedding Bells

On Friday we welcome Thomas Snape and Emma Beesley to celebrate their wedding with nuptial mass. We wish them and their families and friends a wonderful day and every blessing for a long and happy married life.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £937.43 and thank you for the special collection 'Peter's Pence' of £169.51. The Apostleship of the Sea collection will be taken today, however it will only be for the envelopes, as the loose money which was given already has been set aside to be added to the envelopes.

Reading Rota

Some readers may not have downloaded the latest version of the rota when changes were made half way down.... If in doubt, please consult the rota on the notice board or just follow the rota printed below.

Preparations for the Lourdes Pilgrimage

Why not come along after the 11am Mass next Sunday, July 16th and support our young people who are going to Lourdes. This is the last coffee morning before they leave to work with the sick. If you would like them to take your petitions to Lourdes please bring them along. The pilgrimage is from 21st to 28th July. The Cathedral Pilgrimage **Departure Mass** will be at 5pm on Sunday, 16th July also.

Parish Party

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

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

Christian families remaining in war-torn Syria are in great need of our support, please pray for them and visit the exhibition organised by Aid to the Church in Need and hosted by our cathedral, to raise awareness of the plight of Christians in Syria. Featuring Syrian artist Farid Georges, needlework by women living in Aleppo, and drawings from the Peace for the Children of Syria campaign, dates: 22 - 23 July, times: Daily 10am - 4pm, entrance is free.

Ministering to the Assembly Counters 10th July Terence and Sandra Donnelly

16th July Rotas

S.A.S. Margaret Scard

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Pauline Doyle Readers Linda Walmsley Mary Mark Anthony Hooson **Eucharistic Ministers** Louise Cogan Paul Thompson **Edward Brierley** Carol Hardman Clare Meredith

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