

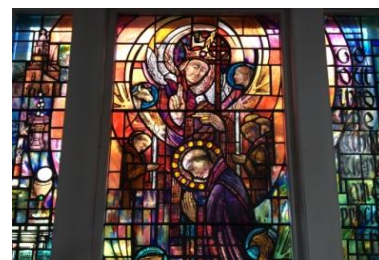
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saints of the week

SS. John Fisher and Thomas Moore (22nd June)

John was born at Beverley (Yorkshire) in 1469, and died at London on 22 June 1535. He was appointed bishop of Rochester and combined pastoral ministry with study and writing, he was Chancellor of Cambridge University and was made a Cardinal just before his execution. Thomas More was born in London in 1478, and died there on this day in 1535. An Oxford scholar and an incorruptible judge who served as Speaker and Lord Chancellor. A good friend to Henry, he died as he said 'The king's good servant but God's first'. Both were drawn into conflict with Henry VIII over his re-marriage to Anne Boleyn and papal supremacy. Both were beheaded for treason. They are both venerated as men of principle and respected by many beyond the Catholic faith.



First Holy Communion

... Message from Father Graeme .
Congratulations to all the children who made their communion last week-end, they were a credit to their families and the parish. It was a true celebration (both on the Saturday and the Sunday). A big thank you to all who helped prepare them and those involved in the masses & party. Now the celebrations are over we look forward to them being involved in parish life in many different ways and support them with our prayers.

Corpus Christi Reflection

The Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Christ, is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a thing that we receive however reverently - it is a person, a relationship, a belonging and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: Receive what you are - the Body of Christ.

The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ's words to our reality: who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, lives in me and I live in him.

The people of the Old Testament had God living in their midst, walking with them on their journey, feeding and nourishing them with the gift of manna from heaven.

Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, but journeying in communion with us, living within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper.

And as Saint Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other: God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body.

Children's Corner

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The Solemnity of Corpus Christi - 18th June 2017

18th June, Corpus Christ

9:30am Paul Mulhearn
11:00am Walter Stables
6:30pm Rowland McGreal (A)

25th June, 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30am Bill Critchley (A)
11:00am Catenian's President's Sunday Mass
6:30pm France Dickinson

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Fr. Firth (Birthday)
Tuesday 8:30am Mary Neuhaus
Wednesday 8:30am Bert Smith (90th B'day)
Thursday 8:30am Bill Critchley (A)
Friday 8:30am Marie Kenyon
Saturday 10:00am Eileen and Martha Sullivan

Saints of the Week

St. Romuald
St. Alban
St. Aloysius Gonzaga
SS. John Fisher and Thomas Moore

St. John the Baptist

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

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

Funeral last Week

Christine's mother Marie Kenyon was buried last week on Wednesday afternoon. We pray for her and all her large family – may she rest in peace.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1034. Thank you also from the SVP for the monthly offering, and for the Priests in Retirement special collection which came to just over £400. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Day for Life

It is exactly 50 years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. This anniversary year provides us with an opportunity to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need. We pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those who are concerned about their pregnancy.

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

The proceeds of the special Day for Life collection today assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

24th June *Harry Potter Themed Summer Fair* at St Gregory's School gates open at 11:30 am all Welcome. If any parishioner would like to help please contact the school office.

Parish Garden Party: In response to the Archbishops suggestion that this was an event that should be continued for the good of the parish, we will have the Garden Party on Saturday 26th August. Put it in your diary. It will be a family fun day, the details have not been worked out yet and suggestions and help will be gratefully received. More details at a later date.

Come And See Conference

Fr. Chris Thomas and Team from the Irenaeus Centre invite you to this popular annual event, which will be taking place at Christ the King School in Southport on 14th – 15th October. The keynote speaker will be Timothy Radcliffe OP, with many workshops plus music as on the poster in the porch. See also the Irenaeus newsletter for June.

Sacristy and Sanctuary Group (S.A.S.)

The ladies of the S.A.S. team perform a variety of jobs in the church on a rota basis....We are seven strong and would like to invite more volunteers to join us. If you have a spare hour say once a month (Friday or Saturday), you will be most welcome. Please contact Margaret on 07867 988462.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 19th June - Denise and Bruce Conway

Rotas 25th June

S.A.S. Janet and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Taxi

Readers Marissa Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers Emmy Moss

Clare Meredith

Louise Cogan

Carla Blears

Edward Brierley

Linda Walmsley

David Chadwick

Paul Tate

David Porter

Ulrika Yeomans