

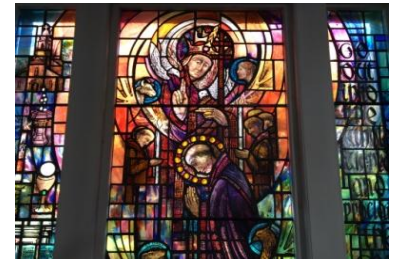
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saints and Patrons

Blessed Roger Wrenno

Yesterday, Saturday 18th March, we celebrated the feast day of Chorley Martyr Blessed Roger Wrenno (or Wrennall), the Patron of our Chorley Pastoral Area.

Baptised in the Parish Church on 18th July 1575, he lived in Market Street and worked as a weaver. The first 38 years of his life were fairly uneventful, until he was arrested for harbouring a Catholic priest from Upholland, Father John Thules. Possibly he was betrayed by a cousin of Thules, and the two of them were sent to Lancaster Castle, where they managed to escape by scaling the prison walls, soon to be re-captured and sentenced to death. On 18th March 1616, after first witnessing Fr. Tule's death, Roger Wrenno was killed. But the rope broke and the authorities offered him a final chance to convert, but he was steadfast: "I am the same man I was, and in the same mind; use your pleasure with me". He eagerly remounted the ladder and responding to the cries of his executioners he said 'If you had seen that which I have just now seen, you would be as much in haste to die as I now am'. His death followed immediately.

Blessed Roger Wrenno, Pray for us.



Reflection

... on our Christian roots

1420 years ago, in the year 597, Pope St. Gregory The Great ('the greatest of the great', Fr. C. Rengers OFM) sent St. Augustine to evangelise the English. Catholics now celebrate our Patron Saint's feast day on 3rd September, whilst in the Anglican Church the 13th March is commemorated.

To mark the occasion a traditional Anglican Choral Evensong was celebrated for the first time in St. Peter's Basilica.

This is a significant ecumenical milestone and comes just two weeks after Pope Francis' visit to the Anglican parish church of All Saints in Rome, and five months after the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, celebrated Vespers together at the Basilica of St. Gregory, on the Caelian Hill in Rome.

The following was reported by ICN, highlighting the unity which exists in the daily prayers of the Church, and our common Benedictine roots.

Anglican and Catholic bishops and clergy gathered together at the altar below Bernini's great bronze sculpture holding the Chair of St Peter. Archbishop David Moxon, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, presided at the liturgy. ... It was St Gregory, who according to tradition, said, after seeing a group of blond English slaves in the market place: "they are not Angles but angels". Pope Gregory sent Augustine, prior of a Benedictine monastery in Rome, to evangelise the English in the year 597.

The Secretary of the Vatican's congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, spoke about St. Gregory in his sermon, highlighting his humility, courage and missionary spirit. He said: "I think Gregory was a very courageous man in his own time and I think that speaks to us here still today, that despite the difficulties, to be outgoing, just as Pope Francis and Archbishop Welby have been saying, to proclaim the Gospel with joy.."

The celebration ended with a procession to the tomb of St Gregory to pray for the whole Christian church and for the spirit of wisdom on its leaders - a fitting way of marking the fourth anniversary of Pope Francis' election to the Chair of St Peter.

Bishop David Hamid of the Anglican diocese in Europe, said: "This is building on what popes and archbishops have been saying for some time...the daily prayer of the Church is something which unites us, it goes back to our common Benedictine roots and we in the English Church owe much to the Benedictine mission sent by Pope Gregory...we are very grateful for the closeness which is becoming evident in our two traditions which is enabling this kind of common prayer....." (Source: VIS/Vatican Radio)

Children's Corner

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SAMARITAN	SYCHAR	JACOB
JOSEPH	WELL	WOMAN
WATER	DRINK	JEW
BUCKET	CATTLE	HUSBAND



3rd Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2017

Sunday 19th March (Feast of St. Joseph)

9:30am Jack Critchley
11:00am Pauline Simpson & Margaret & James Entwistle
6:30pm The Walmsley Family (FM)

Sunday 26th March

9:30am The Parish
11:00am Peter Evans
6:30pm Thanksgiving to our Lady of Lourdes

3:00pm – 4:00pm Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Kevin Schofield
Tuesday 8:30am Monica Hicks (B)
Wednesday 8:30am Martha Heyes
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday 8:30am Arthur Alston
Friday 8:30am Fred & Monica Bates (FM)
Saturday 10:00am James Critchley (B)

Saints of the Week

St. Turibius of Mongroveyo

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, Canon Richard Firth

Baptism today

Today we welcome in Baptism Noel Paul Nightingale and pray for him and his families as they start out on their new faith journey.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time today, and their families.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £986.

A Thank You

The Good Shepherd Company have sent us a letter of thanks for the wonderful support of their work on behalf of Palestinian olive wood carvers and their families, £720 was raised. Please remember the situation in the Holy Land in your prayers.

Need transport?

If a bike would help you get around more easily or you know of somebody who is in need of one, please contact Michael Walmsley or the office – two good mountain bikes are looking for a new home.

THE GREAT LENT

CAFOD Fast Day

The CAFOD Family Fast day collection remains open till the end of the month, box at back of church if you still wish to contribute.

Chrism Mass

As usual a deanery coach is being organised for this diocesan celebration at our Cathedral on Wednesday, 12th April, picking up at St. Mary's, West Street car park @ 5.15pm (Adlington 5pm, Coppull Police Station 5.50pm). If you wish to join, please sign the list at the back of church and bring the payment of £10 to the sacristy – cut off point Monday, 3rd April.

Stations of the Cross

As Friday is the traditional day for this devotion, the church will stay open after morning mass (till 1:00pm) for people who wish to walk the stations of the cross privately. A weekly communal service will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Lenten Evening of Recollection for Men

Popular "mini-retreat" for men on Tuesday, 4th April, 7pm at St. Joseph's, Anderton. No charge, see poster.

Lenten Alms

Any money you save by fasting or other penance may be put in the Lenten Alms Box at the back of church and will be donated to the Nugent Care Society which works for sick and vulnerable people in need of care in our Archdiocese.

40 Days For Life

This campaign to help save lives of unborn babies runs from 1st March – 9th April. Please see 40daysforlife.com/liverpool and flyers.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 20th March, Derek and Celia Birchall

Rotas 26th March, 4th Sunday in Lent

S.A.S. Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride Taxi

Readers Simon Robinson

Nora Ball

Mary Mark

Euch. Ministers Marian Knight

David Chadwick

TBA

Margaret Scard

Richard Jackson

George Walmsley

Edward Brierley