

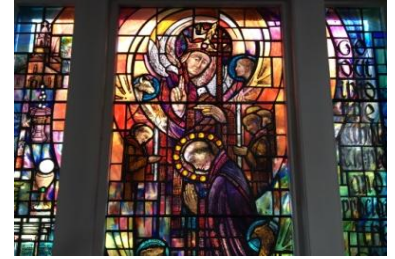
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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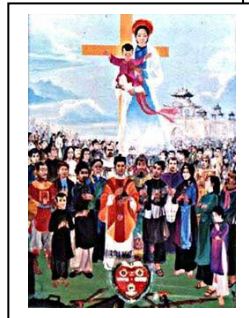


Saint of the Week

Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, priest,
and his Companions

8 bishops, 50 priests and 59 laymen (Europeans and Asians) were martyred in Vietnam from 1745 – 1862. During the first 200 years of Christianity in that part of the world about 100,000 died in persecution. To keep their memory alive in our time, film director Martin Scorsese (75) 'has cut a precious gem in the painful, intense and disturbing film *Silence*, adapted from the book by Shusaku Endo'.

On RED WEDNESDAY this week we can support the fundamental right to religious freedom and our own right to conscience and peacefully held beliefs by wearing red or shining a red light on something. Threats, punishment, torture, death are still faced today by very many Christians and other believers around the world.



Reflection

... as we remember our departed loved ones

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have
been;

Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.

From the Easter carol by John McLeod Crum

Death is not extinguishing the light, but putting
out the lamp because the dawn has come.

Rabindranath Tagore

The deepest reason for my joy lies in my
readiness to leave this earthly life some day and
to pass to a life that will never end. just
knowing that one day I shall be able to close my
eyes in peace and go to meet Christ is reason for
joy. Acceptance of death makes me rediscover a
new vitality.

Brother Roger of Taizé

Suffering is not a punishment. God does not punish.
Suffering is a gift – though like all gifts, it depends on
how we receive it. And that is why we need a pure
heart – to see the hand of God, to feel the love of
God, to recognize the gift of God in our suffering. ...

In our Home for the Dying it is so beautiful to see
people who are joyful, lovable, at peace, inspite of
terrible suffering.

Suffering is not a punishment, not a fruit of sin, it is a
gift of God.

He allows us to share in His suffering and to make up
for the sins of the world.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

(from Journey to the Light by Ann Finch, editor)

Children's Corner

S	E	L	P	I	C	S	I	D	E	DISCIPLES	SERVANT	THOUSAND
S	W	E	T	N	A	V	R	E	S	COINS	COUNTRY	MASTER
E	T	O	D	W	A	E	D	M	F	MONEY	EARNED	MORE
N	D	R	N	S	O	E	O	M	A	WONDERFUL	FAITHFUL	HAPPINESS
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A BIG THANK-YOU
from our food bank **STOREHOUSE**
Please see over for a notice

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th November

19th November

9:30am Pious List & Jim Dunn
11:00am Pious List & Vincent Hoole
6:30pm Pious List

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Pious List & Laura McMullin
Tuesday 8:30am Pious List & Matty & Jim Hayes
Wednesday **7:00pm Memorial Mass for Deceased of the Parish**
All are invited to this special celebration
Thursday 8:30am Pious List
Friday 8:30am Pious List
Saturday 10:00am Pious List

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

26th November, Feast of Christ the King

9:30am Pious List & Eileen Gallagher (A)
11:00am Pious List & Ken Ball (A)
6:30pm Pious List & John Ronayne (LD)

Saints of the Week

St. Cecilia

St. Clement, St. Columbanus
Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac & his companions
St. Catherine of Alexandria

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Margaret Brindle, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farmworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Woody James Smith and wish the family every blessing on their new faith journey.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £995.60.

Next week we celebrate Youth Sunday. A special collection will be taken for our Diocesan Youth Service ANIMATE. A thank you-letter for our Harvest Fast Day support arrived from CAFOD. See it on the notice board.

Foodbank

Ann Rawlinson writes to thank you all for your very generous support. The team at the food bank are most grateful and asked her to thank everyone on their behalf. It makes a difference to so many people and is very much appreciated.

SVP Donation received

A donation of Wiltshire Farm frozen meals in pureed form (about a small freezer full) has been received. If you, or anyone you know, could benefit from these, please contact a member of the SVP or leave a message at the parish office.

#Red Wednesday

Wear something red or light up something in red this Wednesday in solidarity with those who are persecuted for their faith. Launched last year by AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED, we are called to stand up for faith and freedom and to shine a light on discrimination and violence faced by millions of Christians around the world. Over 40 cathedrals and churches throughout the country will be lit up in red on that evening.

Christmas Market

Fun for all the family! The friends of St. Gregory's (FOSG) invite us all to a joyful event at the Primary School (Eaves Green Road). Over 40 indoor and outdoor covered stalls and attractions, including crafts and games, Christmas wreaths, pottery painting, hot food... Santa's grotto... Free entry. **Next SATURDAY, 25th November, 11:30am – 3:30pm**

EMBRACE

Coming up next Sunday, exciting one-day conference for young Catholics @ the Cathedral on the feast of Christ the King and National Youth Weekend. All welcome, free entrance, registration online, see poster.

Advent Evening of Recollection for Men

An excellent preparation for Christmas. Popular "mini-retreat" in *St. Joseph's Church, Anderton, Tuesday 5th December, starting at 8pm*, including a meditation given by the priest, a guided examination of conscience with time for individual confessions etc. Tea and coffee around 9.15pm. No charge. Further information from Robert Aston 01204 468896.

Christmas Carol Service @ the Cathedral

Everyone is welcome, and especially if you are living with dementia. Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 2.00pm.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counting - 20th November Derek and Celia Birchall

S.A.S. - 26th November Yvonne Cunliffe & Marian Knight

Dial a Ride " Barry Crossen & Catherine Jackson

Readers " Michael Hall Linda Walmsley

Eucharistic Ministers " Marian Knight Linda Walmsley Linda Corcoran

Yvonne Cunliffe David Chadwick Joe Comerford

Clare Meredith Richard Jackson

David Porter