

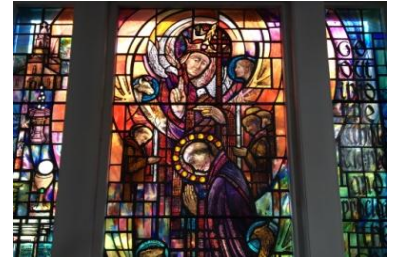
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saint of the Week *St. Rita of Cascia*

As a young girl Rita wanted to become a nun, but was pressured into marrying a harsh and cruel man. She was born in central Italy in 1381, and during her 18-year marriage, she raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita eventually joined the Augustinian nuns in Cascia, having first been refused due to being a widow. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion and her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counselled lay people who came to her monastery. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns.

Rita died in 1626 and was canonized much later in 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb every year.



Election Reflection!

The Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging Catholics to play an active part in the General Election and suggest we find out where our candidates stand on the following five issues, indicating the broad spectrum of social issues which need our urgent attention.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

The UK is committed to resettling at least 20,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees by 2020. It is important that the next government keeps this commitment and explores options to expand the programme.

Leaving the European Union

This election will help to determine how the UK leaves the EU. Important factors include the rights of more than 3m EU citizens in the UK, the rights of UK citizens in other EU countries, and the way new trade deals cover issues like human rights and the environment.

Protecting Life

In 2015 Parliament voted overwhelmingly to protect society's most vulnerable people, by preventing the legalisation of assisted dying. It is important that the new parliament upholds this decision and supports improvements to end of life care.

Religious Freedom

Across the world millions of people are being persecuted, imprisoned or killed because of their beliefs. It's important that the next government prioritises freedom of religion or belief in UK foreign policy.

Prison Reform

In a civilised society prisons should be places of redemption and rehabilitation. The next government faces a significant crisis in the prison system, with unprecedented levels of violence and suicide.

Contact your MP – forms @ www.catholicnews.org.uk/election17

Children's Corner

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6th Sunday of Easter 21st May 2017

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9:30am Julie Houghton
11:00am Gerald & Teresa Thompson
6:30pm Farnworth Family

The Ascension of the Lord, 28th May

9:30am Bert Parker
11:00am Frank Wrennall (A)
6:30pm Frank Smith

Weekday Masses

Monday	8:30am	Special Intention (CN)
Tuesday	8:30am	John Turner (LD)
Wednesday	8:30am	Peter Green
Thursday	8:30am	Harry & Doreen Ainscough (A)
Friday	10:00am	Requiem John Turner
Saturday	10:00am	M. Wane

Saints of the Week

St. Rita of Cascia

St. Bede the Venerable
St. Philip Neri
St. Augustine of Canterbury

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, Winifred Calderbank

Sadly we record the death of John Turner, who was our oldest parishioner, 101 years old. We pray for him and his family. May he rest in peace.

Wedding

Next Saturday Ben Rothwell and Rebecca Preston are getting married here at St. Gregory's. Please remember them in your prayers as they start out on their married life. We wish them every happiness and God's blessing.

First Communion Preparation

The red ties for First Communion Day are available to buy from the school office priced at £4.50 each.

On behalf of the children in Year Four, a big thank you to Charlotte and the youth group for making their time together last Sunday such a wonderful experience. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Please pray for the children who will be making their first communion and whose picture is up on the notice board.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1000.

Please note that a 2nd collection will be taken on World Communications Sunday next week.

Food Bank

On behalf of The Storehouse Foodbank at Living Waters Church, Anne Rawlinson would like to thank the parishioners of St. Gregory's for their continuous donations. Your generosity and regular contributions are very much appreciated and really make a difference to peoples' lives. **A Big THANK YOU from The Storehouse Foodbank.**

Lunch-time Organ Recital

Ian Hunter and the three town organists Gordon Blackledge, Peter Morrison and Alan Winstanley, will perform the 6th annual recital at St. Joseph's, Harpers Lane, on Saturday 3rd June at 12.30pm (due to St. George's church undergoing structural renovation). *Retiring collection for St. Catherine's Hospice.* See poster.

Exploring John's Gospel

'Digging Deeply: Reading Wisely' lead by Dr. Ian Boxall, Associate Professor of the New Testament at the Catholic University of America. Saturday, 10th June at LACE Conference Centre, Liverpool L17 1AA. 10:00am to 4:00pm, £15 per person, lunch and refreshments provided. See poster. *If you would like to attend, the parish will supplement the cost.*

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 22nd May - Terence and Sandra Donnelly

Rotas 28th May, The Ascension of Our Lord, World Communications Sunday

S.A.S. Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride Phil Southworth and Bernard Hargreaves

Readers Simon Robinson

Eucharistic Ministers David Chadwick

Emmy Moss

Edward Brierley

Nora Ball

Richard Jackson

Clare Meredith

Daryl Hobin

Mary Mark

Melvyn Cunliffe

Carol Hardman