

St. Gregory's Newsletter

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2018

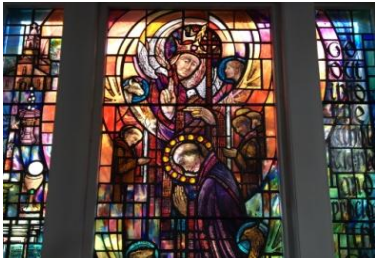
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Saint of the Week

ST. ANGELA MERICI

Angela was founder of the Ursuline nuns. Born 1474 near Lake Garda, Italy, she was an orphan. She became a Franciscan tertiary and devoted herself with several companions to the education of poor girls.

In 1535 they dedicated themselves under the patronage of St. Ursula, but took no vows and wore lay clothes. The formal organisation of this sisterhood into a Congregation came only in 1556, as the Church authorities were not prepared to approve, until then, Angela's novel concept of unenclosed and mobile religious sisters.

'Disorder in Society is the Result of Disorder in The family'



St. Angela Merici

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

'YOUR RIGHT HAND, O LORD, GLORIOUS IN POWER' EX.15:6

Prepared by the Churches of the Caribbean, the focus this year is on God's saving hand leading us away from slavery and all kinds of oppression, to the ultimate freedom of being brothers and sisters of and in Jesus, and children of the same Father - God.

Reflection

We are good because we are loved, not loved because we are good. If it was up to each one of us to earn it, we might not be loved very much.... And yet loved we are, since God is in all things, even the bits we think are ugly and unmentionable.

We are loved, but God wants us to give some love back, giving and receiving in a mutual relationship... Being in relationship with God means being with other people, reaching out, doing some good.

Looking after creation... being fair not exploiting... being alongside others, not overpowering them...

It even means welcoming and respecting the stranger in our midst - it may be the Christ unannounced

Prayer

Barrier-breaking God, You embrace all cultures and lands, all Churches. But keep a special place in your heart for the stranger, the widow and the orphan. Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may become as You are, welcoming all as brothers and sisters, Your cherished children, citizens together in Christ's kingdom of justice and peace. Amen

(From CTBI Resources for celebrating the week of Prayer for Unity 2018)

'Dialogue is carried out first by putting ourselves on the same level as our partner, whoever he or she may be. Then we listen.. being completely empty of ourselves... this enables us to receive the other person within ourselves and to understand him or her. ... Because they have been listened to with love, they are ready to listen to what we have to say...'

Chiara Lubich/Word of Life Jan. 2018

Children's Corner

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S	L	E	E	C	L	O	S	E	R	BELIEVE	CASTING	FOLLOW
E	I	E	M	A	N	H	F	T	C	JAMES	ZEBEDEE	BOAT
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The Food Bank
STOREHOUSE

sent us an e-mail to say
 thank you for our generosity.
 Please see over.

Items can be left as usual at
 the back of the church,
 hygiene products as well as
 preserved food.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Ecumenical Sunday

21st January

9:30am Austin McManus
11:00am Cyril Moss (B)
6:30pm Jean Livesey (LD)

Weekday Mass

Monday, 8:30am Nadine Pennington
Tuesday 8:30am Rita Threlfall
Wednesday 8:30am Esther Drake (LD)

12:00noon Funeral Service Charles Stobart

Thursday 8:30am Frank Smith

2:00pm Requiem Mass Maureen Mclver

Friday 8:30am Christine Stitt

Saturday 10:00am Margaret Holmes (A)

28th January

9:30am Tom & Patricia Leonard
11:00am Joseph Kenyon (A)
6:30pm Dotty Donne

St. Vincent

St. Francis de Sales

The Conversion of St. Paul

SS. Timothy and Titus

St. Angela Merici

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

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 Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we announce the deaths of Charles Stobart who died on 8th January, and of Maureen Mclver, who died on 14th January. Their funerals will be celebrated as above. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £942.80

Survive – Miva

Special Appeal next Sunday. We welcome a speaker from Survive-Miva, the Catholic lay Association founded in 1974 providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work and pastoral care in isolated rural areas, often overseas.

New Volunteer Readers Wanted!

Due to the 'retirement' of two readers at the 11am Sunday Mass, we are urgently looking for replacements. Please have a word with Father Graeme if you can assist our parish with this ministry, or get in touch with Nora Ball. There is a rota which would require you to read approximately every eight weeks.

E-mail from STOREHOUSE Food Bank/Living Waters Church

We are writing to thank you all for your generosity towards the food bank over the years we have been running it and all your support and partnership. Also for the very generous gift of £100 which you sent recently. We thank God that He links us together to show His love in action to our community. In our unity we are making a difference though His blessings upon us. Without kind, generous, warm hearted people like yourselves we could never achieve all we do. We pray that God will bless you all abundantly in the year ahead and look forward to all He has in store as we continue to work together. *Carol Halton, Project Coordinator*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. (18th to 25th January) Holy Cross and Newman College in Preston will be holding services to pray for Christian Unity. Please see over for input from *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*.

FURTHER AFIELD

Dublin 2018 - World Meeting of Families

As mentioned in previous newsletters.... Check out the website www.worldmeeting2018.ie. 'The year 2018 will be an exciting one as we look forward to welcoming people from every corner of the world to our shores for one of the most important events of the Catholic Church including, God willing, having Pope Francis join us for the Festival of Families and the final Mass.' **Ask Father Graeme for more information/support on this exciting opportunity.**

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 22nd January

S.A.S. 28th “

Dial a Ride “

Readers “

Eucharistic Ministers “

Terence and Sandra Donnelly

Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

TBC

Linda Corcoran

Edward Brierley

Richard Jackson

Margaret Scard

Dominic Stone

David Chadwick

Nora Ball

Helen Mather

Mary Mark

Melvyn Cunliffe

Anthony Hooson