

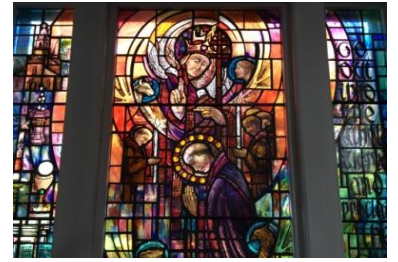
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saint of the Week St. Thomas Aquinas

Born in Italy around 1225, Thomas was strongly opposed by his family when he joined the Dominicans (they did not like the idea of him being in a begging order). He was educated by Benedictines and later at Naples university. His life was divided between Paris and Italy, studying, lecturing and writing until his early death aged 49. His most important work was the Summa Theologica, a comprehensive commentary on the Christian mysteries which still informs Christianity and in particular students of theology today. He was modest and unassuming and a man and priest of deep prayer and spiritual insight. *"Better to illuminate than merely to shine, to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate"* St. Thomas Aquinas



Reflection - The Human Journey

Humanity continues on a journey that is both beautiful and disastrous. But, as I believe that the universe and humanity have been well made, that they contain within them elements of balance and healing, there is undoubtedly another way which is unfolding and which will help each one of us, all of us together, to find a new equilibrium and inner peace.

This new way which is unfolding will certainly lead human beings to the discovery of a communion that is deeper than fleeting experiences; a communion that involves permanence, covenant, fidelity; a communion that is creativity, liberty, light and life; a communion that is celebration.

And this new way will lead to the discovery of a God not "up there" in the heavens, whom we can only reach through self-denial and obedience to laws,

but of a God of love,
hidden like a tiny child at the heart of creation,
at the heart of human suffering,
at the heart of daily life.

Jean Vanier (Founder of L'Arche)
From Our Journey Home: Rediscovering a Common Humanity Beyond Our Differences

Childrens' Corner

M	I	W	E	R	D	N	A	P	M
S	U	L	E	D	E	B	E	Z	E
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Z	N	A	D	R	O	J	S	C	A
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GALILEE	CAPERNAUM	ZEBULON
NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 22nd January

9:30am Michael Dickinson
11:00am Herbert Spedding
6:30pm Janette Ltham

Saints of the Week

St. Francis de Sales
Conversion of St. Paul
SS. Timothy & Titus

St. Angela Merici
St. Thomas Aquinas

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8:30am Rita Threlfall
Tues. 8:30am Elizabeth Brindle (A)
Wed. 8:30am Cyril Moss (BD)
Thurs. 10:00am Requiem Mass
James Richard Sherrington
Fri. 8:30am Ken Brindle (A)
Sat. 10:00am Thomas & Agnes Durkin

Sunday 29th January

9.30am Derek Parker
11.00am Joseph Kenyon (A)
6:30pm Richard & Mary Brierley

Rosary: 20 minutes before weekday Mass
Weekly Confession: Saturday after morning Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Kathleen Reynolds, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Hilda Haworth, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Dorothy McDonald (Howarth), Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley

Sadly we record the death of Jim Sherrington last Monday. We pray for him and his family and celebrate his Requiem Mass on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £1012.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The octave of prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th to 25th January, services and activities are held the world over.

Today Chorley Churches Together have prepared a prayer service, 3pm at Trinity Methodist Church in Gillibrand Walks (PR7 2EZ). We are all invited – and urged – to take part. This year's theme is built around the scripture verse 'The Love of Christ urges us on' (2Cor.5:14).



"Lord, grant us the gift of unity, so that the world may believe in the power of your mercy. This is the testimony the world expects from us. We Christians will be credible witnesses of mercy to the extent that forgiveness, renewal and reconciliation are daily experienced in our midst. Together we can proclaim and manifest God's mercy, concretely and joyfully, by upholding and promoting the dignity of every person. Without this service to/in the world, Christian faith is incomplete" Pope Francis at Lund

(Photo: Pope Francis and the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation Rev. Martin Jung embrace, Oct. 2016 at the cathedral of Lund, Sweden, at the Commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation)

From Liverpool Priest to Bishop to Cardinal

Many of you know Vincent Nichols, a priest of our Archdiocese, now Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. This week we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. In doing so we pray that God will continue to bless him as he offers leadership within the Church both at home and abroad.

Love, Andrew x

Many of us remember *Margaret and Frank's son Andrew Dearden* who sadly passed away last November. His wife Pam has written a beautiful book, 'a gritty and cathartic story of their family's devastating yet uplifting journey through treatment, recovery and recurring illness, where love shone through to the end.' The book is on sale again today at the back of church, see Teresa or Frank, £7.99, all proceeds are going to 'Headway', Preston, a charity for head injuries.

A Weekend for Men

'Free to follow Jesus' - A weekend for men at Irenaeus on Friday 10th to Sunday 12th February led by Fr. Chris Thomas. A chance to share and reflect with other men in pleasant surroundings with good food!! For further details email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199 and see the poster in the porch.

The Woman At The Well - Retreat

A day of retreat on Sat. Feb. 25th at St. Joseph's Prayer Centre, Freshfield, Formby L37 1PH. 'An invitation to journey to the well, to Christ, the Living Water.' Please see the poster on the notice board.

Recovery from Divorce and Separation

'This course is the single most helpful thing I have done'. If you are interested in a course for the Divorced & Separated, please contact Maureen from the Department of Pastoral Formation on 07967 753371. Please see the poster in the porch, this is a new course offered by the Archdiocese. Starting 21st February at Ormskirk.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 23rd January Denise and Bruce Conway

Rotas 29th January, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

S.A.S. Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride Malc Scard and Kevin Masterson

Readers Simon Robinson

Euch. Ministers Richard Jackson

Yvonne Cunliffe

Emmy Moss

Ryan Norse

Edward Brierley

Sharon Hobin

Linda Walmsley

John Oswell

Paul Rynn

Carol Hardman