St. Gregory's Newsletter

22nd October 2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Day





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Saint of the Week St. John of Capistrano

'The Soldier Saint'

Born in Italy in 1385, John's talents were great, his education thorough. He practised law and was appointed governor of Perugia when he was only 26. Imprisoned after battle, he resolved to change his way completely. Aged 30 he became a Franciscan monk and was ordained a priest four years later. His preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan bretheren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God, reviving a dying faith and devotion.

He rejuvenated the Franciscan Order and helped bring about a reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches.

When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, he was commissioned to preach a Crusade for the defence of Europe. Having little success in Bavaria and Austria, he led

the army to Belgrade and won a great victory under General John Hunyadi. Patron of lawyers, judges and military chaplains.



Children's Corner

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Reflection

"The Future depends on what we do in the present"

(Mahatma Gandhi)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy
(Prayer of St. Francis, WMS theme this year)

The Church's mission is not to spread a religious or grandiose ideology.

Instead, Jesus Christ continues to evangelise and to act. Through the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary.

'Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force' EG 276

(From Pope Francis' message for today, full text available on www.mission.org.uk)

'In each and every place I have seen for myself the way in which the church has been a very effective agent of peace by publicly renouncing all violence, by calling people in conflict together and offering ways to live in peace, by standing up for the rights of those who are poor, marginalised and oppressed.

In South Sudan, the Church is the only institution trusted by the people, the only place where the poor and powerless will find help, the only voice giving hope for the future of the country.'

(Personal witness from *Fr. Anthony Chantry*, National Director of Missio, who has worked as a Mill Hill Missionary in Kenya and South Africa, and has visited countries emerging from decades of violent conflict including Sri Lanka, Myanmar/Burma and South Sudan.)

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World Mission Day

29th October, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd October

9:30am Bernard Rigby 9:30am Mary Rigby 11:00am William & Annette Heyes 11:00am Christina Catterall 6:30am Robert Hooson (LD) 6:30pm Albert Jones

Weekday Masses

Saints of the Week 8:30am Teresa Critchley St. John of Capistrano Monday 8.30am Father Firth St. Anthony Mary Claret Tuesday

Wednesday 8:30am Edith Ainsworth 8:30am Isobel Richardson Thursday

St. Chad & St. Cedd Friday 8:30am Father Firth

Saturday 10:00am Jane & Don Wagner St. Simon & St. Jude

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 Farmworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill

Sadly we announce the death of Patricia Ann Beardsworth, Her Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Friday, May she rest in peace.

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Patrick Simon Gouldsbrough and Chloe Florence Wilding. We pray for them and their families and wish them every blessing as they begin their new faith journey.

World Mission Day

Today is World Mission Sunday - "Where there is hatred, sow love. Help bring peace to South Sudan."

By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, we will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today we focus on helping a spirit of peace to spread across South Sudan in particular. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

Mass of Remembrance for deceased Parishioners

This parish celebration will take place on Wednesday, 22nd November, at 7pm. All are most welcome to attend, and individual invites will be sent out to families in the parish who have lost one of their loved ones during the year.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £971.70.

Parish Office

From this week the office will be staffed on Thursdays rather than Fridays (plus Mondays and Wednesdays as previously). Notices to be included in the newsletter need to be sent in by Thursday 10am, otherwise they will go into the following week's edition.

Remembering Our Deceased Family and Friends

Please return the 'November list' of your deceased family and friends by next Sunday.

Dominica - Relief Appeal

Another big thank you from Julie Kirk for your great generosity. Our donations are included in a shipment going out on 24th October. We are now resuming support for our local foodbank STOREHOUSE. *Thank you.*

Further Afield

Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador

Another chance to see this new imaginative production by RISE Theatre (professional Christian theatre company on national tour). Preston, St. Wilfrid's, Friday 10th Nov. (You can catch a lift with U. Yeomans 416121)

Ministering to the Assembly

Counting - 23rd October S.A.S. - 29th October Eileen Snape & Rita McIntyre

Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride Taxi

" Terence Donnelly Sara Norse Alex Duxbury Readers Eucharistic Ministers " Margaret Scard George Walmsely Melvyne Cunliffe Jack Knight David Chadwick Ulrika Yeomans

Richard Jackson Helen Mather