

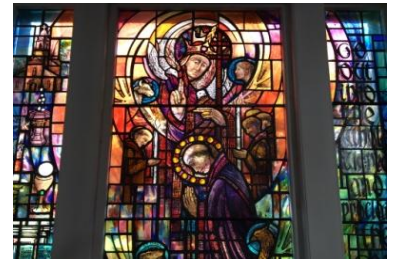
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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St. Catherine of Siena

Catherine Benincasa was the youngest of twenty or more children of a Sienese dyer. She lived around 1333 – 1380, becoming a member of the Dominican Third Order. She devoted time to prayer and penance, and helping the sick in hospital. She later journeyed widely in a call to reform and repentance.

In the last five years of her life, she was involved in the politics of Church and State, working for the return of the papacy from Avignon to Rome. This makes her one of the leading figures of the fourteenth century.

Both a contemplative and ascetic, her writings are remarkable and well known for their spirituality and theology.



Thank you!

Can I thank you all for your kind greetings, cards and presents over Easter, they were very much appreciated.

God bless you
Fr Graeme

Reflection

"The Risen Lord present among us"

When, through loving one another, we allow
The Risen Lord to be present tangibly among us,
Then everything takes on a new light.
With him among us, there is ardour and enthusiasm,
Zeal, peace and joy,
courage, resolution and inner peace.
Life seems to sprint ahead.

Every moment seems to become an experience
Of being in the eye of the storm of Love.
Yes, because whoever comes in contact with Him
Comes into contact with Fire.

So, it's worth "forgetting myself"
And living transferred into my neighbour who,
If he or she reciprocates my love,
Offers me the greatest gift of all –
The chance of letting a cell of the mystical body
Explode into life.

"I am the Holy One in your midst" (Hosea 11:9)

Bishop Brendan Leahy in *Going to God Together*

Children's Corner

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VILLAGE	EMMAUS	FACES
DOWNCAST	ISRAEL	FOOLISH
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BREAD	BLESSING	RECOGNISED



Happy St. George's Day!

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday - 23rd April 2017

2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy

9:30am Winifred Calderbank
11:00am Mary Ellison
6:30pm Calderbank & Noblett Families

Third Sunday of Easter, 30th April

9:30am Mary Fish (A)
11:00am Maureen Ormerod
6:30pm Sharon Downey (get well)

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Communion Service
Tuesday 8:30am Communion Service
Wednesday 8:30am Communion Service
Thursday 8:30am Communion Service
Friday 8:30am Communion Service
Saturday 10:00am Canon Richard Firth

Saints of the Week

St. Mark
St. Maughold
St. Peter Chanel/ St.Louis Marie G. De Montfort
St. Catherine of Siena

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

All are invited to a special celebration today at Sacred Heart Church at 3pm including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confession and Mass, ending at 4.45pm. Some copies of the chaplet of the Divine Mercy are at the back of church.

Father Firth R.I.P.

Clare Meredith and Monsignor McKenna spoke of the beautiful and moving requiem Mass at Nazareth House of Father Firth. We had written to Fr. Firth's niece expressing our sympathy, sadness and gratefulness for his life, and received this e-mail in response: *Thank you for your lovely email. Mgr McKenna talked about the requiem mass that was being held in St. Gregory's simultaneously with the funeral, during the mass and there was a lovely sense of unity. We will miss him very much but we are very grateful to have had him with us full-time for the last four plus years. He loved to get the newsletter every Friday so thank you for keeping that up!*

Best wishes to you and all in Chorley, Maura

We also received a tribute to Father Firth by Maura's husband Paul Wickham, written from a more personal family perspective and lovely to read. Copies are available at the back of church and it can also be found on our website.

Collections

Thank you for the Easter collection of £1313 and the Good Friday collection for Holy Places of £291.

The Lenten Alms collection amounts to £577, to be sent to Nugent Care, assisting those in greatest need of support in our diocese. *May the Lord bless you for your generosity.*

Life and Soul +

An evening of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament. St Teresa's, 34 Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS will hold an evening of praise and worship music with scripture and reflections before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday 3rd May, starting at 7:00pm and ending at 8:00pm with Benediction. Confessions will also be available. The evening will be led by *Animate*, the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team. *All are most welcome to attend.*

Blessings at Communion

After a trial period of those wishing to receive a blessing at Communion coming just to the priest, it seems odd that as the ordinary minister of communion the priest then spends more time giving blessings than distributing communion. So from Easter Sunday, both priest and ministers will give blessings so there is no need to change queues.

Living with people with Dementia

A workshop to encourage those caring for, or visiting, people living with dementia will be held on Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30pm with Fr. Chris Thomas at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Churchtown. Poster at the back, contact m.knight@rcaol.co.uk for further information.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 24th April, John and Mary Mark

Rotas 30th April, Third Sunday of Easter

S.A.S. Janet and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Barry Crossen and Catherine Jackson

Readers Marissa Sanders

Sharon Hobin

Ulrika Yeomans

Euch. Ministers Louise Cogan

Daryl Hobin

TBA

Jack Knight

Linda Walmsley

Yvonne Cunliffe

Paul Thompson