

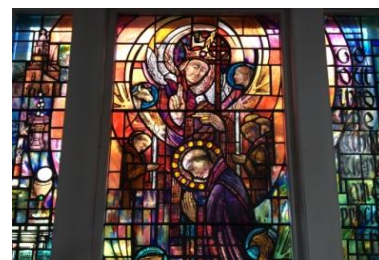
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saint of the week

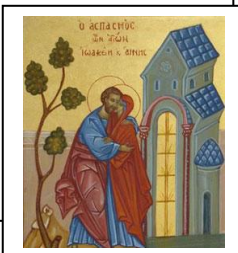
Saints Joachim and Anne

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition, the oldest of them from the apocryphal gospel of James.

The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God, much the way that Samuel was dedicated by his mother Hannah, Anne (see the Book of Kings).

Whatever the facts of their lives, the Church honours the parents of Mary because they nurtured her, taught her and brought her up to be a devout Jewish woman and a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God with Faith 'Let it be done to me as you will.'

It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed in bringing up Jesus, and their example of faith which made her grow in courage and strength, even unto standing by the cross as her son was crucified, - and she still believed.



Reflection

'Laudato Si', the Pope's encyclical on protecting the natural world and combating poverty, is taking centre stage at the Justice and Peace annual conference from 21 - 23 July. Francis has presented us with a challenge to live with love and joy in this our common home. Here is a taster of the conference workshops: Care for creation; Sustainable Agriculture; Mining; Indigenous People; Stigmatisation of the poor; Fossil fuels, modern slavery, volunteering, refugees..... Apart from the speeches there will also be time for relaxing, walks, art, poetry...

Here is a holiday poem for you to enjoy.

Red Kite - Ivor Blundell

On Beacon Hill the red kite mews and wheels,
Effortless in wind and ridge-edge riding,
Seeking the heartbeats frozen in hiding,
See how the high hawk hangs then turns and keels.
Over the valley the long-barrowed hill
Silently watches the river below;
Way to the south Wight ferries to-and-fro;
All movement balances and then is still.
We walk among the tussocks and grey sheep,
See violets and earthstars at our feet,
And in a sudden moment are complete
For this is all there is and ours to keep.
On Beacon Hill the red kite cuts a reel
And we remember what it is to feel.

Children's Corner

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PARABLE
SEED
FIELD
ENEMY
DARNEL
WHEAT
SPROUTED
SERVANTS
WEED
BUNDLES
BURNT
BARN

SUPPORT OUR FOODBANK "STOREHOUSE"

Any imperishable items such as toiletries, cleaning product, tinned meat and vegetables, long life milk, fruit juice etc. are most welcome.
Thank you for your generous support.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd July 2017

23rd July

9:30am Brian Fish (A)
11:00am Fransizka Leist
6:30pm S. Molyneux

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Margaret Anderton
Tuesday 8.30am Don O'Reilly
Wednesday 9:30am Special Intention
Thursday 8:30am John & Olive Farnworth (FM)
Friday 8:30am John Cooper (LD)
Saturday 10:00am Jack Barton

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, 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, Victoria Mary Birkett

Bless thy servants who are sick O Lord and send them help from thy holy place. Amen.

(Lists that remain the same soon become over looked, so at the beginning of August our list of sick will be renewed. If you wish a person to remain on it or you know of someone else to be added, please let the office know before the 1st Sunday in August and we will draw up a new list.)

Children's Liturgy - a break

A note from Lydia: There will be no Children's Liturgy during the summer holidays. Thank you to all the children and their families for their continued support. Have a happy and safe summer break and we will see you all again in September.

... But we still hope to see you at Mass if you are around during the holidays! To Lydia and her team a big thank you for all your hard work and we wish you, too, a happy summer holiday with lots of fun in the sun!

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £928.93.

New Envelopes starting on 21st August

The new boxes for your weekly offering are ready, envelopes in yellow and orange this year! Please take a box for your use. Will those of you who gift-aid your donation (to allow us to re-claim the tax you have already paid on it) please collect your envelopes from the sacristy and tick your name off the list.

A number of parishioners (20 plus) make their donation by standing order. If you wish to use this method, please collect a standing order form from the sacristy. - But above all, thank you for your continued and generous financial support of the parish.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Please pray for the sick and all our pilgrims who have gone to Lourdes to seek the assistance of Our Lady on their life's journey.

Christening on 20th August???

If your child's baptism is booked for the 20th August can you please see Fr. Graeme ASAP as one family has been given the wrong piece of paper as the confirmation slip so we don't have the name or details.

Parish Party

Still time to hand your form in for a 'free ticket'. *If you would like to be involved in helping in any way, please see Father Graeme.*

We have received the following information which may be of interest to you:

Catholic Singles This is an organisation helping single Catholics of all ages (over 18) meet other single Catholics, one to one or through social events. For further information contact www.catholic singles.org.uk or 0161 941 3498.

Interested in emotional and mental wellbeing and a good listener? PeerTalk is looking for volunteers to help run a support group for people living with depression in Preston/Ingol. Training Day Saturday 29 July at the Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Preston, PR2 3YP. More details www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer or rosa@peertalk.org.uk

Ministering to the Assembly - not done yet

Counters 24th July Marie Dewland and Mary Hargreaves

Rotas 30th July

S.A.S. Sandra Donnelly and Madge Martin

Dial a Ride Taxi

Readers Michael Hall

Eucharistic Ministers Chris Huddy

Yvonne Cunliffe

Marian Knight

Nora Ball

George Walmsley

David Chadwick

Denise Conway

Helen Graham

Melvyn Clunliffe

David Porter

30th July, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Austin McManus
11:00am Catherine and Cécil de Lacy
6:30pm Susan Clapham (LD)

Saints of the Week

St. Sharbel Makhlof
St. James
St. Joachim and Anne

St. Martha

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass