

St. Gregory's Newsletter 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg. 129) 24th Jan. 2016

The Church uses green vestments in what it calls "ordinary time", ie. nothing special is happening! And I suspect that is true of everyday life at the moment: nothing special is happening... But it soon will be: Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent is only two weeks away... so, enjoy the quiet time while you can!

Sunday 24th January

9.30am The Sutton Family
11.00am Cyril Moss
6.30pm Frank Smith

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am In Thanksgiving
Tues. 8.30am Ken Brindle (A)
Wed. 8.30am Thomas & Agnes Durkin (A)
Thur. 8.30am Patricia Dickinson (A)
Fri. 8.30am Peter Middleton (LD)
Sat. 8.30am Special Intention

Sunday 31st January

9.30am Geraline Ellis (A)
11.00am Joseph Kenyon (A)
6.30pm Leon Dickinson (LD)

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £798.

Please remember Maureen Turner who left a legacy of £1000 to the parish. May she rest in peace – and we hope God puts up with the "bad" language now she has arrived!!

Youth Social

Our Youth Group are to organize a social for the younger members of the parish - 12+ - which will be held on the last Friday of every month here in the house. The first will be held next Friday 7.00 – 9.00pm – it will be a film night. Parents will you encourage your youngsters to come.... even if they don't come with you on a Sunday!! No charge.

Street Pastors

This time last year we introduced to you the work of the Chorley Street Pastors – an inter-denominational group sponsored by the Churches (without at that time any involvement from the Catholic Church... hence in this week of Christian Unity it is worth re-looking at it!!) The organisation is not a "preaching-", but a caring one – supporting and helping the vulnerable. I wonder if anyone here took up its invitation to be involved in this work.... and if so might be prepared to tell us about it?? (If you've lost the phone number and want to get involved contact: Brian Jones 07751996460)

CAFOD

CAFOD in Liverpool are looking for people to speak about their work in local schools and parishes and can offer full training and support. Please contact Ged Edwards on 0151 228 4028 or liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Hannah Lucy Makinson and wish her and her parents every blessing as she begins her Faith journey.

First Confessions

The children will celebrate their first confession on Sunday, 13 March at 3.30pm and their first communion on Saturday, May 14th at 11.00am. Many thanks to the Parish Team who are working with the School to prepare the children for these sacraments. Please keep them all in your prayers.

The School Prayer

The children in School have all learnt by heart 'The School Prayer' which they say together each morning and evening. It is a lovely prayer which I'm sure will stay with them all their lives. You may wish to join them in making it your daily prayer.

*Lord, you made me and you know me,
Every step I take, you show me.*

*When I rise, and when I rest,
You will always know me best.*

*Wherever I walk, or sit, or stand,
You still hold me in your hand.*

*Know me, lead me, guide my way
In every hour of every day,*

*Throughout my life, in all I do,
Let me always be with you.*

Amen.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (25th January) Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre
Rotas (31st January)

S.A.S. Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride To be confirmed, and Rick Gillett

Readers Louise Cogan

Ministers Emmy Moss

Edward Brierley

Ryan Norse

Helen Mather

Clare Meredith

Michael Rothwell

Carol Hardman