

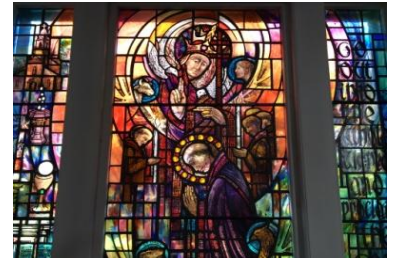
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Christmas Services at St. Gregory's

Service of Reconciliation

Sunday 18th Dec. 3:00pm St. Gregory's
Monday 19th Dec. 7:00pm Sacred Heart
Wednesday 21st Dec. 7:00pm St. Mary's

Christmas Eve

7:30pm Carols in the church
8:00pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day, Sunday

9:30am Children's Mass
11:00am Sung Mass

St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)

11:00am Guild of St. Stephen (Altar Servers)

Feast of the Holy Family (27th Dec.)

10:00am

Morning Mass during the rest of the week will be at 10:00am.

New Year's Day – Mary, Mother of God

Sunday
9:30am 11:00am 6:30am

The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday 8th Jan.

9:30am 11:00am 6:30am

Dear Parishioners,
As my 1st Christmas with you approaches, I am very aware of how blessed I am. So many people have been so busy getting everything ready. By now you will be looking at the church in all its glory, but apart from what we see, much work has gone on behind the scenes to make sure that everything is right and that our celebration of Christmas can be the best it can be. All this work has taken place by volunteers at these busiest times in the year. For their generosity we all owe a great debt of gratitude..

So now all the hard work has been done let us all rejoice and join in the celebration of the Love of God made incarnate in the child Jesus. In doing so may that love be shared with those we celebrate with this Christmas time.

I look forward to celebrating this 1st Christmas with you all and look forward to many more.

May the Peace & Love of God be with you all!

Fr. Graeme

Children's Corner

A	B	Y	M	E	L	C	H	I	O	R	R	E	CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS	ADVENT CAROLS
B	D	E	L	B	A	T	S	L	A	A	E	S	HOLLY REINDEER	ANGEL CRIB
S	I	V	D	L	E	O	N	Z	T	R	H	N	TINSEL MANGER	HOLY NOEL
A	S	R	E	J	O	S	A	S	T	E	R	E	JOSEPH BABY	MARY BALTHAZAR
N	G	G	C	N	O	H	O	S	P	E	T	C	JESUS SHEPHERD	MELCHIOR CASPAR
T	N	Y	O	M	T	S	A	H	G	I	J	N	KINGS STAR	GOLD FRANKINCENSE
A	I	B	R	L	Y	M	E	N	T	E	R	I	STABLE SANTA CLAUS	MYRRH
C	K	A	A	S	T	R	A	P	S	A	C	K		
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A	B	R	I	G	H	O	S	H	O	L	Y	A		
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S	H	E	N	L	E	S	N	I	T	A	R	F		
C	R	I	S	D	S	Y	R	A	M	I	N	G		

Saint of the Week

The Holy Innocents

"King Herod ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years and under" in order to kill Jesus, leading to unimaginable horror and devastation of Jewish families at the time. The Holy Innocents were few in comparison to the genocide and abortion of our day. But even if there had been only one, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth – a human person, destined for eternity and graced by Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.



Christmas Day - 25th December 2016

Sunday 25th December

8.00pm Christmas Eve – Christmas List
9.30am Austin McManus
11.00am Parishioners

St. Stephen
St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
The Holy Innocents
St. Thomas Becket
St. Sylvester

Weekday Masses

Mon.	11:00am	Cora Bernadette Holt (LD)
Tues.	10:00am	George & Patricia Walker
Wed.	10:00am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs.	10:00am	Eucharistic Service
Fri.	12:00am	Requiem Mass Kenneth Ball
Sat.	10:00am	Francis Meredith

Sunday 1st January 2017, Mary the Mother of God

9.30am Michael Dickinson (A)
11.00am Leon Dickinson (A)
6:30 Frank Smith

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 · Ken Ball · Raymond Chiasson · Teresa Critchley

Sadly we record the death of Ken Ball on 16th December after a long illness. Ken has been associated with our parish for many years and will be sadly missed. His requiem mass will be celebrated on Friday and we offer our prayers to Nora and her family. May he rest in peace now.

It's Christmas!

"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another". (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon has sent a Christmas Message to us all: *"..... Let us make the song of the angels our own: "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to people of goodwill."* (The full text is on the noticeboard.)

and from Cardinal Vincent Nichols: *"... Let us rejoice mightily but also be generous, mightily generous, so that we might in our lives reflect the great generosity of God and that others may reflect in theirs the joy that we feel. A very happy Christmas to you all and may God bless you."*

Christmas Charity

The offering for the masses on the Christmas list will be given to Shelter (charity organisation for the homeless), and the little gifts which the children bring to the crib on Christmas Day will be sent to Romania via a small charity who take everything directly to an orphanage, without "middle men", it goes directly to the children there.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £1,117.

Roadside Crib

Our lovely crib is lit up brightly again as every other year, and together with the star which shines from the tower of the church reminds passers-by of the Christmas story, the true meaning behind all the hustle and bustle and commercialism at this time of year.

A Birthday

On 27th December Agnes Walsh will be celebrating a "very round" birthday. Happy 90th Birthday, Agnes, and many more to come!

CAFOD Fun Run

The annual CAFOD Fun Run takes place on Tuesday 27th December. Walk, run or toddle the 3k or 7k routes... Event details on cafod.org.uk/Events/Liverpool-Fun-Run2.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 28th Dec. Terence and Sandra Donnelly

Rotas 1st January 2017, Mary, the Holy Mother of God

S.A.S. Janet and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Taxi Service

Readers Marissa Sanders

Elisabeth Green

Ulrika Yeomans

Ministers Linda Walmsley

Marissa Sanders

Carol Hardman

Emmy Moss

Edward Brierley

Terry Turner

Richard Jackson

Daryl Hobin