

St. Gregory's Newsletter

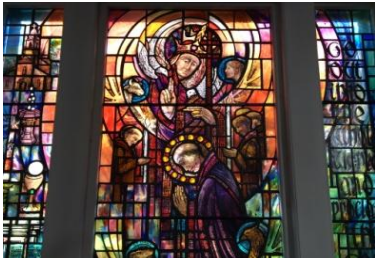
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*Prayer - Repentance
Almsgiving*

As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor - He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you. (*St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta*)

God shapes the world by prayer. The more prayer there is in the world, the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil (*E. M. Bounds*)

Nothing makes us so prosperous in this world as to give alms. (*St. Frances de Sales*)



Reflection

'What God expects of us,
more than the great acts of virtue or
heroic deeds,
And even more than a scrupulous fidelity
to his teachings,
Is our love for him, overflowing to our
neighbours.
He is a Father who expects us to start and
to continue with him,
in a thousand ways,
a personal dialogue that will last beyond
death.
Our love can be turned to God or to
people and permeate our relationship with
all creatures; but remaining in this divine-
human reality of love always has the
consequence of remaining in God.

From the writings of Giorgio Marchetti (+2016) New City Magazine 8/9 2018

Children's Corner

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- MOUNTAIN
- PRESENCE
- BLEACHER
- WHITE
- ELIJAH
- MOSES
- RABBI
- THREE
- TENTS
- SHADOW
- BELOVED
- VOICE

Storehouse Food Bank

Items can be left as usual in the box
in the church porch, hygiene
products as well as non perishable
food.

Thank you

Second Sunday of Lent

25th February

9:30am Anne Critchley (A)
11:00am Leon Dickinson (RIP)
6:30pm Frank Smith (A)

4th March

9:30am Callum John Lozkin (A)
11:00am Sheila Cox (A)
6:30pm Rita Charnley

3:00pm Holy Hour

Weekday Mass

Monday, 8:30am Special Intention
Tuesday 8:30am John Finnacane
Wednesday 8:30am Father Firth
10:00am Funeral Service Joseph McDonnell
Thursday 8:30am Bertha Gerrard
Friday **10:00am Requiem Mass Stephen Rainford**
Saturday **11:00am** Malcolm & Anne Holt/ Golden Wedding A

St. David

Weekly Confession: Saturday after morning Mass

Rosary: 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Stations of the Cross this Week: Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm

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 Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson, Thomas and Joan Woodruff

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we announce the death of Joseph McDonnell who died on 10th February. Also many parishioners will remember Stephen Rainford who spent the last years since Mary's death at a Care Home in Leyland. Sadly he died on 18th February. – *Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Ella Olivia Worthington and wish her and her family every blessing as they start out on their new faith journey.

Lenten Menue - to nourish our charity by prayer, penance and fasting

Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm every Sunday We will use the resources for the Holy Hours in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in September and for the Synod.

Stations of the Cross

On Friday evenings at 6:30, and on Wednesday mornings after Mass, unless there is a funeral, in which case The Stations will be prayed in the evening. Volunteers willing to lead this devotion when Father Graeme is not available would be very helpful, please have a word with him. If people wish to follow the devotions privately, resources will be available in Church, but please do not remove them.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – this was last Friday, but the fund is remaining open till Holy Week. The government will match every pound given with another, up to a total of £5million, so our donation will have double the impact. Please give generously to help some of the poorest people in the world through our diocesan aid Charity.

Lenten Alms – box at back of church. (Our donations will be sent to Nugent Care.)

Scripture Mornings in Lent - Led by Fr. Chris Thomas, The Irenaeus Project Starting 1st March, see poster.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1090.27.

FORWARD PLANNING

Chrim Mass

All are invited to the annual Chrim Mass at our Cathedral on Wednesday during Holy Week, 28th March. A coach has been organised to leave St. Mary's Car Park at 17.15h, return approx. 22.00 Cost £10.00. Please add your name (or initials) to the list at the back. Payment, names and tel. number by 19th March in the sacristy please.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 26th February

S.A.S. 4th March

Dial a Ride

Readers

Eucharistic Ministers “

Derek and Celia Birchall

Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

TBC

Simon Robinson

David Chadwick

Louise Cogan

Yvonne Cunliffe

Carla Blears

Edward Brierley

Denise Conway

Barbara Slater

Linda Corcoran

Melvyne Cunliffe

Anthony Hooson