

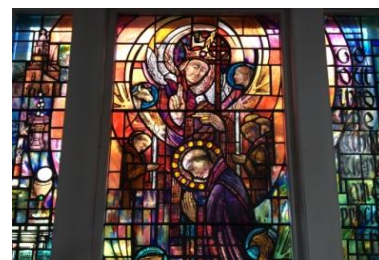
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saint of the Week *Saint David*

The Patron Saint of Wales, David was born in Cardigan around 520. He founded monasteries, known for their austerity of life, until he was made a bishop and primate of Wales; he settled his See at Mynyw (Menevia), and died there in about 588.

St. David's on the Pembrookshire coast is a popular holiday destination, the smallest city in GB, dominated by the beautiful cathedral and well worth a visit if you are looking for a treat for the body *and* soul!



Children's Corner

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SLAVE
HATE
RESPECT
SCORN
MONEY
BIRDS
SKY
CLOTHING
FLOWERS
GRASS
FURNACE
PAGANS

Reflection

"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)

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"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)

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

What can I give up for Lent?

(a few suggestions from Fr. Tony Kadavil)

Give up grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks". Constructive criticism is OK, but 'moaning, groaning, and complaining' are not Christian disciplines.

Give up 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

Give up your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Live today well and let God's grace be sufficient.

Give up TV one evening per week. Instead give a precious gift to somebody else – your time!

Give up speaking unkindly, it costs so little to say something kind and uplifting.

Give up judging by appearances

Give up buying anything but essentials

Give up something you would like to keep. Make God your most precious possession.

GIVE UP SOMETHING

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th February 2017

Sunday 26th February

9:30am William, Ann & Elizabeth Frearson
11:00am Fred & Bessie Fowler
6:30pm Frank Smith (A)

Sunday 5th March

9:30am Jim Dunn
11:00am Frank Wrennall
6:30pm Baby Sienna Stapleton-Thomas

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Sean Reid (LD)
Tuesday 10:00am Requiem for Frances Josephine Dickinson
Ash Wednesday 9:30am Teresa Critchley
7:00pm Bertha Gerrard (FM)
Thursday 8:30am Thomas Brown (A)
Friday 8:30am Madge Critchley (B) & Mary Westby (B)
Saturday 10:00am Callum John Larkin (11th A)

Saints of the Week

St. David

Women's World Day of Prayer

St. Casimir

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, Canon Richard Firth

Sadly we record the death of Mary Ellison on 23rd February. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday next week. Our sincere sympathy to John and the family as we pray for them and Mary, may she rest in peace.

A Warm Welcome

... to the children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, and their parents who will celebrate with us at today's 11am Mass. A big thank you to Lydia, her team and the teachers at St. Gregory's School who help in preparing the children to receive these sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers.

And Another Warm Welcome

... to Rana from Bethlehem, representing the Good Shepherd Company based in Nottingham who work alongside the SVP Society in support of orphans and the elderly in the Holy Land. 90% of Christians there rely on the trade of olive wood carves as a source of income. In the absence of a welfare system and amidst high political tension, and with only forty one thousand Christians left in the region, our support helps to reduce the migration of Christians from the Holy Land. More information is in Rana's mail on the notice board, or have a chat to her after mass. Thank you for your support.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £1044.

The Great Lent

The school children will join us in the celebration of the morning mass at 9:30am on Ash Wednesday this week, as we begin our forty days of preparing for Easter: a time for greater charity, through prayer, penance and repentance. See over for a reflection on a good start to this special time in the year of the Church.

Special Thanks

.... from our young people for your wonderful support of their bingo night for Lourdes. An excellent £300 was raised – thank you for your support on the night and for buying raffle tickets – 2 unclaimed blue tickets, no.'s 8 & 120. Contact Charlotte or Daryl.

Canon Firth

Clare brings you greetings from Father Firth who is still very weak but otherwise in good spirits. He would like to thank you for the cards, good wishes and prayers you have sent and he is keeping the parish always in his prayers.

'The Road to Jerusalem' Lenten Series

Beginning 2nd March, every Thursday during Lent, 7:30 to 9:30, St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre, see poster, also Ruth on 07957 566741.

Mill Hill Missionaries – Novena

Petitions and requests for a novena booklet can be sent to the St. Joseph's Missionary Society for the National Novena to St. Joseph from 10 to 18 March. Please see the poster on the notice board for more details.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 27th February Marie Dewland and Mary Hargreaves

Rotas 5th March, 1st Sunday in Lent

S.A.S. Janet & Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Phil Southworth and Bernard Hargreaves

Readers Terence Donnelly

Linda Walmsley

Linda Corcoran

Euch. Ministers Edward Brierley

Richard Jackson

David Chadwick

Margaret Scard

Yvonne Cunliffe

Paul Thompson