

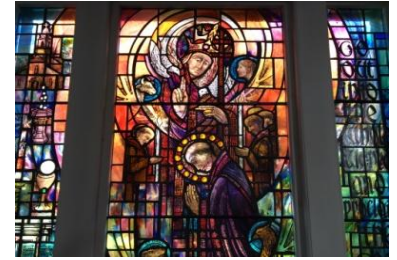
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saint of the Week

ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS

Charles and his companions were martyrs of Uganda who died between 1885 and 1887. This group of Africans, who had converted from paganism, reproached the ruler Mwanga for debauchery and for murdering a Protestant missionary bishop. Mwanga, being bitterly opposed to Christianity, gathered all his pages together and Christians were ordered to separate themselves from the others.

Fifteen did so, all of them only 25 years old. They were later joined by two others already under arrest, and by two soldiers. They were wrapped in reed mats and burnt alive near Kampala.

Then as now, Christians give up their lives for their faith, both as an example that we value eternal life with God even more than our earthly existence, and also as an encouragement that nothing and nobody can come between us and God.



A Prayer

for the victims of the Manchester bombing

'Our thoughts and prayers are with all those bereaved and injured by the cruel, senseless terrorist attack in Manchester. May God grant them strength and courage. Our faith teaches us that even the worst of evils can never defeat love, so we pray that the people of Manchester, all victims, and all of us, from all faiths and none, will discover a renewed unity as they, and we, respond to this atrocity with compassion, dignity, hope and a new Christian commitment to build a more united society.'

The Ascension of the Lord

We can be a bit reluctant to get our heads too much into the heavenly realm because we fear that then we may not be of any earthly good!

Jesus was lifted up, first on the cross and then in his Ascension into heaven. This points to our true dignity and eternal destiny, that in body and soul, we too will rise on the last day. St. Paul invites us to '... set your heart on things above...' (Col.3:1) But we can also remember that Jesus' promise before his ascension was that he will be with us all the days till the end of time. This points to his presence with us in the here and now, which allows us to live in the 'already but not yet' fullness of resurrection-time, OUR time.

Preparing for Pentecost

With the psalm we sing 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity'. And Jesus prayed that all people may be one, 'May they be brought to complete unity ...' (Jn17:23) This is not utopia, but the will of God, hence it will happen... one day. Unity and peace are gifts of the Holy Spirit.

As we prepare for the feast of Pentecost, let us pray for an outpouring of the gifts of peace and unity in our lives, our homes, our parishes, our world.

Children's Corner

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - 28th May 2017

28th May, The Ascension of the Lord

9:30am Bert Parker
11:00am Frank Wrennall (A)
6:30pm Frank Smith

Weekday Masses

Monday	10:00am	Bank Holiday Vincent Holme (A)
Tuesday	8:30am	Dwaine Maddigan (successful operation)
Wednesday	8:30am	Canon Richard Firth (FM)
Thursday	10:00am	Requiem Kathleen Reynolds
Friday	8:30am	Bill Barnes (get well)
Saturday	10:00am	Jennie Walsh (LD)

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

Pentecost Sunday, 4th June

9:30am John & Elizabeth Watmough (B)
11:00am Joanne Gilgun (B)
6:30pm Special Intention (CN)

Saints of the Week

St. Justin
St. Marcellinus and Peter
St. Charles Lwanga and his Companions

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday 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

Sadly we record the death of Kathleen Reynolds last week, only four days after her 100th birthday, which she celebrated amidst her family. Also of Margaret Houghton, who was 96 years old and whose Requiem will be held next Monday, 10am. We give thanks for their long lives and pray for them, may they rest in peace.

Wedding

Yesterday we celebrated the wedding of Ben Rothwell and Rebecca Preston here at St. Gregory's and wish the happy couple every blessing for the years together.

General Election

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter to help us inform ourselves and prepare for the Election. Last week we published five main points for consideration, but the whole letter is now available at the back of church.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1134.

World Communications Sunday

A second collection will be taken today for World Communications Sunday, and prayer cards are available at the back.

Mission Appeal Next Week

We will welcome Sister Ruth for the *Religious Sisters' Combined Mission Appeal*. She will speak at all three masses and a retiring collection will be taken.

Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Service @ the Cathedral

Cardinal Vincent Nichols and leaders from other Christian Churches will celebrate Pentecost at a special service at 3pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King. The cardinal will be speaking and both cathedral choirs will be participating. The **Hope Charter Team** (ecumenical effort to promote social care, see www.thehopecharter.co.uk) will be hosting a reception in the Cathedral Plaza cafe prior to the celebration, all most welcome.

Celebrate the Child – 2nd July

The annual Mass to celebrate the work with children in our parishes continues its journey around the diocese and will be celebrated this year on 2nd July at St. Anne's Church, Ormskirk, L39 4TG. The day will begin at 1.00pm when children will be able to join in activities to help prepare for the Mass (which starts at 3pm). Archbishop Malcolm will be the main celebrant and afterwards there will be a picnic, games etc. in the grounds. A joyful celebration – all invited.

Safeguarding Conference

The Safeguarding Department of the Archdiocese are hosting a half day conference on 8th July which will focus on ways in which we can contribute to ensuring that all within our Parish communities are safeguarded. The event is free and open to all who work or volunteer within the Archdiocese. Book a place on 0151 522 1043 and see the poster for information on the programme and contact details.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 29th May - Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre

Rotas

4th June, Pentecost Sunday

S.A.S. Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Malc Scard and Kevin Masterson

Readers Michael Hall

Daryl Hobin

Alex Duxbury

Eucharistic Ministers George Walmsley

Sharon Hobin

David Porter

Yvonne Cunliffe

Margaret Scard

Ulrika Yeomans

Louise Cogan

Edward Brierley