

St. Gregory's Newsletter

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

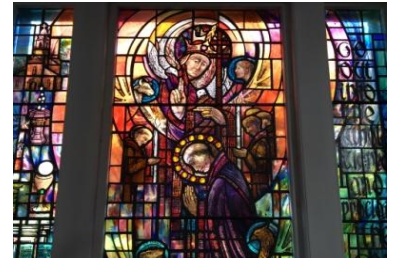
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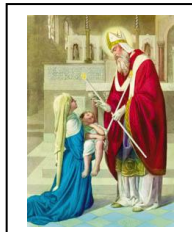


Saint of the Week St. Blaise

Blaise was a bishop and doctor in Armenia and lived towards the end of the third century. He is the patron saint of throat illness and also of wild animals.

A woman brought her son to him because a fish bone was stuck in his throat. Blaise healed him, hence the blessing of St. Blaise with two candles at the throat. His healing was not only given to people, but also to wild animals. For this he was persecuted and eventually he was beheaded because of his faith.

'Through the intercession of St. Blaise may the Lord deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen'



Reflection Racial Justice

As Christians we should treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. Every man, woman, girl and boy is made in the image of God and a free person, so must be accorded the same freedom and dignity....

'Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness..." Genesis 1;26

We are imprinted with God's image, our dignity comes from the person we are and not from our race, gender or age.

Saint Paul tells us, *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, nor slave nor free, there is neither male nor female."*

We are morally and spiritually equal before God, we all equally need salvation and share the same means of salvation. Thus we recognise that discrimination and abuse of any kind are gross violation of God's loving purpose in creation....

Diversity is an integral part of Church identity. The word Catholic itself means universal, not uniform....

Jesus surrounded himself with people from all walks of life, much to the horror of his disciples and the Pharisees and had different things to say to each of them. But he loved them equally.... throughout the Gospel he shifts the focus from 'I' to 'we', to 'us' in all our relationships.

He reminds us that the private and the public are not different when it comes to justice and compassion.

(extracts, Fleur Dorrell, Bible Society, pub. The Catholic Trust for England and Wales - CBCEW) **Please take a prayer card from the back of Church home with you.**

Children's Corner

F	O	N	N	R	T	I	T	P	S	CAPERNAUM	SABBATH	SYNAGOGUE
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The Food Bank STOREHOUSE

Items can be left as usual at
the back of the church,
hygiene products as well as
preserved food.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Racial Justice Sunday

28th January

9:30am Tom & Patricia Leonard
11:00am Joseph Kenyon (A)
6:30pm Dolly Dunne

Weekday Mass

Monday, 8:30am Thomas & Agnes Durkin
Tuesday 8:30am Ken Brindle (A)
Wednesday 8:30am Tom Grady (LD)
Thursday 8:30am Janette Latham
Friday 8:30am Elisabeth Brindle

10:30am Requiem James Price

Saturday 10:00am The Fishwick Family

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

4th February

9:30am Jean Livesey (LD)
11:00am Herbert Spedding
6:30pm Evan Critchley

St. John Bosco

The Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas

St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

Rosary 20 Minutes before weekday Mass

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

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we announce the death last week of two much loved parishioners. James (Jimmy) Price whose requiem will be celebrated as above. And also Rita Charnley, whose funeral arrangements will be announced next Sunday. We pray for them and their families. May they rest in peace now .

Survive – Miva

Today we welcome a speaker from Survive-Miva, the Catholic lay Association founded in 1974 providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work and pastoral care in isolated rural areas, often overseas. A retiring collection will be taken after each mass.

Parish Ministry - Volunteers Please

Minibus Service - Two, preferably three drivers and one assistant. This is an invaluable service for the elderly who cannot make their own way to church on a Sunday. Volunteers need to be under seventy years of age and have a driving licence which allows them to drive a type D1 vehicle (anyone aged 45+ normally has this on their licence) A monthly rota is in operation. Please consider helping out and contact Fr. Graeme or Paul Thompson if you can.

Two new readers at the 11am Sunday Mass, due to the 'retirement' of two previous readers. Please contact Fr. Graeme or Nora Ball.

As you can see we are looking for volunteers for both the Minibus and Readers. Can I take this opportunity to thank all those volunteers who give of themselves so generously, they deserve our respect and thanks for all that they do. Father Graeme

A Note of Caution

Please take care of your personal belongings during Holy Communion as last Sunday at the 6:30pm Mass a coat was taken either deliberately or accidentally. *May I suggest that if you have a handbag with you please bring it up.*

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £848.70. Also Nugent have awarded us a certificate in thanks for £52 raised at their CRIB Appeal. See it on the notice board.

Date For Your Diary

On Sunday 8th April we will celebrate Father Firth's first anniversary and blessing of the new memorial stone. Please keep this date free – the Archbishop has promised to join us and a parish party will follow! More details will be available shortly.

FURTHER AFIELD

Lourdes Pilgrimage Association

On Saturday, 10th February at 12 noon all are invited to a mass in honour of our Lady of Lourdes @ Christ the King Church, Queens Drive Liverpool . The main celebrant will be Bishop Tom Williams. See poster.

Dublin 2018 - World Meeting of Families

As mentioned in previous newsletters.... Check out www.worldmeeting2018.ie. 'The year 2018 will be an exciting one as we look forward to welcoming people from every corner of the world to our shores for one of the most important events of the Catholic Church including, God willing, having Pope Francis join us for the Festival of Families and the final Mass.' Ask Fr. Graeme about it.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 29th January

S.A.S. 4th February

Dial a Ride "

Readers "

Eucharistic Ministers "

Eileen Snape & Rita McInyre

Yvonne Cunliffe and Marian Knight

TBC

Marissa Sanders

Chris Huddy

Louise Cogan

Linda Walmsley

Daryl Hobin

Clare Meredith

Barbara Slater

Richard Jackson

Alex Duxbury

David Porter

Carol Hardman