

St. Gregory's Newsletter

29th October 2017

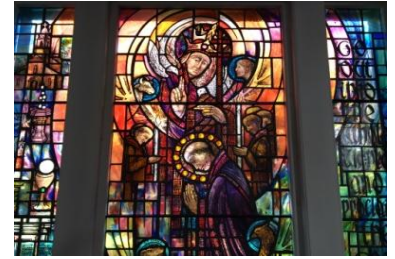
30th Sunday in Ordinary

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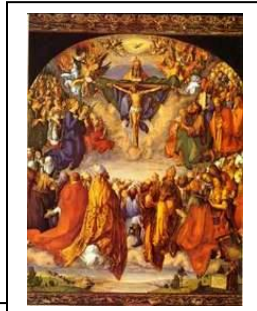
Saint of the Week ALL SAINTS

Saints are heroes of our faith and our friends who have an active role in heaven of interceding for us.

This idea of the intercession of saints was new to a friend of mine who thought Catholics believe saints have powers of their own. He was quite surprised when I explained that any favours we receive through our prayers to a particular saint always comes from God. Of course if we believe in a spiritual life then it is reasonable to think that friendship and love continue beyond this life, and that is why we ask them.

My friend liked that idea, and I got the feeling that saints for him were no longer lifeless statues or images, but new friends he was anxious to get to know better.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon



Reflection

Since the Abortion Act was passed 50 years ago last Friday, to address the problem of illegal abortions, almost 8.8 million unborn children have died as a result of legal abortion up to 28 weeks gestation.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Catholic Bishops' conference have called on the faithful and all those who uphold the duty to protect the unborn child, to 'bring about a new debate to change attitudes towards human life in the womb, to promote what it means to make good and authentic choices, and to protect and care for mothers and their children.'

A Prayer

All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth...
to give life is to open our heart,
and to care for life is to give oneself in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.
Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing...
So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life.
It's worth it."

Pope Francis (when Archbishop of Buenos Aires, 2005)

Children's Corner

S	I	E	T	A	S	S	E	L	S	SCRIBES	CHAIR
E	A	B	A	R	A	B	B	E	H	MOSES	LISTEN
S	S	L	B	I	L	I	B	G	O	GUIDED	PRACTISE
O	E	I	L	A	T	I	U	N	U	PREACH	
M	R	S	T	H	R	I	R	N	L	BURDENS	
O	V	T	A	C	D	O	D	E	D	SHOULDERS	
S	A	E	S	E	A	N	E	T	E	TASSELS	
E	N	S	D	E	S	R	O	S	R	RABBI	
O	T	H	C	A	E	R	P	I	S	SERVANT	
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Please support our food bank

"STOREHOUSE"

Any imperishable items such as toiletries, cleaning products, tinned meat and veg, fruit juice etc. are most welcome.
Container in the porch.

Thank You!

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9:30am Bernard Rigby
11:00am Christina Catterall
6:30am Albert Jones

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Teresa Critchley
10:00am Funeral Service for John (Jackie) Flynn
Tuesday 8.30am Don O'Reilly
11:00am Requiem Mass for Zygmunt Kolodziejcz
Wednesday 9:30am Nov. List & Andrew Dearden (A)
6:30am November List
Thursday 8:30am Nov. List & Fred Padmore
Friday 8:30am Nov. List & Valerie Bretherton
Saturday 10:00am November List

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning 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 Farmworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill

Sadly we announce the death of Zygmunt Kolodziejcz and also the death of Jackie Flynn. May they rest in peace. We pray for them and their families, and send them our sincere sympathy.

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Poppy Marie Hall. We wish her and her family every blessing on their new faith journey.

200 Club

The winners this month are: 3rd (£20) Mrs. L. Moores, 2nd (£30) Rita Smith, 1st (£50) Jill Whittaker Congratulations!

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £971.70.

And thank you for your generosity on World Mission Day. Your donations of £400.67 & your prayers will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need, and especially in South Sudan. Please continue to pray for the work of *Missio* and all of us, that we may grow stronger still in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

Statistics

The average mass attendance over the last four weeks was 426, a drop of 25 people. Considering that 31 people have died during the same period, and we had 42 baptisms.... we should work for an increase not for the statistics, but to share with others our faith which is like a satnav or search engine en route to heaven – eternal life!

Abortion

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Poppy Appeal

Some enamelled poppy brooches are available at the sacristy for a donation which will go to the Poppy Appeal by the British Legion in support of the Armed Forces Community, in memory of Servicemen and Women killed in conflict.

Why We Need More Deacons

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and priests are also welcome. Friday 24th November 2017, 7:30 – 9:00pm, St. John's Church, Kirkdale L4 1QL. Please see poster.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counting - 30th October Marie Dewland and Mary Hargreaves

S.A.S. - 5th November Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride “ Tommy McGuigan and Paul Thompson

Readers “ Jack Knight

Eucharistic Ministers “ Margaret Scard

David Chadwick

Edward Brierley

5th November, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Nov. List & Mary Josephine Riding
11:00am Nov. List & William & Annette Hayes
6:30pm Nov. List & Thomas Brown (100th B'day RIP)

Saints of the Week

St. Martin de Porres & St. Winnefride
St. Charles Borromeo

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

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