

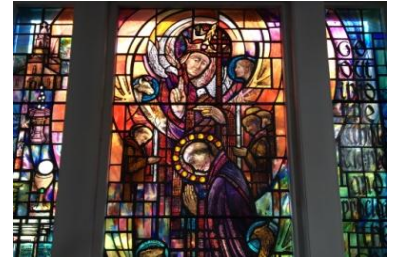
# St. Gregory's Newsletter

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*The Parish Office is staffed on  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from  
09.00 to 13.00.*

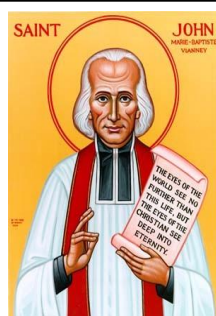
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## Saint of the week

### Saint John Vianney

Born in 1786, the son of a farmer, John became a shepherd with little schooling. Aged 20 he began his studies for the priesthood. Finding studies, especially Latin, difficult, he was still admitted to orders as the most devout, if also the most unlearned of the students. Becoming parish priest (1817) of Ars-en-Dombe, a remote and unimportant village of about 250 inhabitants, he spent the rest of his life there, living mainly on potatoes. He excelled in preaching and counselling. His insight into personal difficulties seemed to have been helped by supernatural gifts of reading the secrets of hearts. Every day, St. John preached at 11:00am. Just before his death, when visitors were reputedly numbering 20.000 a year, he sometimes spent 16 hours a day celebrating the sacrament of confession. He is patron of all the priests of the world.



## Reflection

What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things, and choose those which will last and bring us true happiness!

In the first reading today, Solomon, renowned for his wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants.

What would we choose?

The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it.

Let nothing stand in our way, it is worth risking all, giving all – it is the pearl of great price.

(Salford Liturgy on-line)

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## Children's Corner

S	E	B	I	R	C	S	E	A	N	TREASURE	FIELD	HAPPY
A	Y	P	P	A	H	T	E	E	T	MERCHANT	PEARL	DRAGNET
P	E	A	R	L	S	O	M	R	E	HAUL	FISHERMEN	BASKET
A	C	H	V	U	L	R	E	U	K	ANGELS	FURNACE	SCRIBE
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## SUPPORT OUR FOODBANK "STOREHOUSE"

Any imperishable items such as toiletries, cleaning product, tinned meat and vegetables, long life milk, fruit juice etc. are most welcome. Thank you for your generous support.

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th July 2017

## 30th July

9:30am Austin McManus  
11:00am Catherine and Cécil de Lacy  
6:30pm Susan Clapham (LD)

## Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Christine Crossen  
Tuesday 8:30am Special Intention  
Wednesday 8:30am In Thanksgiving  
Thursday 8:30am Valerie Bretherton  
Friday 8:30am LISCF  
Saturday 10:00am William Moore (FM)

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning 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, Victoria Mary Birkett

*Bless thy servants who are sick O Lord and send them help from thy holy place. Amen.*

***Lists that remain the same soon become overlooked, so at the beginning of August our list of sick will be renewed. If you wish a person to remain on it or you know of someone else to be added, please let the office know before the first Sunday in August (Friday to allow for printing) and we will draw up a new list.***

## Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £895.66.

## New Envelopes starting on 21<sup>st</sup> August

The new boxes for your weekly offering are ready, envelopes in yellow and orange this year! Please take a box for your use. Will those of you who gift-aid your donation (to allow us to re-claim the tax you have already paid on it) please collect your envelopes from the sacristy and tick your name off the list. A number of parishioners (20 plus) make their donation by standing order. If you wish to use this method, please collect a standing order form from the sacristy. - But above all, thank you for your continued and generous financial support of the parish.

## Chorley Hospital A&E – Urgent Message

We have been told by Peter Nelson that there is a real potential that the Accident and Emergency Department at Chorley Hospital will be closed in October. There will be two urgent open meetings about it at **St. Mary's Club, West Street, on Monday, 31st July and Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, both at 7:00pm.** Please pass this information on and attend if you can.

## Christening on 20<sup>th</sup> August?

If your child's baptism is booked for the 20<sup>th</sup> August can you please see Fr. Graeme ASAP as one family has been given the wrong piece of paper as the confirmation slip so we don't have the name or details.

## Parish Party

Thank you for the many replies to the invitation, 'tickets' will be sent to you shortly. Preparations for a wonderful parish celebration are well under way.

## September and October at the Irenaeus Project

'Discovering the Beatitudes' by Father Chris Thomas, on Thursdays – 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am  
'I believe in Miracles' Scripture Weekend, reflections on the miracles of Jesus  
'Come to the Quiet', an individually directed residential retreat from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September.  
See the Irenaeus newsletter on the notice board.

## Ministering to the Assembly

**Counters**      **31<sup>st</sup> July**      John and Mary Mark

**Rotas**      **6<sup>th</sup> August**

**S.A.S.**      Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

**Dial a Ride**      Taxi

**Readers**      Christine Crossen

**Eucharistic Ministers**      Richard Jackson

David Chadwick

George Walmsley

Daryl Hobin

Margaret Scard

Paul Thompson

Barbara Slater

Ulrika Yeomans

Joe Comerford

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## 6<sup>th</sup> August, The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:30am Thomas Volcan  
11:00am Herbert Spedding (A)  
6:30pm Susan Clapham (LD)

## Saints of the Week

St. Ignatius of Loyola  
St. Alphonsus Liguori  
St. Eusebius of Vercelli  
Wed. also St. Peter Julian Eymard  
St. John Vianney  
Dedication of St. Mary Major

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass