

St. Gregory's Newsletter

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saint of the Week

The Guardian Angels

In recent times there has been a resurgence of interest in angels and in all things spiritual, often not for the right reasons. But in Christian tradition there is nothing chancy or fickle about these accompanying spirits. In St. Matthew's gospel Jesus implies the presence of personal angels.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 18:10)

The personal ministry of guardian angels is part of the deep mystery of our relationship with God. The more we are open to this reality, the more we will receive from it and a new process can begin: guardian angels can also receive from us: love, wonder, appreciation, joy.



Reflection

ADOREMUS challenge to the parish

The parish is the Church in miniature, where we first meet the person of Jesus. The parish is the sacred space where "people gather, welcome each other, listen to the Word, celebrate the sacraments, learn about faith, minister to one another and witness to the world". With all its perceived faults and failings, it is a rich tapestry of humanity and an anchor of life for many who are searching for God.

"The whole purpose of the Church is to illuminate the person of Christ and the whole purpose of your parish is to facilitate that illumination" (Richard Gaillardetz)

The parish is also a challenging jigsaw where the committed, the casual and the disengaged are frequently thrown together.

In the light of ADOREMUS as a parish we can stop, look back, look around, look within, and look out at the broader landscape of life where people struggle to find God in the "bits and pieces" of every day.

Over time, parishes can grow stale from rite, ritual and relentless routine. In the light of the congress as a parish we can reflect on our life, mission, purpose and the way forward. We might ask "what is missing", or "who is missing" or even "why are they missing"?

In the light of this congress we have an amazing chance to discern and see beyond the predictable, parochial timetable..

From the writings of the late Rev. Dr. John Mulligan from Southwark Diocese who passed away on 6th September, the eve of the Eucharistic Congress. May he rest in peace.

Children's Corner

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- MASTER
- DEVILS
- WATER
- REWARD
- MIRACLE
- NECK
- HELL
- OBSTACLE
- MILLSTONE
- LAME
- FAITH
- WORM



A Prayer for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*As we come into your presence,
 Lord, deepen our love for you
 And move us to a deeper love for
 others.*

*Unite our prayer to action, our
 praise to justice, our adoration to
 social involvement.*

*Let us know that love of God and
 neighbour are entwined
 So that we may praise you with
 hearts that are open
 And bring justice to your people.
 Amen.*

(cafod.org.uk/eucharist)

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9:30am Petronella Molloy (B)
11:00am Maureen Hill
6:30pm Joe Wareing (B)

Weekday Mass

Monday 8:30am Leon Dickinson (A)
Tuesday 8:30am Madge & Bill Critchley
Wednesday 8:30am Maureen Hall (A)
Thursday 8:30am William George Halton (A)
Friday 8:30am Winnie Sparey
Saturday 10:00am Margaret Shaw

Weekly Confession: after Saturday morning Mass

7th October, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Hannah Slater
11:00am Greg Hutt
6:30pm Special Intention (C.A.)

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus
The Guardian Angels

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Bruno

Rosary: Twenty minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Robert Stretton, Maureen Jackson, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Fred Simpson, Joan Woodruff, Nora Taylor, Marian Leyland, Margaret Wrennall, Harold Sutton
Bless thy servants who are sick, o Lord, and send them help from thy holy place. Amen.

Parish News

Congratulations

Today we welcome in Baptism Thomas Christopher John Kiely. We wish him and his family every blessing as they start out on their new faith journey.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £869.88. The SVP will hold their retiring collection today.

Open Parish Meeting

All parishioners are invited to an open parish meeting to look at the way forward in the light of the forthcoming synod and Father Graeme's being here for two years. Do come along and invite others to come with you.

Holy Cross Open Evening Wed. 10th Oct. 6pm - Come and meet staff and pupils and see their displays and activities.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

On Family Fast Day CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water....
We welcome Andrew Thomson from CAFOD who will speak to us about the work CAFOD does on our behalf.

Please put any money saved on Harvest Fast Day into a CAFOD envelope (available at the back of church) and please consider gift aiding your donation if you are a tax-payer. All you need do is fill in your details on the envelopes as per the instructions. The fund will stay open till the end October.

On Family Fast Day all of us are invited to eat simply, perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal and give the money we save to help people like Longora. If you wish, you can also take tinned items and packets of non-perishable food to St. Gregory's Primary School for distribution to local people by the children. Hampers will be distributed on Friday morning after assembly.

Further Afield

'A Day with Mary the Mother of God'

The Walsingham Association invite you to an afternoon of reflection, prayer and teaching on the Role of Our Blessed Lady in the Life of the Church and Believers. Friday 26th October 12 noon to 4pm, *St. Joseph's, Wrightington*
Tel 01257 676027 or email stjwrightington@rcaolp.co.uk or ring Stella on 01772 378353 See poster for further details.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counting 1st October

S.A.S. 7th October

Dial a Ride "

Readers "

Eucharistic Ministers

Eileen Snape & Rita McIntyre

Yvonne Cunliffe & Marian Knight

Tommy McGuigan & Paul Thompson

Terence Donnelly

Jack Knight

Margaret Scard

Linda Walmsley

Nora Ball

Darryl Hobin

Denise Conway

Barbara Slater

John Oswell

Joe Commerford

Anthony Hooson