

St. Gregory's Newsletter

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

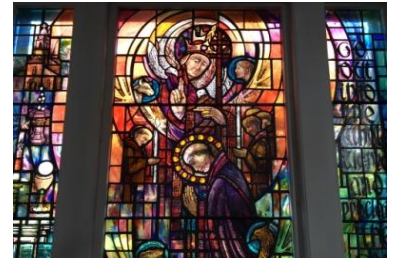
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"HE BECAME WHAT WE ARE, THAT HE MIGHT
MAKE US WHAT HE IS"

Saint Athanasius of Alexandria



You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility; gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love.

And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body.

Always be thankful.

From the Sunday readings,
Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians, chapter 3

A Big Thank you!

Can I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for making this Christmas such a wonderful and special time.

To all those who prepared and participated in our Christmas celebrations, for the generosity of the families who have given gifts for the children of

Romania, and on a more personal note to those who have been so kind and thoughtful to myself in the many cards (and words) and presents I received.

They are very much appreciated.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all in 2018, Happy New Year everyone!

Fr Graeme

Children's Corner

T	H	E	R	A	Z	A	N	E	R	ANGEL	JOSEPH	DREAM
E	E	L	I	L	A	G	N	A	A	EGYPT	HEROD	MOTHER
M	H	P	E	S	O	J	E	R	L	ISRAEL	ARCHELAUS	JUDEA
E	A	E	R	D	R	O	L	C	E	AFRAID	GALILEE	NAZARETH
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THANK-YOU
From Our Food Bank STOREHOUSE
for your continuous gifts

Items always required are tuna, tinned meat such as ham, biscuits, dried packets of pasta with sauce, jam, hygiene products, shampoo, etc.

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Sunday in the Christmas Octave

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

31st December

9:30am Ken Wareing

11:00am Cynthia Williams (LD)

*****Note No 6:00pm Evening Mass*****

7th January, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am Richard & Elizabeth Fishwick

11:00am The Thaliath Family

6:30pm Helen Shearer

Christmas Week Two Masses

Monday,	11:00am	Harry & Tom Ainscough	NEW YEAR'S DAY	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Tuesday	8:30am	Valerie Bretherton		Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday	8:30am	Rollins & Connelly Families		The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday	8:30am	Peter Evans		
Friday	8:30am	Francis Meredith		
Saturday	8:30am	Frank Smith		

Rosary and Confession at the usual times.

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

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we announce the death of Jean Livesey (Mary Jeanette). Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Monday, 8th January at 10am. May she rest in peace. The Mass for Tom Wickham (LD) which had been 'booked' for that day will now be celebrated on Wednesday, 10th Jan..

Next Sunday

As the Christmas period will come to an end with the Feast of the Epiphany next Sunday, we welcome the Catenians for their special Mass for Vocations at 9:30am. At the 11:00am Mass the children are invited to come to church dressed as a character from the Nativity story.

Shelter

The offering of £70 for the Christmas List Masses has been sent to SHELTER, the charity which supports homeless persons, providing accommodation and soup kitchens.

Collection

Thank you for last Sunday's collection of £731.95. And thank you for the Christmas offering of £1714.57. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

FURTHER AFIELD

BBC Flog It!

Expert valuation of antiques at Blackburn Cathedral, BB1 5AA. Thursday 25th Jan., 9:30am – 4pm www.bbc.co.uk/flogit

Urbi et Orbi

In his Christmas message and Apostolic Blessing 'to the city and the world', Pope Francis offers 'a warm greeting to all of you, dear brothers and sisters from throughout the world.... May the birth of Christ the Saviour renew hearts, awaken the desire to build a future of greater fraternity and solidarity, and bring joy and hope to everyone. Happy Christmas!'

The full text of his message is on the notice board. Here are some excerpts:

'...Today, as the winds of war are blowing in our world and an outdated model of development continues to produce human, societal and environmental decline, Christmas invites us to focus on the sign of the Child and to recognize him [the Baby Jesus] in the faces of little children, especially those for whom, like Jesus, "there is no place in the inn" (Lk 2:7)... We see Jesus in the children of the Middle East who continue to suffer because of growing tensions between Israelis and Palestinians... We see Jesus in the faces of Syrian children still marked by the war.... We see Jesus in the children of Iraq, wounded and torn by the conflicts that country has experienced in the last fifteen years, and in the children of Yemen... We see Jesus in the children of Africa, especially those who are suffering in South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, We see Jesus in the children worldwide wherever peace and security are threatened by the danger of tensions and new conflicts... We see Jesus in the children of unemployed parents who struggle to offer their children a secure and peaceful future. And in those whose childhood has been robbed and who, from a very young age, have been forced to work or to be enrolled as soldiers by unscrupulous mercenaries... We see Jesus in the many children forced to leave their countries to travel alone in inhuman conditions and who become an easy target for human traffickers.... I see Jesus again in the children I met during my recent visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh,... May our hearts not be closed as they were in the homes of Bethlehem... And may we commit ourselves, with the help of his grace, to making our world more human and more worthy for the children of today and of the future...'

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 2nd January

S.A.S. 7th January

Dial a Ride “

Readers “

Eucharistic Ministers

Denise and Bruce Conway

Margaret Scard

Barry Crossen & Catherine Jackson

Simon Robinson

Margaret Scard

Louise Cogan

Jack Knight

Sharon Hobin

Helen Mather

Linda Walmsley

Richard Jackson

Paul Tate

David Porter

Anthony Hooson