

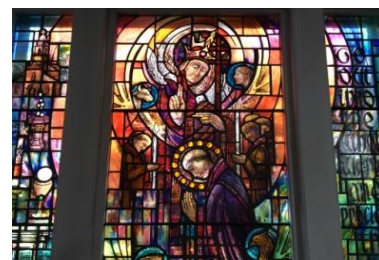
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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Saint of the week

St. Peter Claver

Peter lived from 1580 to 1650, a Jesuit missionary who ministered to African slaves as they arrived in the South American seaport of Cartagena. Enduring the derision of the slave traders, he fed the hungry, cared for the sick and the dying, preached the Gospel and baptised over 300,000 converts in forty years. Though his first concern was the salvation of the slaves, he realised that their bodily misery needed attention first. He died of the plague.

His dedication to those he served is evident in his words:

"We must speak to them with our hands", he said, "before we can speak to them with our lips."



Reflection

Time for creation: Time for prayers for the world and environment

The Season of Creation

1st Sept. – 4th Oct. (Feast of St. Francis)

Christians of all traditions acknowledge creation as a gift from God. This is why we are called to care for and manage it with responsibility.

Current huge flooding in South Asia and Hurricane Harvey remind of the growing urgency of the continuing climate change, and there are many other challenges, such as growing piles of waste and loss of biodiversity. Even if we know there are several causes, we cannot forget that part of the problem is due to our selfishness, lack of care and wide-spread misunderstanding of the world as a source of profit.

Christian faith and respective traditions understand care for creation as part of the Christian worldview, as part of our faith.

'God is in all creatures, even in the smallest flowers', even 'animals are footprints of God', said Martin Luther, and one of the Church Fathers, Maximus the Confessor 'The human person unites the created nature with the uncreated through love'.

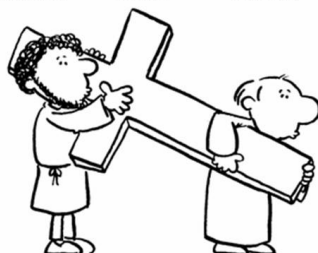
'When we speak of "environment", what we mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live.' (Laudato Si n. 139, Pope Francis)

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission and CAFOD have produced a new downloadable resource as Pope Francis has asked that Creation Time period be marked with prayer, reflection and action in relation to the Earth and our place in it. See www.liverpoolcatholic.org or ring UY on 416121 if you would like to meet with parishioners to learn and reflect further.

Children's Corner

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DESTINED	JERUSALEM	ELDERS
SCRIBES	SATAN	OBSTACLE
RENOUCE	CROSS	LIFE
WORLD	GLORY	ANGELS



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. Container in the porch...

Thank you for your generous support.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd September 2017

3rd September

9:30am Margaret Ann Holmes (LD)
11:00am John & Barbara Slater (Golden Wedding)
6:30am William George (Jack) Halton

10th September, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am John Shaw
11:00am Teresa Critchley
6:30pm Frank & Bea Brindle

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Martha & Edwin Grundy & Kershaw Family (FM)
Tuesday 8:30am Isobel Richardson (LD)
Wednesday 8:30am Teresa Critchley (LD)
Thursday 8:30am Ellen Brown (A)
Friday 8:30am John Miller Gerard (FM)
Saturday 10:00am Frank & Margaret Dearden (Golden Wedding)

Saints of the Week

St. Cuthbert

Feast of the Birthday of Our Blessed Lady

St. Peter Claver

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

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 Farmworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss

'Look on your servants who are sick o Lord and send them help from thy holy place. Amen.'

Holiday Cover

As Father Graeme is away for his annual holiday we welcome Monsignor John Butchard who will be celebrating the masses this Sunday morning with us.

And a big welcome to Father Julius who will be with us for the next three weeks. We look forward to meeting him and hope he will thoroughly enjoy his stay with us at Weld Bank.

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Charlie Ryan Horrocks and Willow Marie Hartleybury-Proverbs. We pray for them and their families and wish them every blessing as they start out on their new faith journey.

Wedding Anniversary

On 4th September Barbara and John Slater are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, and next Sunday Margaret and Frank Dearden are celebrating their 50 years of marriage. Warm congratulations to both families, with our prayers and best wishes for many happy years together still to come.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1006.55.

Special Honour

Congratulations to Fred Simpson who was awarded the LEGION D'HONNEUR MEDAL at a special ceremony at Chorley Town Hall on 2nd September. Fred was just 21 when he took part in the D-Day landings in the Normandy invasion.... We hope you enjoyed a lovely celebration in memory of your service for our country.

SVP Awareness Month

'Welcome the stranger' is the theme, have a look at the posters on the notice board illustrating the work the SVP society do in our name. We thank them for their dedication to those often marginalised in our society. Please pray for their cause and support their monthly collection taken today after every mass.

Support Meetings for the Divorced/Separated

Starting in September, please see last newsletter and poster in the porch.

Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies

'The CCRS is important and relevant for all. The parish community, in collaboration with the home and school, has a privileged opportunity and responsibility to help all concerned to grow in their faith...' The CCRS course is open to all involved with parish catechesis or in other ways engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith. See poster.

Ministering to the Assembly

4th September Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre

Rotas

S.A.S.

Dial a Ride

Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

10th September

Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

TBC

Pauline Doyle
Margaret Scard
David Chadwick
Louise Cogan

Linda Walmsley
Barbara Slater
Edward Brierley
Denise Conway

Alex Duxbury
Melvyn Cunliffe
Anthony Hooson