

St. Gregory's Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent

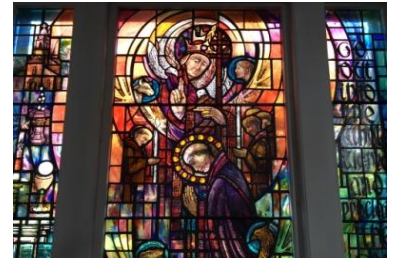
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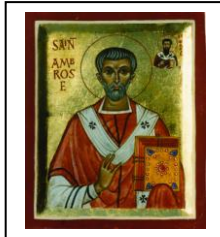


Saint of the Week

ST. AMBROSE

Born in Trier about 339 he became governor of Aemilia and Liguria and, mediating between the Catholics and Arians, was asked to become bishop by popular demand. He was baptised on 24th Nov. 373 and ordained priest and consecrated bishop on December 1st, holding the See of Milan till his death in 397. More than any other man he handed on to the middle ages the legacy of Rome: objective justice and law, responsibility of office, integrity and unbroken dignity. He is well known for introducing the much loved eastern custom of singing hymns into the western Church.

His greatest convert, St. Augustine, asked him for baptism in 387, seeing in St. Ambrose a great Man of God and devoted pastor of His flock.



Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress Liverpool 2018

As a diocesan family we will all be reciting this prayer after Holy Communion during every Mass in Advent. A prayer card will be available.

*We thank you Father
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
for the blessings that surround us.*

*As we are fed by you,
so now send us out
to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.*

*We humbly ask your help to become the Church
that you are calling us to be:
a community that listens, that trusts,
that lives with courage
and that puts out its nets into new waters.*

*May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you.*

*We ask this in faith
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.*

Children's Corner

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FLOOD EATING DRINKING
WIVES HUSBANDS ARK
FIELDS WOMEN MILLSTONE
AWAKE BURGLAR READY

News from our food bank STOREHOUSE

We have received an urgent request for the following items:

Jam, Tuna, Tinned meat such as ham, biscuits, dried packets of pasta with sauce, hygiene products, shampoo, etc.

Thank you for your support.

1st Sunday of Advent

A twofold meaning of Advent - preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and ... looking to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time... a period of devout and expectant delight. ' Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and calendar nr. 39

3rd December

9:30am Special Intention
11:00am Andrew Evans
6:30pm M.&E. Grundy & Kershaw Family (FM)

10th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30am John & Elizabeth Watmough (A)
11:00am William & Annette Hayes
6:30pm Mary Cartmell (FM)

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Norman Martin (A)
Tuesday 8.30am Bill Dearden (FM for M. Fishwick e.a. moved to next week)
Wednesday 8.30am Peter Evans
Thursday 8:30am Father Firth (A)
Friday 8:30am Thomas Gerrard (FM)
Saturday 10:00am Tom & Thora Huddy

Saints of the Week

St. John of Damascus
St. John Almond
St. Nicholas
St. Ambrose

St. John Diego Cuatlatatzin

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, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill

Darish Notices

Sadly we record the death of Ellen Noblet on 22nd November. We celebrated her requiem mass last Friday. May she rest in peace.

Family Mass

Today at 11:00am Mass we welcome and pray for the families with children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation this coming year (first Confession in February and first Communion in May).

ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – Wednesday 6:30pm

Father Graeme is inviting all to an evening of Scripture Reflection at the Parish House. No advance knowledge required!

Altar Servers

There will be a meeting of all altar servers on **Saturday, 9th December, after the 10:00am Mass**. This is to get to know each other and to discuss St. Stephen's Feast Day Mass (26th December). The meeting will finish approx. 11.15am.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £912.93 and thank you for the ANIMATE Youth collection of £299.73

The Wider Picture

Action for Catholic Education - Request from the Archbishop

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Advent Vigil – Cardinal Newman College

Invitation to a service of prayer, reflection and reconciliation, plus refreshments. At their chapel, Lark Hill, Tue. 5th 6:30 pm, see poster.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

All are welcome at this pro-Life celebration Day at St. Mary's @ Eccles M30 0LU, Saturday 9th December, 10:30 am. See notice board for further details.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counting - 4th December Terence & Sandra Donnelly

S.A.S. - 10th December Janet & Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride “ Taxi

Readers “ Louise Cogan

Eucharistic Ministers “ Linda Walmsley

Clare Meredith

David Chadwick

Daryl Hobin

Sharon Hobin

Edward Brierley

Helen Mather

Mary Mark

Anthony Hooson

Melvyn Cunliffe