

St. Gregory's Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February 2018

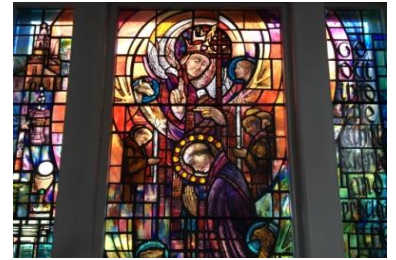
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Saint of the Week St. Scholastica

Scholastica was the sister of St. Benedict and the first Benedictine nun. Her nunnery was about five miles from Monte Cassino. She would meet Benedict once a year and on his last visit to her, she asked him in vain to stay longer to discuss 'the joys of heaven'. When he refused, she prayed for rain to such effect that a violent thunderstorm prevented him and his companions returning home. They spent the night in prayer and spiritual conference. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth. St. Scholastica died three days later, her brother beheld her soul as she ascended into heaven.



Reflection

The Word This Week

This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death.

Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us ... (Source: www.salfordliturgy.org.uk)

A Prayer

By Father Mychal Judge, died 11/11/2001 - 9/11

whilst ministering to the injured and dying
in the Twin Towers

Lord, take me where you want me to go,
let me meet who You want me to meet,
tell me what You want me to say.
and keep me out of your way.

Amen

Children's Corner

I	E	Y	H	E	A	L	I	N	G
T	N	V	S	O	M	L	E	S	N
A	N	G	I	O	Y	E	T	E	I
P	D	W	S	D	R	R	P	E	R
L	P	E	O	R	E	P	O	N	E
E	S	N	R	T	V	N	E	K	F
A	E	K	C	U	O	H	C	L	F
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E	E	R	E	P	E	L	C	N	N
D	E	R	E	D	R	O	S	H	D

LEPER
PLEADED
HEALING
EVIDENCE
RECOVERY
TOWN
STRETCHED
HAND
TOUCH
KNEES
CURED
OFFERING



The Food Bank STOREHOUSE

Items can be left as usual
at the back of the church,
hygiene products as well
as preserved food.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February

9:30am Jean Livesey (LD)
11:00am Herbert Spedding
6:30pm Evan Critchley

11th February

9:30am Jean Livesey (LD)
11:00am Ellen Noblett
6:30pm Pat, Bernadette & Chris Tynan

Weekday Mass

Monday, 8:30am Madge Critchley
Tuesday 8:30am Greg Lannon
Wednesday 8:30am Kathleen Swarbrick
1:00pm Requiem Rita Charnley
Thursday 8:30am Alan West (A)
Friday 8:30am Monica, George and Martin Hicks
Saturday 10:00am Rita Divine

St. Agatha
St. Paul Miki, SJ & Companions

St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Scholastica

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 Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson, Thomas and Joan Woodruff

PARISH NEWS

Parish Ministry - Volunteers still wanted please

Minibus Service - Two, preferably three drivers and one assistant This is an invaluable service for the elderly who cannot make their own way to church on a Sunday. Volunteers need to be under seventy years of age and have a driving licence which allows them to drive a type D1 vehicle (anyone aged 45+ normally has this on their licence) A monthly rota is in operation. Please consider helping out and contact Fr. Graeme or Paul Thompson if you can.

A reader at the 11am Sunday Mass One parishioner has volunteered to join the team, grateful thanks. Ideally we need one more. There is an approx. 8 week rota in place. Please contact Fr. Graeme or Nora Ball.

As you can see we are looking for volunteers for both the Minibus and Readers. Can I take this opportunity to thank all those volunteers who give of themselves so generously, they deserve our respect and thanks for all that they do. Father Graeme

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £947.13, and for your generous support of Survive-Miva which raised £550.54.

The SVP will take their monthly collection today after every mass. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Gifts

We have received a lovely thank you card from Jean, Coordinator for Romania Support, for the many gifts left at the Crib for disadvantaged children in Romania. See it on the notice board.

Dedication of Memorial for Father Firth – Save the date!

Please read the letter attached to this newsletter and return the reply slip as appropriate. On Sunday 8th April we will celebrate Father Firth's anniversary and blessing of the new memorial stone. The Archbishop has promised to join us and a parish party will follow!

Missing Coat

To put everybody's mind at ease – the coat/s and keys have been returned fully intact to their rightful owners, nothing was missing and the matter is now resolved. To prevent future mishaps, confusion and potential cost, you are advised to take your personal belongings with you when coming up for Holy Communion.

Scripture Group

This normally meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month, but has been moved to 21st February this month, due to the Ash Wednesday evening mass on 14th February.

“Why we need more Deacons”

“Listen to that small still voice inside...” Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening on discernment and formation to the diaconate. If interested, please see poster and speak to Fr. Graeme.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 5th February
S.A.S. 11th February
Dial a Ride “
Readers
Eucharistic Ministers

Marie Dewland & Mary Hargreaves
Margaret Scard
TBC

Terence Donnelly
Jack Knight
Yvonne Cunliffe
George Walmsley

Nora Ball
Edward Brierley
Margaret Scard
Denise Conway

Helen Graham
Joe Comerford
Ulrika Yeomans

Dear Parishioner,

We are fast approaching the anniversary of Canon Firth who died on 10th April 2017.

Whilst he passed away in his homeland of Southern Ireland, his heart was very firmly anchored here at Weldbank where he was and continues to be much loved.

I hope you agree that it is appropriate that we recognise the life of Father Firth here at Weldbank, and to this end we shall be erecting a memorial in his honour. This will be followed by a marquee celebration dinner after the dedication which will take place on Sunday 8th April, 2018 at the 11.00am Mass.

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass along with myself and Monsignor and perform the dedication of the memorial stone immediately after the Mass.

A seated marquee luncheon (a full three course roast dinner) will be held for Father Firth's family, parishioners and regular worshippers at St. Gregory's in the church garden and you are warmly welcome to attend.

Please would you complete the section below noting your name (as the lead attendee) and all others who will be accompanying you as part of your party, and return to the box provided at the back of church at your earliest opportunity.

A vegetarian option will be available. It is anticipated that children of High School age will enjoy the full menu, with younger children having a more suitable plate.

Yours faithfully,

Parish Priest
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Lead Name

Contact Number/s

Home Address

Adult (over 16) Guest Names

Children Guest Names... please include ages

Special Dietary Requirements & Name

Any mobility considerations?