

St. Gregory's Newsletter

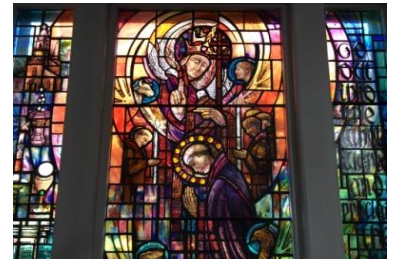
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Saint of the Week

SAINT JOHN OF GOD

Born in 1495 in Portugal St. John was the founder of the Brothers Hospitallers. Fighting for Spain against the Turks as a mercenary, he gave up the practice of religion. Giving up the army he became a shepherd and aged forty he was converted to a life of dedication to the service of God. Living in Gibraltar he became a peddler of religious books and pictures and later opened a shop in Granada.

Suffering a period of apparent madness, he ran through the streets giving away all his books, but St. John of Avila calmed him and persuaded him to devote his energies to the poor and sick. Rescuing a drowning man in a flood, he fell ill and died before the altar of his hospital chapel aged 55. His followers drew up rules after his death, took vows and became members of a Religious Order.



Welcome to the joyful time of Lent!

"True Christians have cheerful faces and eyes full of joy" Pope Francis on the eve of Lent

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A message from Cardinal Archbishop Vincent Nichols

With joy in our hearts and a firm purpose in our step, we set out towards the joy of Easter, Christ's victory over death.

As a season of conversion, Lent is a time to return to God with all our hearts: "Return to me with all your heart... return to the Lord." (Joel 2:12) – an opportunity to renew our friendship with God...

Lent is a favourable time to open wide our hearts to the gift of 'the other', our neighbour, - the elderly, the lonely, the bereaved, the unemployed or those made redundant, the prisoner, the refugee and the impoverished migrant. The Holy Spirit will lead us on this journey of conversion. And Lent is a favourable time to open wide our hearts to the blessing of the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit will lead us on a journey of conversion, to rediscover the gift of God's Word and experience our hearts burning with a new love for the scriptures.

Lent, then, is a time for renewal and refreshment. It is truly a God-given moment of privileged grace to examine our lives, repent of our sin, receive God's forgiveness and appreciate afresh our brothers and sisters around us.

May the Lord open wide our hearts to the face of Christ in the gift of others. May we know the power of God's holy word leading us back to the Father's heart of love.'

(in Walk With Me, A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2017, alive publishing™)

A Prayer

Grant us your blessing, Lord, as we begin this journey of Lent.

Grant us your blessing, Lord, as we share the journey of Lent with others.

Grant us your blessing, Lord, to open our hearts to true conversion to you. Amen

Lenten Menue at St. Gregory's

Sunday Mass – Holy Hour in the Afternoon
Weekday Morning Mass – Stations of the Cross
Almsgiving (CAFOD Fast Day on Friday, Good Shepherd Collection, SVP Collection this Sunday, St. Anthony's Bread Box, 'Lenten Offering' Box for your savings from fasting)

Please choose, paid for by blessings from heaven ©

Children's Corner

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1st Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2017

Sunday 5th March

9:30am Jim Dunn
11:00am Frank Wrennall
6:30pm Baby Sienna Stapleton-Thomas

Sunday 12th March

9:30am John Oaks
11:00am Margaret Holmes
6:30pm Mary Calderbank & Family (FM)

3:00pm – 4:00pm Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekday Masses

Monday 10:00am Requiem for Mary Margaret Ellison
Tuesday 8:30am Edward & Kathleen Mould
Wednesday 8:30am Jack Critchley
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday 8:30am Julie Oaks (sick)
Friday 8:30am Communion Service – **Lent Fast Day**
Saturday 10:00am Canon Firth

Saints of the Week

SS. Perpetua and Felicity
St. John of God

St. Frances of Rome

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Kathleen Reynolds, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley, Canon Richard Firth

Baptism today

Alice Lily Adlam will be baptised today at our church by Fr. Simon Gore. We welcome her and her family and pray for them as they start out on their new faith journey.

Future baptisms – a warm welcome

At the 11:00am Mass today we welcome a number of families who have asked to have their children baptised into our community. Please keep them and their children in your prayers.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £1015.

SVP

The Society will take the monthly collection today. Thank you for your prayers and financial support of their very important work.

THE GREAT LENT - see over for a 'menu'

CAFOD Lent Fast Day 2017 - This Friday

"Do something amazing this Lenten Fast Day" is the appeal on the CAFOD poster. As nationally we come together on this day to make sacrifices for those who suffer the greatest need in the world, please make your own contribution, such as eating a simple lunch or supper and donate your saving. Just £4 will buy 100 tiny fish, CAFOD will provide training and tools to build a fish pond, and thus another family can become self sufficient... Small steps make big things happen. Envelopes and a box are at the back of the church. Thank you.

Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Sunday afternoon during Lent, starting today. Time to be still, to reflect, - come and pray for a while.

Stations of the Cross

As Friday is the traditional day for this devotion, the church will stay open after morning mass (till 1:00pm) for people who wish to walk the stations of the cross privately. Different text versions will be left at the back of church. A weekly communal service will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

'The Road to Jerusalem' Lenten Series

Thursdays in Lent 7:30 - 9:30, St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston, see poster on the notice board. Contact Ruth on 07957 566741.

Mill Hill Missionaries – National Novena to St. Joseph

Petitions and requests for a booklet can be sent to the St. Joseph's Missionary Society. The novena runs from 10th to 18th March.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 6th March, John and Mary Mark

Rotas

12th March, 2nd Sunday in Lent

S.A.S. Sandra Donnelly, Madge Martin, Mae West

Dial a Ride Malc Scard and Kevin Masterson

Readers Jack Knight

Elizabeth Green

Norma Gillett

Euch. Ministers Louise Cogan

Denise Conway

TBA

Chris Huddy

Darryl Hobin

Richard Jackson

Helen Mather