

St. Gregory's Newsletter

The Epiphany of the Lord

7th January 2018

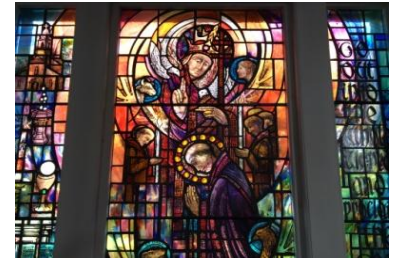
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Saint of the Week

ST. AELRED OF RIEVAULX

Born in 1110, Aelred entered the abbey of Rievaulx in 1134 and following the austere regime, became so highly thought of that he was chosen as envoy to Rome. In 1143 he became abbot of Revesby and four years later abbot of Rievaulx, which soon became the largest abbey in England, with 150 monks and 500 lay brothers. Aelred showed sensitivity and gentle holiness, with a strong emphasis on charity and spiritual friendship. He later suffered agony from a kidney stone. He died in 1167.



Children's Corner

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S	K	E	T	A	D	B	D	Y	I	CHILD
A	R	B	E	T	L	E	M	E	M	DELIGHT
										GOLD
										MYRRH

Family Epiphany Blessing

In memory of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are these prayers and a piece of chalk, to mark the frame of your door with the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:

+ 20 + C + M + B + 18 +

Each letter could be written by a different family member.

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord

7th January

9:30am Richard and Elizabeth Fishwick
11:00am The Thaliath Family
6:30pm Helen Shearer

14th January

9:30am Valerie Bretherton
11:00am Patricia Beardsworth
6:30pm Constance Gee

Weekday Mass

Monday, 10:00am Requiem for Jean Livesey
Tuesday 8:30am Request: Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 8:30am Tom Wickham (LD)
Thursday 8:30am Ellen Noblett
Friday 8:30am Andrew Evans (A)
Saturday 10:00am David Hall

St. Aelred of Rievaulx
St. Hilary

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

PARISH NEWS

'Living Crib'

On this last 11am Mass of the Christmas period we welcome the children dressed as characters of the nativity story.

Catenian Mass for Vocations

At the 9:30am Mass today we welcome the Catenians and pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Catenians support the clergy in different ways: firstly by prayer at every meeting, secondly by arranging masses throughout the year, thirdly by formal support for vocations through monetary support of the National Office for Vocations. Each Catenian Circle arranges a mass to be said each year for vocations. Each circle does this on a different day throughout the year. In that way on nearly every day of the year a Mass is being held for vocations.

Scripture Reflection

All are invited to our new Scripture group meetings starting on Wednesday 17th January at 6:30pm at the Parish House. We will reflect prayerfully on One Corinthians.

Collection

Thank you for last Sunday's collection of £804.87.

Cemetery

Paul and the team inform us that due to potentially frosty weather conditions the water in the church grounds is now switched off till further notice.

School's back - Welcome to the staff and children as school re-opens on Monday 8th January.

FURTHER AFIELD

Dublin 2018 - World Meeting of Families

Preparations are well under way for this exciting event in Ireland from 21 – 26 August 2018. If any family from the parish are interested and wish to go, please let Father Graeme know a.s.a.p. and he will make enquiries about cost and accommodation as available. There is a very colourful and comprehensive website www.worldmeeting2018.ie and you can subscribe to an online newsletter. Here is an extract: *The year 2018 will be an exciting one as we look forward to welcoming people from every corner of the world to our shores for one of the most important events of the Catholic Church including, God willing, having Pope Francis join us for the Festival of Families and the final Mass.*

****It would be wonderful if one or more families would represent St. Gregory's there and then report back to us.*****

FCJ Retreat Weekend for young adults (20s and 30s)

Young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to a weekend organised by the Sisters, The Faithful Companions of Jesus. There will be input, prayer, reflection and discussion with other young adults on the theme of Prayer and Discernment. Date: 26-28 January 2018, location: Salford, cost £40. For more information contact Sr. Anouska FCJ anouskafcj01@gmail.com.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 8th January
S.A.S. 14th January
Dial a Ride "
Readers "
Eucharistic Ministers "

Derek & Celia Birchall		
Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley		
TBC		
Michael Hall	David Fairclough	Linda Corcoran
David Chadwick	Denise Conway	Joe Comerford
Marian Knight	Edward Brierley	Melvyne Cunliffe
Chris Huddy	Daryl Hobin	