

On this day in 1918 at 11.00a.m. – the 11th day of the 11th month – the First World War came to an end. It is recorded that about nine million soldiers lost their lives. In the offertory procession our memorial book, recording the stories of men from this parish who died in the First Great War which began a hundred years ago, will be brought to the altar. We are indebted to Adam Cree for collating these stories, and to Christine for producing the memorial book. Many of you have relatives recorded among these forty one men... the youngest age seventeen, the oldest age fifty. We pray for them and the countless more who have died – and are dying today – to bring peace to our world.

After the 11.00a.m. Mass we will play the Last Post. We welcome Sub Lieutenant Jonathan Green who will lay a wreath at the War Memorial.

“They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them”.

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda and Harold Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley

Please remember Andrew Dearden (47) who after eleven years of living with a brain tumour died peacefully this week. Andrew despite his illness never ceased to live life to the full, supported by his wife Pam and his four children. We offer them and, of course, his parents, Margaret and Frank, the loving support of our prayers. A Mass to celebrate Andrew's life will be celebrated here on Tuesday at 11.00am. May he rest in peace.

Please remember too Tony Latham (52) who died very suddenly this week. We offer our sympathy to his wife Yvonne and his family. His funeral service will be celebrated on Thursday at 12.30 with a service after at Charnock Richard Crematorium. Tony's mother, Agnes, died only in June last. Please keep all the family in your prayers.

You are also asked to remember Angela Jones (Denise Robert's sister) who died the week before. May she and all those we remember in November rest in peace.

All our Masses in November are offered for the intention of the "Pious List".

Offertory Collection

Thank you for last's week's collection of £990, and the collection for LAMP of £553.

Baptism

We welcome today in Baptism Alexander John David Blair.

Confirmations

The parents of the children preparing for their Confirmation in December will present their children to us today at the 11.00am Mass. We thank them for keeping the promise they made after Baptism to bring their children up in the practices of the Faith. The children in celebrating this sacrament "confirm" the decision made for them by their parents.

After Mass the children are invited to meet some of our younger parishioners for "a bit of a party" and the opportunity to talk to them about what it means to belong to the Church here in Weldbank.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are available for sale at the back of the church at the piety stall – a packet of ten "religious cards" for £4 (cost price!).

Remembrance Sunday

A very special welcome to Sub Lieutenant Jonathan Green who is serving in the Royal Navy and who will today lay the Remembrance Sunday wreath at our War Memorial. Our Remembrance Poppy – one of the 888,246 in the display last year at the Tower of London - presented to us by John Walsh, will be placed on the altar at the offertory with the Book of Remembrance which records our parishioners who died in the First World War.

Christmas gifts for those who have none

The CAFOD catalogue, with gifts you can buy for those in the world who have none, are available in the porch.... from a donkey, a cow, a goat to a health clinic. The choice is enormous.... the benefit immeasurable. Last year I was "given" a goat which provided 12 pints of milk a week.... and plenty of "fertiliser" to help grow the crops".

Parish Website

If you have not done so yet, check out our new website www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk, it looks very professional and is full of useful parish information.

A Happy Birthday!

Cardinal Vincent Nichols is seventy today – we wish him a happy birthday and remember him in our prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide him in his leadership of our Church. His report of the "Synod" is printed over.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (9th November) Denise and Bruce Conway

Rotas (15th November)

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

Readers James MacLeod

Sara Norse

Vincent Murphy

Ministers Richard Jackson

Helen Mather

Terry Turner

Linda Walmsley

Edward Brierley

Christine Crossen

Dial a Ride

Taxi

Kevin Masterson