

St. Gregory's Newsletter

8th October 2017

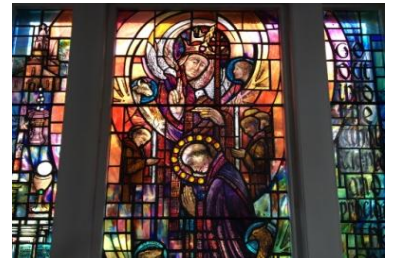
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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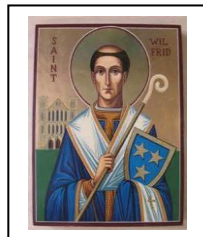
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Saint of the Week

ST. WILFRID

Born in Northumberland in 634, Wilfrid was educated at Lindisfarne. Elected abbot of Ripon in 658, he introduced the Roman practices in opposition to the Celtic ways of northern England. Appointed Bishop of York, he founded many monasteries of the Benedictine Order, but had to appeal to Rome to prevent the subdivision of his diocese. Forced into exile, he worked to evangelise the south Saxons until his recall in 686. In 691, he had to retire again to the Midlands until Rome once again vindicated him. He died as Bishop of Hexham in 709 and was buried at Ripon. His relics were later moved to Canterbury.



Reflection

We Press On – Together, In Hope

This is the motto for Prisons Week, taken from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: (3:12)

*'Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but **I press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.'*

Prayer for Prisoners

"Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His spirit, now and every day."

Prayers for each day of Prison Week are on the poster – for prisoners, their families, those who work in prisons, for victims of crime, for our communities and for all working in the criminal justice system. Is there anything else we can do?

Please see www.prisonweek.org and www.prisonadvice.org (tel. 020 7735 9535)

Children's Corner

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PARABLE
LANDOWNER
WINEPRESS
TOWER
VINTAGE
PRODUCE
RESPECT
HEIR
WRETCHES
SEASON
STONE
FRUIT

Please support the

Domínica Relief Appeal

Imperishable items such as essential toiletries, water, disinfectants, tinned meat and vegetables, long life milk, fruit juice, bandages etc. are urgently needed. Container in the porch.

Thank you for your generous support.

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Prisoner Sunday

8th October

9:30am William & Annette Heyes
11:00am Rose Anne Gerrard (FM)
6:30am Father Richard Firth

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 8.30am Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 8:30am Eucharistic Service
Thursday 8:30am Eucharistic Service
Friday 8:30am Harold & Hannah Slater
Saturday 10:00am Ken Brindle

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

15th October, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Jack & Marion Birchall (A)
11:00am Mary Spedding
6:30pm John Gilgun (B)

Saints of the Week

St. Denis, St. John Leonardi
St. Paulinus of York
St. John XXIII
St. Wilfrid
St. Edward the Confessor
St. Calistus

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

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Leo James Thornton-Jones and Theodore Mark Howard. We pray for them and their families and wish them every blessing as they begin their new Faith journey.

Eucharistic Services

Fr. Graeme will be away on Diocesan retreat (not holiday!), hence a Eucharistic Service will be celebrated from Monday to Thursday this week.

Children's Liturgy

There will be no children's liturgy next week October 15th. There will be a family Mass to welcome the children of year 4 and their families. Come and join them as they begin the next stage of their journey of faith as they prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

Remembering our deceased family and friends

As the month of November is approaching, please take home a sheet for the November Pious List and write on it all the names of those you wish to be remembered during Mass throughout next month. Please return to church in the envelopes provided.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £958.90, and thank you also for the **SVP** collection.
The retiring collection *next Sunday* will be for the World Missions.

Prisons Week

A Day of Prayer and Action – Prisoners' Sunday. There are many ways in which we can support prisoners and their families – donate toys, crafts & books for children visiting a loved one in prison, raise awareness or host a fundraising event, become a regular giver, sign up for the Fresh Start Newsletter. Volunteers are needed for PACT, please see the cards and information at the back of church.

Watch RISE Theatre's new play about Blessed Oscar Romero

The Justice & Peace Commission and *Animate Youth Ministries* are delighted to welcome RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company, to perform their original - exciting and passionate - play '*Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador*' at St Wilfrid's Pastoral Centre, Mayfield Drive, Widnes, WA8 8PR on 10th October at 7:30pm. Suitable for adults and children 11+. See poster for tickets etc.

Dominica – Relief Appeal

We are collecting essential items for this urgent relief operation for a few weeks, will resume donations for the foodbank afterwards.

Youth group - Appeal from Charlotte and team for adult helpers for added support. Please see Fr. Graeme.

200 Club – In support of our Catholic Schools. Please see the forms on the notice-board and at the back.

Come & See Conference

Jenny from Irenaeus writes: Nearly your last chance to book into the Come & See conference which is next weekend. Don't miss a chance to hear Timothy Radcliffe and other fantastic speakers including Fiona Castle, Dermott Donnelly, Steve Atherton and Pat Kennedy. Music is by Jo Boyce & Friends, a Birmingham based Liturgy group. Also mime by Steve Murray. See the poster for details.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counting - 9th October

S.A.S. - 15th October

Dial a Ride

Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

David Chadwick and Pauline Turner

Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

Barry Crossen and Catherine Jackson

Louise Cogan

Marian Knight

Edward Brierley

David Chadwick

Nora Ball

Clare Meredith

Darryl Hobin

Denise Conway

John Oswell

Anthony Hooson

Joe Commerford