

A lot was written last week about the accumulation of violence worldwide during the month of July, and, thankfully also about a truly Christian response of proclaiming the faith in both word and deed. Very good examples of this are the participation of 'armies' of young Christians in the recent World Youth Day and Pilgrimage to Lourdes: In Krakow Pope Francis told them "Our response to a world at war has a name: its name is fraternity, its name is brotherhood, its name is communion, its name is family... We celebrate the fact that coming from different cultures, we have come together to pray. Let our best word, our best argument, be our unity in prayer..." If anybody would like to contribute a prayer perhaps written in their own words, mail it to us or hand it in at the sacristy and it will become part of our daily prayer for peace here at St. Gregory's.

Sunday 7th August

9.30am Parishioners, in thanks
 11.00am Herbert Spedding (A)
 6.30pm Kevin Donnelly (LD)

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Special Intention
 Tues. 8.30am Marion Henry (LD)
 Wed. 8.30am Albert & Leah West (A)
 Thurs. 8.30am Katie Walsh
 Fri. 8.30am Special Intention
 Sat. 8.30am Alan West

Sunday 14th August

9.30am Albert Jones (A)
 11.00am Katie Walsh
 6.30pm Parishioners

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Howard Line · Maureen McIver · Bill Burns · John Marshall · Lois Chiasson · Emily Blears (just 4 months old) · Tom Wilcock

Sadly we record the death of John Marshall on Thursday last and pray for him and his family. His funeral will be held here on Friday at 10:00am.

Baptism

We welcome today in Baptism Katie Ann Dornan.

Offertory Envelopes

The next year envelopes start on 21st August. Please take a box for your use from the porch.

Will those of you who "gift aid" your donations (to allow us to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your donations) please collect your box from the sacristy and tick your name off the list as you collect the box - we are obliged to record the amount given under the Gift Aid scheme to justify the tax reclaim. A number of parishioners (20 plus) make their donations by standing order. If you wish to use this method please collect a standing order form from the sacristy. But above all, thank you for your continued and generous financial support of the parish.

Collection

Many thanks for last week's collection of £913.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

One of our young parishioners and member of the Youth Group had joined coach 5 (from Chorley) for the very first time and writes a few words to sum up his experience of the pilgrimage two weeks ago:

"My week in Lourdes was one of the best weeks I've ever had. Lourdes itself is an absolutely beautiful place, and the Domain's churches have some truly spectacular sights. The assisted pilgrims were lovely people and helping them around sometimes didn't feel like work at all. One of the things that made the trip infinitely more enjoyable was the amazing people on Coach 5, each one had something to offer to the group and the night time singsongs are still something that I really miss, even now. In short, it's an amazing experience that's going to stay with me for a very long time."

Thank you Daryl for giving us a taste of the wonderful work done by the young people on pilgrimage, giving a witness of the love of Christ in action today.

Weekly Newspapers

Due to an unwelcome intrusion please put payment for papers in the slot in the wall behind the hymn books on the left.

Saints of the Week

9th August - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross/Edith Stein, a convert to Catholicism, great philosopher and mystic of the 20th century, she died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz. 'I am coming to the living faith and conviction that there is no chance and that the whole of my life, down to every detail, has been mapped out in God's divine providence and makes complete and perfect sense in God's all seeing eyes', she wrote. We might pray for her much needed assistance as she is (one of six) patron saints for Europe.

11th August - St. Clare, Foundress of the Poor Clares, she renounced all her possessions and aged only 18 became a nun and great medieval contemplative, following St. Francis in total devotion to his ideals of love of God in poverty and praise of nature.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (8th August) Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre

Rotas (14th August, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

S.A.S. Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Malcolm Scard and Terrence Donnelly

Readers Christine Crossen

Nora Ball

Linda Corcoran

Ministers Emmy Moss

Nick Mather

Paul Rynn

Christine Crossen

Edward Brierley