# **St. Gregory's Newsletter** 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 Mass Book pg. 100



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## Saínt of the Week St. Maria Goretti

A devout and cheerful Italian girl, the eldest daughter of a peasant father, her widowed mother going out to work whilst Maria looked after house and five siblings, Maria was born in 1890. In 1902 a young man who had been stalking her for some time tried to rape her, threatening to kill her if she resisted. She repelled him but died the next day of multiple stab wounds. Her last words were 'I forgive Alessandro Serenelli... and I want him with me in heaven forever'. Sentenced to life imprisonment, he repented after eight years and after 27 years he was released, a

new man. He lived to see Maria canonised in 1950, and later lead a beautiful converted life as a lay brother in the Franciscan Order. Maria worked countless miracles, her life a testimony to the radical choice of the Gospel of Jesus.



## **30 Days of Prayer for the Mídeast** Persecuted for committing one crime: that of being Christians

We receive this message every day from the Christians of Iraq, Syria, and other Middle Eastern countries.

To awaken the world from its indifference, Pope Francis has convoked an ecumenical prayer meeting

on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Bari, Italy,

with the participation of the patriarchs and leaders of the Churches and Christian communities of the Middle East.

"I have a question for you: How many of you pray for persecuted Christians?" Pope Francis asked.

"Pray with me, that they may experience the support of all the Churches and communities, through prayer and material assistance."

Prayer isn't something theoretical. It's a very concrete commitment. In response to the Pope's exhortation, *Aleteia* offers you the possibility of joining this *worldwide chain of prayer for persecuted Christians*.

#### "We can renounce everything, but not our faith. Pray for us, and we will pray for you!"

See info@aleteia.org with a link to a video on YouTube.

## **Children's Corner**

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LAKESIDE JAIRUS SICK HANDS MASTER FAITH ASLEEP CHILD

DAUGHTER DEAD WEEPING GIRL



Living Waters Pentecostal Church Food Bank

As School Holidays are approaching our food bank is appealing for continued contributions for families struggling without the support of school meals.

Thank You

## Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

<u>1<sup>st</sup> July</u>

9:30am Edward Fairclough 11:00am Ken Brindle 6:30pm Anthony Hardyman

#### Weekday Mass

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Monday	8:30am	Alan West (A)
Tuesday	8:30am	Special Intention (MB)
Wednesday	8:30am	William Moore (FM)
Thursday	8:30am	M. Fishwick, A. Robinson, J&S Cornwall
		and The Rev. Isherwood (FM)
Friday	8:30am	LISCF
Saturday	10:00am	Maureen Turner (FM)

#### Weekly Confession: after Saturday morning Mass

#### Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Fred Simpson, Joan Woodruff, Nora Taylor, Marian Leyland, Margaret Wrennall, Harold Sutton

Sadly we announce the death of Maureen Hill. Her Requiem will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm. Also we are saddened to hear of Tom Woodruff's passing away on 27<sup>th</sup> June. His Requiem will be announced next week. May they rest in peace. We send our sincere sympathy and pray for both their families.

## PARISH NEWS

#### St. Patrick's Missionary Society

At all masses today we welcome Fr. Oliver Leavy of the Kiltegan Fathers (also Father Patsy's Order) to tell us about work in the missions and for the annual mission appeal. Fr. Oliver has worked in Grenada, Scotland, Nigeria and other countries, and will also promote the magazine *Africa* and books on the outreach work of missionary societies. Thank you for your prayer and financial support of the missionary work of the Church.

#### <u>Baptism</u>

Last Sunday we welcomed in Baptism Chloe-Jean Julie Rock and pray for her and her family at the start of their new faith journey.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The church will be open again this Wednesday from 12 noon to 2pm for the veneration of the blessed Sacrament, in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in September. If you are in the area or visiting the graveyard, do pop in for some quiet prayer.

#### **Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection of £1224.49, including an annual contribution of £260. The Day for Life collection taken two weeks ago came to £307.56. Many thanks for your great generosity.

#### Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

Last call! Please hand in any remaining names (as in passport) this week. Ten parishioners have committed so far and unless there is a great surge of applicants this week, Father Graeme will open it up to other parishes also.

**<u>St. Gregory's Inaugural Beer Festival</u> –** Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> July 7-11pm, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm & 7-11pm. Tickets £4 from the office or £4.90 online (plus half price first drink), free commemorative glass.

**Concert in the Parish Garden** Sat. July 21<sup>st</sup>, live music from 1pm, BBQ or picnic, enjoy a family afternoon and bring your friends.

#### Strawberry Cream Tea Afternoon

#### **FURTHER AFIELD**

An in-service opportunity for dementia champions and bereavement care ministers on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at LACE from 2 – 4pm. Kathy Devlin from Beacon Counselling Trust is the speaker and will speak once people have enjoyed their cream tea and had the opportunity to walk around the market place of stalls to do with mental health. There is also a time of prayer and reflection.

### MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting2nd JulyDial-a-Ride8th JulyS.A.S.ReadersReaders"Eucharistic Ministers

Marie Dewland and Mary HargreavesLinda and David WalmsleyJanet Critchley and Pauline CritchleySimon RobinsonDavid FaircloughMargaret ScardDaryl HobinClare MeredithBarbara SlaterDavid ChadwickRichard Jackson

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Mary Mark Carol Hardman David Porter

## 8th July, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am John and Alice Houghton 11:00am The Wilcock Family (FM) 6:30pm Mary Young

> St. Thomas the Apostle St. Elizabeth of Portugal St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr

Rosary: Twenty minutes before weekday Mass