

St. Gregory's Newsletter

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saint of the Week

ST. BRIDGET

Born of a rich governor of Upland, she was married to a young prince at the age of 14. They had eight children of whom one was St. Catherine of Sweden. Her husband died soon after a pilgrimage to Compostela and she founded the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, building a double monastery for monks and nuns at Vadestena. In 1349 she moved to Rome to obtain approval for her Order, where she worked for the return of the Popes from Avignon. Her austerity of life, her devotion both in visiting shrines and in serving pilgrims, the poor and the sick, were impressive.

"O God who guided St. Bridget of Sweden along different paths of life and wonderously taught her the wisdom of the cross as she contemplated the Passion of your son; grant us we pray that walking worthily in our vocation, we may seek you in all things."



You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while ...
(from the Sunday Gospel of Mark 6:31)

The disciples had been working so hard that they did not even have time to eat, the Gospel tells us. Jesus, being truly man as well as God understands their needs perfectly and wants to take them away for a break. But the eager crowd anticipate where they are going and arrive there before them. When Jesus and the apostles arrive and see them, Jesus takes pity on them and starts teaching them, 'for they were like sheep without a shepherd'.

The call to love one another and share our love for God with them is always present, even on holiday.....

'Jesus' reaction to the crowd is one of pity – as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. ...

In the first reading God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care.

The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves.

Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds – a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that [we and] all present-day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.'

From Salford Liturgy <http://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/>

Children's Corner

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Living Waters Food Bank

During the school holidays our food bank is appealing for continued contributions for families struggling without the support of school meals.

Thank You for your gifts of food, drink and toiletries.

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9:30am John Lilley (B)
11:00am Anthony Hardyman
6:30pm Rowland McGreal

Weekday Mass

Monday 10:00am Requiem Ann Walsh
Tuesday 8:30am McMurray & Barton families
Wednesday 10:00am Julie Oaks
Thursday 8:30am Joan Critchley
Friday 8:30am John & Olive Farnworth (F.M.)
Saturday 10:00am Rev. R. Bilsbarrow, S.A. Hearsep,
Mary Kennedy & Rev. W. P. Henry (FM)

29th July, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Agnes Walsh
11:00am Jack Barton
6:30pm

St. Bridget
St. Sharbel Makhlef
St. James
SS. Joachim and Anne

Please note the Wednesday morning Mass will be at 10:00am.

Weekly Confession: after Saturday morning Mass

Rosary: Twenty minutes before weekday 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, Paul Spedding, Fred Simpson, Joan Woodruff, Nora Taylor, Marian Leyland, Margaret Wrennall, Harold Sutton

Sadly we announce the death of Ann Walsh who died on 16th July. Her Requiem will be celebrated as above. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Parish News

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Francesca Mary Flanagan and wish her and her family a beautiful celebration and every blessing as they start out on their new faith journey.

Children's Liturgy

... is now on holiday and will return in September. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1022.74.

Fr. Oliver Leavy from the St. Patrick's Missionary Society has written to thank us all for the hospitality and great generosity extended to him and his congregation. He enjoyed the weekend with us very much and reminds us that all who support the society are remembered daily in their masses and prayers.

Concert in the Park

Whilst preparations are well under way at the time of printing, you will hear more about it next Sunday.

New Marquee

Whilst all the financial dealings of the beer festival have not yet been completed, it is clear that enough money has been raised to buy a new marquee. Well done everybody!

Fr. Patsy Foley

There will be a Mass of thanksgiving this Monday at 6:30pm at St. Mary's as Father Patsy will soon be leaving St. Chad's to pastures new at Holy Family in Southport. All are most welcome, please spread the word.

Repeat Appeal for New Readers

Thank you for the offer of help from one reader for the evening mass. We now need one more reader for the 6:30 evening Mass, and one more for the 11am Mass. Please consider helping our parish community with this ministry.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Every day this week till Friday we are praying the Novena at Mass to support our diocesan pilgrims in Lourdes.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counting 23rd July
S.A.S. 29th July
Dial a Ride "
Readers "
Eucharistic Ministers

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| Derek and Celia Birchall | | |
| Yvonne Cunliffe and Marian Knight | | |
| Paul Thompson & Ruth Simpson | | |
| Marissa Sanders | Daryl Hobin | Ulrika Yeomans |
| David Chadwick | Helen Mather | Melvyne Cunliffe |
| Chris Huddy | Barbara Slater | Carol Hardman |
| Clare Meredith | Denise Conway | |