

# St. Gregory's Newsletter

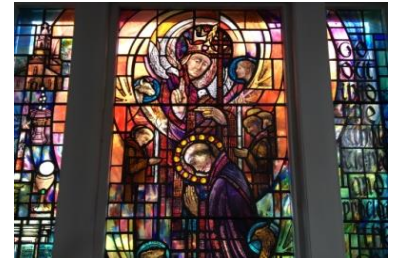
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## Saint of the Week St. John The Baptist

His name was divinely given. It was to be "John" (see Luke 1:13), which derives from a Hebrew term signifying "God is gracious". He was known familiarly as "the Baptist" which simply means "an immerser, one who administers the rite of immersion". (see Matthew 3:1, 11:11, etc) The Jewish historian Josephus even refers to John by this designation (Antiquities 18.5.2). The importance of John in the divine scheme of things probably is summed up best in the testimony of Jesus himself.

"Among them that are born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist.."

(Matthew 11:11)



## World Day of Migrants and Refugees ...was on 20th June

... In his message Pope Francis said "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs:  
 to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate".

A society is judged by how it treats the most vulnerable within it, and in England and Wales we must do more. ....

Our society must be mindful of the challenges and abuses refugees face, and look to protect them. Currently, in England and Wales refugees and asylum seekers can be indefinitely detained, often made destitute, and face unprecedented levels of hate crime.

Refugees and asylum seekers must be integrated and their cause promoted so they can flourish and contribute to our society....

Refugees abroad, and the organisations that care for them, also need support .....

Pope Francis also stated that "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age."

I hope that we will continue to see Christ in the refugees we welcome and support.

*Bishop Paul McAleenan (Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees)*

## Children's Corner

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ELIZABETH BIRTH RELATIONS  
 KINDNESS EIGHTH CIRCUMCISE  
 ZECHARIAH FATHER MOTHER  
 JOHN TABLET JUDAEA

**The Mayor of Chorley's  
 Lancashire Night**

The new mayor Councillor Margaret Lees is organizing 'A reet good do' at the Town Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> September in aid of local charities.  
 Please see poster in the porch.

# Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist

## 24<sup>th</sup> June

9:30am Agnes Walsh  
11:00am Catenians - President's Sunday  
6:30pm Patrick McManus

## Weekday Mass

Monday 8:30am Mary Kellett (LD)  
Tuesday 8:30am Bryan Gilgun (A)  
Wednesday 8:30am Alan West (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
Thursday 8:30am Agnes Walsh  
Friday 9:30am Valerie Bretherton  
7:00pm Christine Poxon  
Saturday 10:00am Paul Mulhearn

Weekly Confession: after Saturday morning Mass

## 1<sup>st</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. Cyril of Alexandria  
St. Irenaeus  
**Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

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, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson, Thomas and Joan Woodruff, Nora Taylor, Marian Leyland, Margaret Wrennall, Harold Sutton

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1018.70. The Priests in Retirement collection has been sent off, totalling £357.22. Thank you for your continued generosity. *On Friday we will have the 'Peter's Pence' collection for the upkeep of Holy Places in Rome.*

### The Catenian Society

Today we welcome the Chorley Catenians to the 11:00am Mass at the start of their presidential year. Peter Hughes is the new president and we wish him a successful and blessed year. The Catenians work 'to strengthen family life through friendship and faith' and in particular they support young people in their faith projects. Why not join them? Have a word and find out more ....

### TEAMS – Equipes Notre-Dame

This Tuesday, 7pm @ the Parish House. If you are married or engaged, come along for drinks and nibbles and to find out how TEAMS can support and enrich your marriage. It is an international Movement for Christian Married Couples, present in over 90 countries.

### Youth Club

This Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have a joint meeting for both groups. It will start at 6:00pm and finish at 8:00pm. This will be the last meeting before the summer holidays, so we hope you will come along and join us.

### Wedding

On Saturday Anna-Marie Canavan and Damien Eatock are getting married here at St. Gregory's. We pray for them and wish them a wonderful day and every blessing in their married lives.

### St. Patrick's Missionary Society

Next Sunday we welcome Fr. Oliver of the Kiltegan Fathers to tell us about their work in the missions and for their annual appeal.

**St. Gregory's Inaugural Beer Festival** – Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> July 7-11pm, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm & 7-11pm. Tickets £4/4.90 online, free 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.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Please hand in names - as in the passport - asap.**

## FORWARD PLANNING

### Restored Lives

'This course is the single most helpful thing I've done.' A series of meetings on *Recovery from Divorce and Separation* starting on Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Small groups, free, confidential, informative and affirming. Organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department, please see poster or contact Maureen on 07967 753 371 or Jacqui Selleck on 07793 825 815.

## MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

**Counting** 25<sup>th</sup> June  
**Dial-a-Ride** 1<sup>st</sup> July  
**S.A.S.**  
**Readers** “  
**Eucharistic Ministers**

Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre  
Taxi  
Margaret Scard  
Michael Hall  
Louise Cogan  
Chris Huddy  
Jack Knight

Pat O'Brien  
Denise Conway  
Helen Mather  
Sharon Hobin

John Oswell  
Joe Commerford  
Ulrika Yeomans