

# St. Gregory's Newsletter

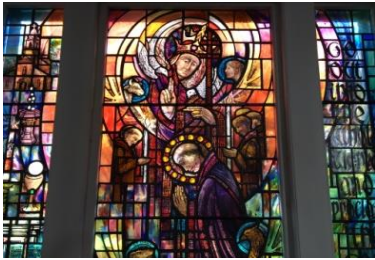
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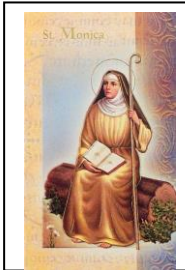


## Saints of the Week

### St. Monica

Monica was born in 332 in North Africa and married to Patricius a pagan of violent temper. She overcame a tendency to heavy drinking and won over both a difficult mother-in-law and her husband with her patient persistence. Her husband was baptised, but died the following year. Her four children include St. Augustine, who she treated with extreme patience until his conversion, after which he became a great theologian and preacher, spiritual director & writer whose work influenced Christian thought and the Church more than anyone since St. Paul.

*"I cried to the Lord in my distress and he answered me"* St. Monica



## Reflection

Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel - but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing. Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'.

Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not the flesh, which has nothing to offer.

*(from Salford Liturgy Online)*

## Adoremus - Liverpool 2018

### 'Come and celebrate the Eucharist'

10,000 pilgrims from across England and Wales will arrive in Liverpool for the first national Eucharistic Congress ... since London 1908. Contributions from around the country include a carpet of fresh flowers for the Corpus Christi Procession from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Birmingham is sending the altar at which Pope Benedict celebrated mass in Crofton Park in 2010. East Anglia the Our Lady of Walsingham statue from the National Shrine; Salford the processional canopy and Shrewsbury, a beautiful golden Monstrance. (*Universe 3/8/18*)

The extensive support program will also host 'Lost + Found' at the Auditorium, ACC Liverpool, featuring the *Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir* and *Frank Cottrell-Boyce* telling the story of the prodigal son, with songs from *The Beatles*, *Stevie Wonder*, *Judy Garland* and others. Tickets £10, by phone 03448000410

## Children's Corner

P	O	T	S	A	I	R	E	T	S	JEW
S	E	W	N	J	S	E	S	W	E	FATHER
F	E	N	D	E	D	H	I	R	F	MOTHER
J	A	V	N	A	W	T	A	S	I	DRAWN
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### Parish History – Help!

A Chorley historian is researching the life & work of a former parishioner, *Mr. John Wilson*. He was married to *Sarah Rostron*, with two daughters *Mary* and *Helen*. Mr. Wilson was a Sunday School teacher and took part in Church Walking Day processions etc. Any stories, recollections, photographs of events/outings etc would be most useful.

If you can help in any way, please bring your information to the office. Items will be returned after use. Thank you.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 26<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am LISC  
11:00am For the People of the Parish  
6:30pm William Munsie (LD)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Tom Wilcock  
11:00am In Thanksgiving  
6:30pm

### Weekday Mass

**Monday 10:00am** Kathleen Swarbrick (A)  
Tuesday 8:30am Tom Wilcock (A)  
Wednesday 8:30am Elizabeth Frearson (FM)  
Thursday 8:30am Thanksgiving to Our Lady (Diamond A.)  
Friday 8:30am Celia & Jimmy Critchley (A)  
Saturday 10:00am Frank & Beatrice Brindle

**Please note the  
BANK HOLIDAY  
Mass is at 10am.**

St. Monica  
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor  
Passion of St. John the Baptist  
St. Edmund Arrowsmith, SJ, PM  
St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne  
St. Margaret Clitherow, St. A. Line, St. M. Ward  
**Rosary:** Twenty minutes before weekday Mass

**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 - *Bless thy servants who are sick, o Lord, and send them help from thy holy place. Amen.*

## Parish News

### Congratulations:

Today we welcome in Baptism Archie Anthony Angus and wish him and his family every blessing on their faith journey.

### 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. 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 £1016.60.

Next week our SVP will hold their monthly collection. They wish to thank you for the August collection of £240.84.

### Exam Results

Now that 'A' level and GCSE results have been received by our young people, big congratulations to those who achieved what they worked for, and may those who feel disappointed go ahead confidently knowing that as children of God they are loved by him and precious as always.

### Children and Vulnerable Adults

Pope Francis has written a letter of apology concerning the abuse of children and vulnerable adults in the Church and its failure to respond. This letter has been addressed to all Catholics and is available at the back of church if you wish to read it or take a copy home. Please remember the victims of clerical abuse in your prayers.

**Gin Tasting** - This Friday, starting at 7:30. Tickets are £20 including 5 gins and nibbles. Some tickets still available.

## Further Afield

### Our Priests in Training

Please pray for our seminarians who, at the end of the month, will either commence or recommence their seminary formation in the seminaries at St. Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham; St. John's College, Womersley, Guildford; the Pontifical Bede College and the Venerable English College in Rome. They are Rev. Thomas Clarke (to be ordained July 2019, with the help of God), Hugh Dunleavy, Joseph Champion-Williams, Peter Ross, Peter Murphy, Michael Harwood, Joshua Dixon, James Finnegan and Martin Fyles. Please also pray for those who continue to attend the discernment days and spend time at the House of Discernment. For more information on discerning a call to the Priesthood please see Father Graeme or contact Fr. James Preston, vocations director, 0151 7272493

### Come And See Conference

The Irenaeus Project are thrilled to welcome Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, as the keynote speaker at the Come & See day on Saturday 27th October. It will be held at Maricourt High School, Maghull L31 3DZ with workshops by Fr Chris Thomas, Eileen T Snow, and Dr Karen Groves. The Irenaeus Project aims to provide opportunities to deepen our relationship with God in whatever situation we live and work. We have no fixed fee, but we are not free. We trust that people will give a donation according to their means.

## Ministering to the Assembly

**Counting** 27<sup>th</sup> August  
**S.A.S.** 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
**Dial a Ride** "  
**Readers** "  
**Eucharistic Ministers**

Mary and John Mark  
Yvonne Cunliffe and Marian Knight  
Phil Southworth and Bernard Hargreaves  
**TBC**  
Chris Huddy  
Richard Jackson  
Jack Knight

**TBC**  
Helen Mather  
Sharon Hobin  
Linda Walmsley

**TBC**  
David Porte  
Joe Commerford