

# St. Gregory's Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

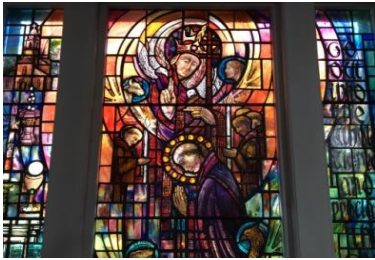
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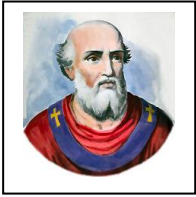


### Saint of the Week

#### St. John I

Born in Tuscany, he became Archdeacon of Rome. He was chosen pope in spite of advanced years and ailing health. His time as Pope was mainly filled by the embassy, which the Arian Emperor Theodoric the Goth compelled him to make to Byzantium. The object of this was to obtain toleration for the Arians in the East; if he failed, there would be reprisals against the orthodox Catholics in the West.

John was received with immense respect by the Greeks, but obtained only minor concessions from the Eastern Emperor. When he returned to Ravenna, then Theodoric's capital, he was imprisoned because Theodoric suspected him of betrayal and of siding with the Emperor against him. John died in prison shortly afterwards in 526.



### Reflection

#### "Thy Kingdom come"

**JW:** When we pray 'Thy Kingdom come', what do you expect from this prayer?  
**VN:** I think, I sense in my own mind, a deep unease of how things *are*, and both a firm, and some days a buoyant hope that they will be *transformed*. So it is a prayer of longing, and therefore it has its elements of contrition in it. But it's also a prayer of *hope*, a prayer of trust in the promise that all things in Christ will be rendered good and whole, and given to the Father.

To me it is a very wonderful prayer, where there is the harmony that is written into creation will be achieved.

And in the meantime we live with unease, and pain, and regret, and a great fidelity to the promise of what Christ can do and what Christ *will* do.

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**JW:** So 'Thy Kingdom come' is a *transformative* prayer and it demands our transformation.  
**VN:** Yes, and it demands the transformation of the way we habitually see each other and see our world. Because The Kingdom is already in the substance of the created order. Otherwise it could not *possibly* be God's creation. God only does what's good and beautiful.

**JW:** THANK YOU.

*From a series of interviews by Archbishop Justin Welby with Church leaders, here with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, for the 'global wave of prayer' leading up to Pentecost.*

Watch them online on  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgjwBUBm7K8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgjwBUBm7K8)

## Children's Corner

A	T	I	Y	R	O	H	T	U	A
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FATHER	SON	SPIRIT



### 'Pray for more people to come to Faith'

All are invited to 'Thy Kingdom Come' 'wave of prayer uniting Christians across all tradition in more than 85 countries worldwide. Now in its third year it has become a powerful initiative. See over for local participation, and online [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) Pray at home for five people every day leading up to Pentecost.

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - World Communications Sunday

## 13<sup>th</sup> May

9:30am Mary Fish (A)  
11:00am Gerald Thompson  
6:30pm Kathleen Marmion

## 20<sup>th</sup> May, Pentecost Sunday

9:30am Joseph Robinson (A)  
11:00am Maureen Ormerod  
6:30pm Frigga Hayes

## Weekday Mass

Monday 8:30am Jim Heyes  
Tuesday 8:30am John Farnworth (FM)  
Wednesday 8:30am Maureen Hall (B)  
Thursday 8:30am Teresa Critchley  
Friday 8:30am Rita Threlfall

St. Matthias  
Our Lady Of Fatima

**Saturday 11:00am First Communion**  
Vincent Bell

St. John I

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

## PARISH NEWS

### Baptism

Today we welcome Oliver Henry Adam and Jessica Anne Jayne in baptism and wish them and their parents every blessing as they start their new faith journey.

### Scripture Group

Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at the Parish House, all very welcome.

### ADOREMUS Holy Hour

With a view to the Eucharistic Congress Archbishop Malcolm is coming to pray with the Chorley and Leyland deaneries **tomorrow 14<sup>th</sup> May at St. Mary's Church in Chorley @ 7:30pm**. Do come along and join in.

### Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £887.50

There will be a retiring collection today after Mass for World Communications Day.

### First Holy Communion

On Saturday at 11:00am we welcome the children who make their first communion and their families to the Table of the Lord. A big thank-you to those who have prepared the children for this Sacrament – the parents, the school, and most specially our Parish Sacramental Team for their dedicated work. On Sunday the children will join us at the Parish Mass at 11:00am so that we can all celebrate the occasion with them. Afterwards there will be a party in the garden.

### Ordination Invite

Five invitations to the ordination of our three new priests at the Cathedral, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1:00pm, available in the office. Please pick up a free ticket at the sacristy, and please pray for them - Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Mугan.

### Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

Father Graeme has secured a provisional date of 1 – 11 July, still awaiting cost and final programme details. Let him know if you are interested.

## FURTHER AFIELD

### Festival of Prayer – Thy Kingdom Come

Leading up to Pentecost, events every evening at 7:00pm at St. Laurence Church, exploring different styles of prayer. See poster in the porch and more on the front of the newsletter..

## MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

**Counting** 14<sup>th</sup> May  
**S.A.S.** 20<sup>th</sup> May  
**Dial a Ride** “  
**Readers** “  
**Eucharistic Ministers**

Marie Dewland and Mary Hargreaves  
Yvonne Cunliffe and Marian Knight  
Taxi  
Christine Crossen  
Richard Jackson  
Clare Meredith  
Edward Brierley

Linda Walmsley  
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Barbara Slater  
David Chadwick

Mary Mark  
David Porter  
Joe Commerford

## Thy Kingdom Come

Cardinal Nichols urged the Catholic community to get involved and said: "I am very pleased to invite you to join in this time of prayer as part of Thy Kingdom Come from 10-20 May. We do this, with a deep realisation that our world is not right. But we do it with a profound hope, profound trust in the promises of Jesus, that His Kingdom will come and in that trust and hope we pray."

Teresa Carvalho, Home Mission Development Officer for the Catholic Bishops' Conference said: "I am so excited about the Catholic Church's involvement in this year's Thy Kingdom Come. As the Development Officer for evangelisation within the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, it is a pleasure to encourage and enable Catholics to take part in this time of prayer in anticipation of Pentecost since it is only through the action of the Holy Spirit that our efforts to share the good news of Jesus Christ will be fruitful."

Catholic churches across the country are participating including several Beacon events happening at the end of the 11-day period of prayer.

We have also produced a range of fantastic resources for the Catholic church for Thy Kingdom Come. It is wonderful to know that we are partnering with the wider body of Christ in this way for more to come to faith."

Pippa Baker from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal has also contributed to the initiative.

The resources this year include 'Journey with Mary' daily devotional podcasts read by notable Catholic voice, Maria Rodrigues, presenter for Premier Christian radio as well as a range of beautifully designed print resources including the Morning Prayer of the Church booklet.

Now in its third year, Thy Kingdom Come hopes to build momentum from last year; In 2017 alone, more than 85 countries - ranging from Canada to Australia, South Sudan to Japan - took part and it is hoped that this year, even greater numbers of individuals, families and churches will be involved.

*To take part in this year's Thy Kingdom Come visit: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)*

... And come to the local prayer festival organised at St. Laurence Church. See programme above. The Vicar Rev. Neil Kelly has warmly invited all Christians of Chorley to participate.