

St. Gregory's Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter

29th April 2018

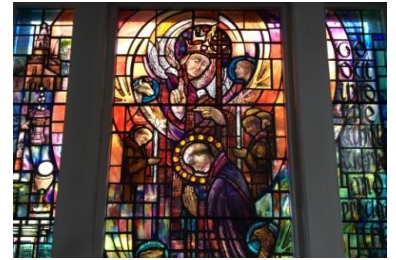
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Saint of the Week

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

In the New Calendar for English Saints the 40 canonised martyrs (previous feast on 25th October) have joined the 85 beatified martyrs for today's Feast, with other martyrs from the 16th and 17th centuries. These are known as 'The English Martyrs'. It was on 4th May 1535 that three Carthusian monks were put to death at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. Of these, 42 have been canonised and a further 242 declared blessed. But so many died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and a half – their number cannot now be reckoned.

They came from every walk of life; there are among them rich and Poor, married and single, Women and men. They are remembered for the Example they gave of Constancy in their faith, And courage in the face of persecution.



Reflection

"The only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint"

Leon Bloy (quoted in GE 34)

Gaudete et Exultate is a personal letter addressed to each one of us bishops, and to all people, inviting us all to put God, and not ourselves, at the centre of our lives. In it Pope Francis calls us to join with that great company of witnesses (Hebrews 12) who have gone before us in the faith, "for the Lord has chosen each one of us 'to be holy and blameless before him in love.'"

In our society, holiness is often regarded as antiquated. In this simple, direct and beautiful letter, Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is not the preserve of specialists. It is for all of us, not a select few. Holiness is our destiny. It is what God has planned for us....

Pope Francis reminds us of the Church's spiritual wisdom that holiness is lived in the daily reality of our lives. It is in small gestures and little things that we are led to be holy. Jesus Christ not only invites us to this holiness but enables us, through his grace, to make the journey to God. This journey, although deeply personal, is never private...

.... We commit ourselves and commend all people to be bold and courageous in the mission of the Church...

From the recent Bishops Conference/Leeds plenary statement

Children's Corner

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VINE BRANCH FRUIT PRUNES
WORD HOME PLENTY THROWN
FIRE BURNT GLORY DISCIPLES



LIVING WATERS FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support. Items of food and toiletries still needed and gratefully accepted in the porch.

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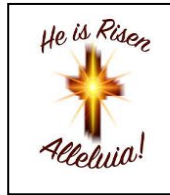
9:30am Zygmunt Woyciechowski (LD)
11:00am Kathleen Marmion (LD)
6:30pm Paul McManus

6th May, 6th Sunday of Easter

9:30am John Turner (1st A)
11:00am Janus Neisser (LD)
6:30pm Austin McManus (A)

Weekday Mass

Monday 8:30am Jean Rothwell
Tuesday 11:00am Requiem Mass Vincent Bell
Wednesday 8:30am Albert Jones
Thursday 8:30am J. Walker, J. Cooper, A. Lasker
Canon Edward Banks (FM)
Friday 8:30am All the Sick in the Parish
Saturday 10:00am Our Lady and St. Joseph of Cupertino



Saints of the Week

St. Pious V
St. Joseph the Worker
St. Athanasius
SS Philip and James

The English Martyrs

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

Sadly we announce the death of Vincent Bell. We pray for him and also for Yvonne. May he rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £942, and thank you for the Priests Training Fund collection of £432.92. Thank you for your continued generosity. Next Sunday our SVP society will take their monthly collection.

Finance Committee

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee tomorrow, Monday 30th April at 7:00pm.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

Would you be interested in a Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land?? If so please let Fr. Graeme know, he has already started making plans. Watch this space.

CAFOD and NUGENT

We received thank-you letters from both Charities which can be viewed on the notice board.

Also the following e-mail from Collette Byrne from CAFOD: *"Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May are doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent".*

MAY Diary Dates

Thur. 10th Ascension Day, Wed. 16th Holy Hour with the Archbishop(19.30h), 19/20th First Communion, Sun.20th Pentecost

FURTHER AFIELD

JFC Sisters - Discerning God's Call Weekend

An opportunity for young women to live community life with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ Sisters) with input on different aspects of vowed life, time for prayer, reflection and discussion with others who are considering a vocation to religious life. For more information contact Sr. Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

Dementia Friendly Mass

Celebrating Pentecost and Dementia Action Week, a special Mass Sun. 20th May, 3pm, Holy Rosary, Aintree. See poster.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting	30 th April	Terence and Sandra Donnelly		
S.A.S.	6 th May	Sandra Donnelly and Madge Martin		
Dial a Ride	"	TBA and Ruth Simpson		
Readers	"	Michael Hall	Pat O'Brien	Linda Corcoran
Eucharistic Ministers		David Chadwick	Helen Mather	Carol Hardman

Margaret Scard
Linda Walmsley

Edward Brierley
Sharon Hobin

Melvyn Cunliffe