

# St. Gregory's Newsletter

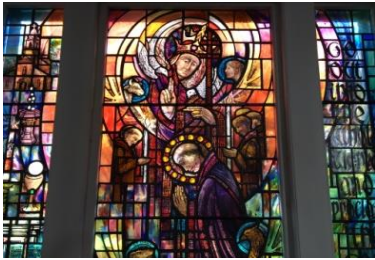
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**Saint of the Week**  
**St. Maximilian Kolbe**

He born in Poland in 1894 and at about the age of 10 had a vision of the Virgin Mary. In 1910, he joined the Conventual Franciscan Order. Ordained a priest in 1918, Father Maximilian returned to Poland and began his untiring missionary activity, starting a monthly magazine and establishing two evangelization centres dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin: Niepokalanów, the "City of the Immaculata," in Poland, and Mugenzai no Sono in Japan, and envisioned missionary centres worldwide. To better "win the world for Christ the friars utilized the most modern techniques. In 1939, during WWII, at Niepokalanów he welcomed thousands of refugees, especially Jews. In 1941, St. Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis and taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. He died on August 14, 1941, with an injection of carbolic acid. Pope John Paul II canonized him as a Saint and Martyr of Charity on October 10, 1982.

St. Maximilian was a ground-breaking theologian. His insights on the Immaculate Conception anticipated the Marian theology of the Second Vatican Council.

**Reflection**

**"Taste and see that the Lord is good."**

The responsorial psalm at mass is often the most overlooked, it is hardly ever used as the basis of the homily and yet they are prayers (hymns) that have been used for thousands of years. The response to the Psalm today and a reminder to us of the joy and privilege that we are offered in the Eucharist. It links the consuming of the Eucharist **Taste**, with the belief in who we are receiving **See**. Both together allows us to recognise the goodness of the Lord.

Let us reflect upon the words of the psalm, not just listening, but praying it, the whole psalm is our response to the readings. It is not just a psalm with a response within it, even when the response is as beautiful as today's.

The special nature of the psalm is emphasised when it is sung, after all they were originally written as hymns. We are blessed in having them sung at one of our masses, but even when we can only say them we should do so with a song in our hearts. In doing so we will 'See that the Lord is good' and be in the right frame of mind to taste that goodness when we approach the altar to receive communion.

## Children's Corner

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**Living Waters Food Bank**

Please continue to support our foodbank during the holidays with your gifts of food and toiletries.

Thank you!

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 12<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am Valerie Bretherton  
11:00am Kathleen Marmion (LD)  
6:30pm People of the Parish

## Weekday Mass

Monday 8:30am William Moore  
Tuesday 8:30am Ernie & Muriel Griffiths  
**Wednesday 9:30am** Isabel Richardson (A) **Holiday of Obligation**  
**12:00** Requiem **Tony Willoughby**  
**7:00pm** Private Intention  
Thursday 8:30am Bernadette Tynan (A)  
Friday 8:30am Teresa Critchley  
Saturday 10:00am Bob Roberts (LD)

## 19<sup>th</sup> August 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Jim Dunn  
11:00am Iam Bielby (LD)  
6:30pm Jake Monk & Mary Martin

## **St Maximilian Kolbe**

## **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St Stephen of Hungary

**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, 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 Leo Jake Thorley and wish him and his family every blessing on their new faith journey. On Friday Gianna Walsh & John Foley are being married may God bless and strengthen their love for each other.

### **Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection of £796.91

### **Preparing for ADOREMUS... - Eucharist is Sacrifice**

Remembering Jesus' death cannot be done simply by thinking about it. If we are to remember as we are called to remember, then we need to live as Jesus lived, think as he thought and act as he acted. We celebrate the memory of Jesus in the Eucharistic sacrifice by offering our own lives together with Jesus for the life of the world.

### **Cemeteries:**

Recently we had a visit from the Archdiocesan Health & Safety inspector. A number of memorial stones in the Old Cemetery were unsafe and have been laid down, they will be made safe by the Parish, but any other work is up to the individual families. While I was walking around I have noticed a growing number of wind mills, while the thoughts behind them may be good they are not appropriate in the cemetery, so they will be removed and they can be collected later via the office. Also can I ask families to restrict flowers and plants to just in front of the memorial stones. The graves are well maintained, and the cemeteries look beautiful, but we need to have access to cut the grass. It is the parish's responsibility to maintain the cemeteries and your help is much appreciated. Thank you for your co-operation. *Fr Graeme*

### **New Weekly Offering Envelopes**

The new boxes of envelopes are ready, starting on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Please take a box for your use. Will those of you who gift-aid donation collect yours from the sacristy and tick your name off. Some 20+ parishioners make their donation by standing order. If you wish to do so, please collect a standing order form from the sacristy. Thank you for your continued and generous financial support of the parish.

### **GIFT AID – Another Plea**

If you are a tax payer the parish can re-claim the tax you have already paid for your donation, which is **25p** for every pound donated. Please consider gift aiding your offering..

## Ministering to the Assembly

**Counting** 13<sup>th</sup> August

**S.A.S.** 19<sup>th</sup> August

**Dial a Ride** “

**Readers** “

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre

Sandra Donnelly and Madge Martin

Linda and David Walmsley

Pauline Doyle

Louise Cogan

Margaret Scard

Clare Meredith

Sharon Hobin

Denise Conway

Richard Jackson

David Chadwick

John Oswell

Carol Hardman

Joe Commerford