

St. Gregory's Newsletter

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th June 2018

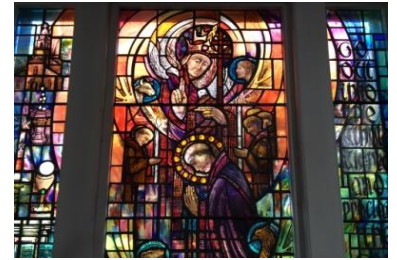
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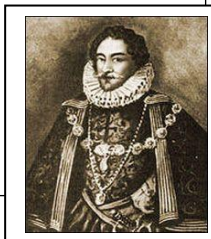


Saint of the Week

ST. JOHN RIGBY - MARTYR

John Rigby, a local man, was a layman, rare among the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the most famous of the hundreds of Catholics who suffered for their faith at that time.

Rigby was born in the year 1570 at Harrock Hall, Eccleston, near Chorley, Lancashire, the fifth or sixth son of Nicholas Rigby, by his wife Mary, daughter of Oliver Breres of Preston. In 1600 Rigby was working for Sir Edmund Huddleston whose daughter, was summoned to the Old Bailey for recusancy (refusing to attend Protestant services). Because she was ill, Rigby appeared for her. Walking into court a free man, he was sent to prison and was only free again when he entered Heaven after enduring arguably the most brutal execution of any of the martyrs, proceeded by horrendous torture. But Mr Rigby showed signs of sainthood by being bafflingly polite to his aggressors. Stubborn and defiant in the face of persecution, he tells the truth, bravely answering questions direct and to the point. Too often we stutter and water down our answers to challenging questions about the Faith for fear that the recipient may not like our answer. Like Saint John, with charity we need to point our thoughts to Christ.



*Blessed are the peacemakers,
they will be called children of God (Mt 5:9)*

Anyone who possesses inner peace can be a bearer of peace. We need to be peacemakers first of all in our own behaviour, living in harmony with God and his will..

'They will be called children of God'

Being given a name means becoming what the name says. St. Paul called God 'the God of peace' and said: 'The God of peace be with you all.'

Peacemakers show their kinship with God and act like children of God; they bear witness to God who has inscribed an order in human society, whose fruit is peace.' (Chiara Lubich)

***** Gift Aid *****

Over the last 2 years the total offertory collection has been stable either side of £59000, thank you for your generosity. Where there has been a big change is the amount gift aided - a drop of £5500. This means a loss of income from the government of £1375. If you pay tax, every £1 is worth an extra 25p. I'm not asking you to give more but to consider gift aiding what you give. If you are willing to do so, please collect a declaration from the sacristy or office. Thank you!

Fr Graeme

Children's Corner

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BIRDS
SHELTER



Living Waters Food Bank

Articles of both food and toiletries can be left in the box in the porch.

Thank you!

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Birth of St. John the Baptist

17th June

9:30am Teresa Critchley
11:00am Diamond Wedding - Olive & Frank Morris
6:30pm Anthony Hardyman

24th June, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Weekday Mass

Monday 8:30am Special Intention (CA)
Tuesday 8:30am Carlos Navarro (LD)
Wednesday 8:30am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Thursday 8:30am Ayumi Hardyman
Friday 8:30am Bill Critchley (A)
Saturday 10:00am Reception - David Rostron

St. John Rigby
St. Romuald
St. Alban
St. Aloysius Gonzaga
SS. John Fisher & Thomas More
St. Etheldreda

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

PARISH NEWS

Day for Life

The annual celebration is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year we pray specially for the victims of human trafficking, that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through. You can find out more on www.dayforlife.org and www.santamartagroup.com.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £879.56. And thank you for the additional Priests In Retirement collection of £120.64. Thank you for your continued generosity. *The special collection today is for Day of Life.*

Gift Aid Annual Summary Letters

Would all parishioners who gift aid their offering please pick up their annual statement letter after mass if you have not done so yet. At the back of church on Sunday or in the sacristy during the week. Thank you.

TEAMS – Equipes Notre-Dame

An international Movement for Christian Married Couples, present in over 90 countries. Want to know more? If you are married or engaged, come along to the **Parish House on Tuesday, 26th June, 7:00pm**, for drinks and nibbles. Find out how TEAMS can support and enrich your marriage.

Eucharistic 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 in September. If you are in the area or visiting the graveyard, please pop in.

Scripture Group

Meeting this Wednesday at the Parish House at 6:30pm. All most welcome.

200 Club

Winners of the May draw are Emily Moss (3rd) Nr. 94, Kathleen Westby (2nd) Nr. 73, Anne Holt (1st), Nr.11

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

Concert in the Parish Garden - July 21st, live music from 1 pm, bring your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ, drinks will be available or bring your own, enjoy a family afternoon and bring your friends.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019 - 1st to 11th July 2019 - If interested, please hand in names - as in the passport - **asap**.

St. Laurence's C.of E. Summer Fair - The Rector Fr. Neil Kelley is inviting all to the summer fair on Saturday 7th July, 11am to 4pm. To be opened by Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP. See poster.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting 18th June
S.A.S. 24th June
Dial a Ride “
Readers “
Eucharistic Ministers

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| Terence and Sandra Donnelly | | |
| Yvonne Cunliffe and Marian Knight | | |
| Dominic Stone and Catherine Jackson | | |
| Pauline Doyle | Sharon Hobin | Linda Corcoran |
| Linda Walmsley | Paul Thompson | Anthony Hooson |
| David Chadwick | Sharon Hobin | Melvyne Cunliffe |
| Edward Brierley | Margaret Scard | |