## St. Gregory's Newsletter

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# Saint of the Week St. John Chrysostom

John became a monk in ca. 373 in a mountain community where he lived in his cave hermitage. He returned to Antioch in 381, was ordained priest five years later, becoming the bishop's special assistant. He soon became famous as preacher and commentator.

Chrysostom means "Golden Mouth". In 398, as archbishop of Constantinople, he reformed the corrupt morals of court, clergy and people. Attacking the behaviour, clothes and make-up of women at court, the Empress Eudoxia took this as a personal attack on herself. She engineered his exile, but an earthquake in Constantinople terrified her and he was recalled. He was later banished again in 404 to Armenia. He died in exile. He became a 'doctor of the Church' because of the great value of his

writings and along with Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzus and Athanasius is one of the greatest of the early Eastern Fathers of the Church.

"Preaching improves me. When I begin to speak, weariness disappears; when I begin to teach,

fatigue too disappears". St. John Chrysostom

## Reflection

As 11000 pilgrims are expected at **ADOREMUS** in Liverpool this weekend, we pray that the congress will touch and renew all areas of Church life. We reflect with them on this amazing gift from Jesus, his Eucharistic Presence, where he makes himself one with us and consequently we become one with one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give your rest. (Matt. 1)

This promise is fulfilled so graciously when we receive our Blessed Lord in holy communion and when we come before him in the Blessed Sacrament. There we can lay down our burdens, knowing that he will take them from us and restore his peace to our troubles souls. In the Eucharist we enter the deepest parts of the ocean of life. That is why we find peace and stillness there. In those far depths we know we are one with Christ because he has made himself one with us...

Made one in Christ by the power of his Holy Spirit, our lives are held together...our human nature bound into the very nature of God. We are, indeed, transformed! Nothing, therefore, can come between us and the love of God mad visible in Christ Jesus (Romans 8) ......

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

## Children's Corner

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If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion. (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

Jesus, food of strong souls, strengthen me, purify me, make me godlike.

(St. Gemma Galgani)

Every consecrated host is made to burn itself up with love in a human heart. (St. John Vianney)

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am John & Elizabeth Watmough
11:00am Private Intention (MF)
6:30pm In Thanksgiving for Adoremus
9:30am John Shaw (A)
11:00am Jack Simmonds (B)
6:30pm Thanksgiving 70<sup>th</sup> B. (AY)

**Weekday Mass** 

Monday 8:30am Vincent Bell (B) St. Ambrose Barlow

Tuesday 8:30am Fr. John Smith

Wednesday 8:30am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday 8:30am Mgr. Jack Kennedy St. John Chrysostom

Friday 8:30am Eucharistic Service Saturday 10:00am For the Parish

<u>Weekly Confession:</u> after Saturday morning Mass <u>Rosary</u>: 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 Emily Rose Brown and wish her and her family every blessing as they start out on their new faith journey.

#### Children's Liturgy

The holidays are over and we are back. The Children's Liturgy group starts again today at the 11am Mass. Looking forward to seeing you all again. Lydia

#### School's back

Welcome back to the staff and children at our schools. We hope they had a lovely holiday and are ready for another year's learning and growing together. God bless them all in the new school year.

#### Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £943.58 The mandatory collection next Sunday is in support of the Bishop's conference, i.e. the Home Mission.

#### Adoration

The church is open again on Wednesday from 12noon to 2pm for veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. Do pop in for some quiet prayer if you are in the area or visiting the graveyard.

#### **Events for Parish Ministry**

#### **Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Anybody who would like to help in the parish as a Eucharistic Minister would be most welcome (especially for 11am Mass). The next training course is on 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Irenaeus Centre, 9.30am – 4.30pm. Registration starts at 9.15am (St. Thomas's, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD). Please get in touch with Father Graeme. Thank you.

#### **Bereavement Care**

Father Graeme is thinking of setting up a Bereavement Team as a support to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Anybody who is interested please let him know. Training will be given. Thank you.

"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism." (SSC !6)

#### Ministering to the Assembly

Counting 10th September Derek and Celia Birchall

S.A.S. 16<sup>th</sup> September Janet Critchley and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride "Dominic Stone & Catherine Jackson"

Readers"Christine CrossenLinda WalmsleyUlrike YeomansEucharistic MinistersLinda WalmsleyDaryl HobinMelvyne CunliffeChris Huddy, Margaret ScardClare MeredithAnthony Hooson