

Parish of St. Gregory The Great

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Fr. Paul writes:

As you read this (on Saturday evening) we will be returning to the parish after a day's pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine of Our Lady, having joined some 4000 others from our diocese of Westminster led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and his four assistant bishops. Pilgrimages are an important part of Christian living. They involve a group of people journeying together to a special place associated with a Saint (in this case Our Lady), where they join with others in celebrating their shared faith and invoke the help and prayers of the Saint. A pilgrimage symbolises our journey of faith, reminds us of the importance of community living and sharing and gives encouragement especially to those who may be finding life a bit of a struggle. The experience calls for patience (there are always queues and alterations to plans!). There's always a social side—meeting others, sharing experiences, retail therapy (in the shops!). And in the end there's usually a sense of well-being and a determination to make the world a better place.

(There are also secular celebrations which exhibit similar traits to a religious pilgrimage. I experienced one such this week when I went with my niece and family (2 teenagers 14 & 17) to The Harry Potter World near Watford. There were the crowds all destined for the same experience/journey. There were queues everywhere but people were relaxed and chatty. Being presented with the Front Door of Hogwarts Academy raised expectations and when the doors were opened gasps of wonder (rather like going into a vast medieval cathedral!). There were also plenty of opportunities for refreshments and souvenirs. That experience told me we all need special moments to celebrate our humanity and of the best and proven ways to do so is to go somewhere significant and spend time with others!)

Today (Sunday) we are not going to a special place but we are celebrating a unique occasion - the First Mass (among us) of Fr. Daniel Palmer who was ordained last Saturday in his home parish of Scunthorpe. Daniel has been with us most weekends since last September as a Deacon. Now he is a Priest and we have every reason to celebrate. After the 11.00am Mass he will give his First Blessing to any who wishes it (the custom after he has given the blessing is to kiss the palms of his hands which were anointed at his ordination).

NOTICES

Baptism Preparation

Monday 11th July 8pm in the Church hall. Please telephone Gillian at the Presbytery as these meetings are by appointment only.

Readers Needed

We are in need of more people to come forward to read at mass especially at the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. Please speak to Fr. Paul if you feel this is something you would like to do.

Church Cleaners

Could you spare an hour or so on a Saturday morning to help with the cleaning of our church? Our group of volunteers meet every Saturday morning from about 8am. With holiday time now approaching, many will be going away so if you can, please come along and lend a helping hand.

9th July 2016 **MASS TIMES** Saturday

Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm

Sunday

10.00 am and 6.00 pm

Monday 10.00 am

Tuesday 10.00 am

Wednesday

10.00 am

Thursday

NO MASS HERE

Friday 10.00 am

Saturday 10.00 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays: After the morning & evening

Mass or by appointment

COLLECTIONS

£ 814.80 **Envelopes** £ 485.52 **Loose Plate** £ 500.00 **Standing Orders** £1800.32 Total

Parish Registration

If you have recently joined the parish or not completed a Registration Card in the last two years please do so and return it to the presbytery. These cards are available in the porch or from the Parish Office. Our parish records are referred to for applications for sacramental preparation and school application forms.

Red Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one please contact Gillian in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's dedication is for: Pat Nagle (RIP)

Mass Intentions for 10th July to 17th July 2016				
10th July 2016 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	5.30 pm 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Eddie Kiely (RIP) Fr. Daniel Palmer (In Thanksgiving) People of the Parish		
Monday 11th July St. Benedict	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Madeline Quigley (RIP)		
Tuesday 12th July	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Ann Skakskia (RIP)		
Wednesday 13th July	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer John Cullen (RIP)		
Thursday 14th July	NO MASS HERE TODAY 10.00 AM Mass at The Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip			
Friday 15th July	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Madeline Quigley (RIP)		
Saturday 16th July	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Ann Skakskia (RIP)		
Next Weekend 17th July 16th Sunday of Year C	5.30 pm 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Peter Masterson (RIP) Eugene Doherty (RIP) People of the Parish		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:-

Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Pauline Davey, Micah McKennon, Bridie Murren, Mary Temple, Thelma Buckingham, Nicola Teune, Michael Clough, Denise Busby, Slyvia Bryant, Bridget Finch, Hedi David, Angie Webster, Michael Mangan, Mary Wallace, Brendan Conroy, Kevin Ryan, Theresa Brent, Tom Hennessy, Steve Howley, Anne-Marie Henry, Barbara Hayes, James West, Colin Sanders, Margaret Moore, Ollie Conroy, Anne Cox, Fr. Mike Tegeder.

(Please tell us when people can be taken off

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME, WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME:-

Eddie Kiely, Madeline Quigley, Ann Skaksia, John Cullen, Pat Nagle.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:		LOOKING AHEAD:-	
Saturday 9th July		Next Saturday 16th July	
5.30 pm	Children's Liturgy	8.30 am	Church Cleaning
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Sunday 10th July		5.30 pm	Children's Liturgy
11.00 am	Children's Liturgy	•	

12 noon Parish Celebration - Hall Sunday 17th July

Monday 11th July

10.00 am Children's Liturgy
11.00 am Refreshments in hall after Mass

1.30 pm Monday Club

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation Monday 18th July
1.30 pm Monday Club

Wednesday 13th July
1.30 pm Knitting / Crochet Get Together Wednesday 20th July

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During the summer holidays as a lot of families will be on holiday, we will not be having Children's Liturgy. This will finish next weekend and will resume again in September. The parents and Toddlers have also finished and will resume again on Friday 16th September. The Monday Club will be finishing for the holidays on 25th July, this will resume again on 12th September. The knitting/crochet group will finish on Wednesday 27th July and will resume on Wednesday 7th September.