



THE PARISH OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA & ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SUNDAY

30th
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DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays
10:30am – 11:30am
St Anthony of Padua

Confessions:

Saturdays
4:30pm - 5:30pm
St Anthony of Padua

OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS
FOR:

The Tierney Family



PARISH LIFE

Baptisms & Weddings:

Please speak to Father
after Mass

Parish Coffee Mornings:

Wednesday 11:00am –
1:00pm
St Anthony's Parish Hall

Sundays after 10:00am
Mass
St Anthony's Parish Hall

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:
£936.65

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DATE	FEAST	Church	TIME	INTENTION
SUNDAY 30 th	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Gareth Hazelgrave
		St. Anthony's	10:00 am	People of the Parish
		St. Francis's	12:00 pm	Priest's Intention
MONDAY 31 st	St. Adian	No Mass		
TUESDAY 1 st	Feria	St. Anthony's	7:00pm	Priest's Intention
WEDNESDAY 2 nd	Feria	St. Anthony's	10:00am	Priest's Intention
THURSDAY 3 rd	St. Gregory the Great	St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Priest's Intention
FRIDAY 4 th	St Cuthbert	St. Anthony's	10:00 am	Priest's Intention
SATURDAY 5 th	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Anthony's	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Pauline Burke

Anniversaries

Laurence Bowe, Alfred Ogilvie, Clara Field, George Rodley, Annie Loftus, Alice Sheldon, Thomas Wiggins, Teresa Moran, Mgr Francis Robinson, John Anthony Devlin, Harry Archer, George Byrne, Patrick M^cKay, Teresa Morley, Leonard Smith, Catherine Holroyd, Stephen Foster, Bridget Gilvarry, Canon Timothy Coughlan, Agnes McNulty, Anabella Bew, Patrick Gibbons, Carmel Nicholson, Kathleen Barnes, Ryan Burke, Fred Edwards, Edward Byrne, Florence Taylor, James M^cDermott, Barbara Bolton, Andy Furlong, Mary Brown Henry Canham, Mary Barry, Sheila Boshill, Joan Smith, Johnny Murphy, Hannah Corcoran, Baby Meghan Teti, Frank Wilson, Jack Kershaw, Ruth Fernandes, Denis Howson, Mary Coultate, Mary Paulson, Baby Brodie Lee
Aveyard-Johnson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fr Colum Kelly, Rita Gilmartin, Ellen Mervyn

If you would like someone added to the sick list, whether a relative or someone else with their family's consent please let me know.

OFFERINGS

Please kindly make your offerings via Standing Order (Preferably Gift Aided, please) or BACS Transfer. Sort Code: 40-27-15, Account Number: 210 178 96, Account Name: Diocese of Leeds St Maximillian Kolbe. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

N/A

If you've requested a Mass intention and it doesn't appear above, please speak to me as soon as possible so it can be checked.

OUR LADY'S LAMP

If you would like to sponsor the lamp that burns at Our Lady's shrine for one week for a particular intention, you are invited to make an offering. Please place your offering in an envelope marked "Our Lady's Lamp", together with the name of the intention. Envelopes may be handed into the sacristy. The intention will be acknowledged in the parish bulletin.

COFFEE

Each Wednesday at 11:00am until 1:00pm in the parish hall at St Anthony's, as well as after the 10:00am Sunday Mass. All are very welcome, please come along.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS

If you are aware of anybody who is unable to attend Mass due to frailty or illness, and who is not already being visited and brought Holy Communion, please let me know so that they may be added to the visiting list.

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church. Monday 5th October, 7:30pm. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. It is particularly valued by those who are unable to go on Pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in Lourdes. Refreshments afterwards.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

On Thursday, we will celebrate the feast of St Gregory the Great. St Gregory reigned as Pope from 590 to 604. Across the world, the Church will be united in celebrating his feast day. For us, however, as members of the Church in England, it has a particular importance, as it was Gregory who commanded St Augustine and his monks to travel to England and spread the Gospel.

The story goes that, before Gregory became Pope, while he was still a simple monk, he saw two Anglo-Saxon children being sold as slaves in the marketplace of Rome. When he asked where these children had come from, he was told that they were Angles. Seeing their fair hair and bright eyes, he exclaimed: "Non Angli, sed angeli, si forent Christiani" — "Not Angles, but angels, if they were Christians." From that point onwards, the Anglo-Saxons held a particular place in his heart, and when he was elevated to the papacy, he launched his great mission to England.

Due to St Gregory's love and concern for the spiritual welfare of the English people, when we celebrate his feast day, we tend to concentrate on and give thanks for his mission and the strengthening of the Christian religion in England. This, of course, is quite right. However, Gregory should also be celebrated and emulated for his selfless nature. Gregory was one of the greatest popes the Church has had; hence why we call him "the Great" — it is literally in his name.

However, Gregory did not want to be Pope; he longed to remain a monk. Having been elected Pope, Gregory was not only called upon to lead the Church but, due to the power vacuum left by the fall of the Western Roman Empire, he was also called upon to rule over the city of Rome itself. This simple and happy monk found himself both a spiritual and a secular ruler, a far cry from his former life in the monastery.

Gregory had no wish or intention to change his life. He wrote: "I am tossed by the waves of pastoral cares. When I recall the life I once had, I sigh like one who looks back on the shore he has left." Gregory is an astonishing example to us of how to be selfless. Selflessness takes a tremendous amount of courage because, as we see with Gregory, it can sometimes change our lives and circumstances for ever.

To be selfless is no small undertaking, and no one can suggest that it is easy. However, this week, following the example of St Gregory, perhaps we might find opportunities to be selfless for the good of others. Perhaps, in our own small way, we might be as brave and selfless as St Gregory and, like the Gregorian mission, change the course of history for the better. Through even the smallest acts of selflessness, we might become great. St Gregory the Great, pray for us.

God bless,

Fr Hilton

Mass offerings, notices, and news items for the parish bulletin should be given to Fr Hilton by Wednesday evening. Notice and news can be sent, again, by Wednesday evening to benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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