



ST. GREGORY

THE GREAT

His name is associated with the style of plain chant singing known as Gregorian chant.

He was well known for giving alms to the poor and he gave quite generously of the riches donated to the church by the wealthy people of Rome- everything from money to land was given to the poor in some fashion.

When famine struck Rome in the 590s Pope Gregory ordered the church to use its assets to feed the poor. At that time the church controlled nearly two thousand square miles of land overseen by the clergy which was used to generate income. Now instead of selling the produce of the land, Pope Gregory ordered it to be sent to Rome to feed the starving poor. In this way he saved thousands of people from certain death.

In his last years he suffered greatly from arthritis. He died on March 12 604 and was immediately proclaimed saint by means of popular acclaim.

In 1298 a decree of Pope Boniface VIII appointed Gregory a 'doctor of the Church' along with Saints Ambrose, Augustine, and Jerome.

His relics remain in Saint Peters Basilica to this day

In 1969 the second Vatican Council moved Gregory's feast day from March 12 to September 3 so it would not fall during Lent as there are no obligatory memorials in Lent He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.

Pope Gregory the First, also known as the Great, was the pope of the Catholic Church between 590 and 604 A.D. He was born in Rome about 540 into a very wealthy family. When Gregory was just two years old, the Black Death swept through the region. This was the most severe case of Black Death until its return in the 14th century. About a third of the population of Italy was wiped out by the disease

In 590 Gregory was proclaimed pope by acclamation. It was not something he wanted but he accepted the burden, nevertheless. He put great emphasis on missionary work.

He made changes to the Mass -the position of the Our Father in the Mass remains where Gregory placed it.



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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MASS INTENTIONS

6.00pm Vigil Mass 29th August

Maura Hughes (1st Anv)
Gabriel Hyland (Anv)
Pauline Leader (Anv)

10.00 am Mass Sunday 30th August:-

Maureen Crehan (Months Mind)
Donal Mc Loughlin (Anv)

11.30 am Mass Sunday 30th August:-

Gemma Byrne (Months Mind)

Other Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Juliette O' Donoghue

Seamus Donnelly

Tony Carey

Monsignor Seamus Conway

Anniversaries:

Bernadette Murphy-Kelly

Tadhg Mac Giolla Riogha

Kathleen Quinn

Larry Sweetman

Mark Buckley

Lynn Mantle

Sheila Fortune

Susan Mould

Birthday Remembrance:-

Monica Barker

Recently Deceased

Richard Johnson

Roland Benner

May they rest in peace





August 30,
2020
22nd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

him at his word and went joyfully to their martyrdom.

It is to be hoped that, aided by God's grace, we would all be ready to imitate their example, if called on to prove our fidelity to Christ and our Christian faith. But at the moment what Christ expects and asks of us is that we should bear the sufferings and hardships of daily life cheerfully and gladly for his sake.

This daily carrying of our Christian cross can be, and is for many, a prolonged martyrdom. Poverty, ill-health, cruelty and hardheartedness met with in the home and in one's neighbours, are heavy crosses which only a truly Christian shoulder can bear. But, if we were offered health, happiness, peace, wealth and power for the next fifty or seventy years on this earth, in exchange for an eternal heaven after death, what rational one among us would accept that offer?

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready hereafter to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us. Every trainee knows that one must endure certain hardships and sufferings in order to merit graduation into one's chosen profession or trade. On our Christian graduation day we shall, please God, hear the welcome words: "Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your Master's happiness" (Mt. 25: 21). May God grant that every one of us will hear these words of welcome.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

From all eternity this was God's plan for mankind. But because sin had entered into the world before the Incarnation took place, the Son of God in his human nature had to suffer the violent death of the cross at the hands of sinners. In this very suffering he became the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world, as the second-Isaiah had foretold in his "suffering servant" prophecies (Is. 53: 1-7; 42: 1-9 etc). His death, because he was God as well as man, was a sacrifice, an atonement, of infinite value, and therefore obtained forgiveness from the Father for all the sins of the human race.

In foretelling his sufferings and death, which took place some months later, Christ intended to prepare his disciples and other followers for what he knew would be for them a severe crisis of faith. He also took occasion from it to remind his disciples, and all others who would follow him, of what their attitude to suffering and death should be. He told them, and us too, that we must be ever ready to accept sufferings in this life, and even an untimely death if that should be demanded of us, rather than deny our Christian faith.

To prove their loyalty to their faith in Christ, thousands of Christians in the early Church, and thousands more during persecutions in later centuries, gladly took

TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SECOND READING

FIRST READING

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
(Jr 20:7-9)

PSALM

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting
(Ps 62:2-6.8-9)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God
(Rom 12:1-2)

GOSPEL

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.
(Mt 16:21-27)

Na Blátha Craige

A dúirt mé leis na blátha:
"Nach suarach an áit a fuair sibh
le bheith ag déanamh aeir
Teannta suas anseo le bruach na haille,
Gan fúibh ach an chloch ghlas
Agus salachar na n-éan,
áit bhradath, lán le ceo
Agus farraige cháite,
Ní scairteann grian anseo
Ó Luan go Satharn
Le gliondar a chur oraibh"

A dúirt na blátha craige:

"Is cuma linn, a stór,
Táimid faoi dhraiocht
ag ceol na farraige."

Liam Ó Flaithearta 28/8/96-7/9/84



Mon 31 Aug

St Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary

Thurs 3 Sept

St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

Fri 4 Sept

St Mac Nissi, bishop

"Blessed are the mothers of the earth for they have combined the practical and the spiritual into one workable way of human life. They have darned little socks, mended little dresses, washed little faces, and have pointed little eyes to the stars, and little souls to eternal things."