

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

22nd
Sunday

Some rules are very important especially God's. His two great rules are to love God and to love one another. Some rules are not important especially the ones we make and then change when it doesn't suit us.

This is what Jesus was trying to tell the Pharisees when they were complaining about the disciples not following all their rules about washing before eating. There were so many different rules that it must have taken all the pleasure out of eating together.

Jesus tried to explain that how we are and how we behave towards each other is the most important thing. We need to remember this when we are playing with friends or when we are back in school.

News

We hope that everyone is having a great Summer Holiday.

How will I treat others?

Think of 5 things you could do to show that you love other people. These could be your family or friends. It could even be how you will behave in class when you return to school. Will people see a difference?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Psalm 14

Today's psalm might help you with the things you can do to show love. It asks the question:

Who will get to Heaven?

And answers it by saying:

Those who try to do the right thing,

Those who are fair

Those who tell the truth

Those who do not hurt others

Those who do not try to get others in trouble

Those who love God

Those who keep their promises

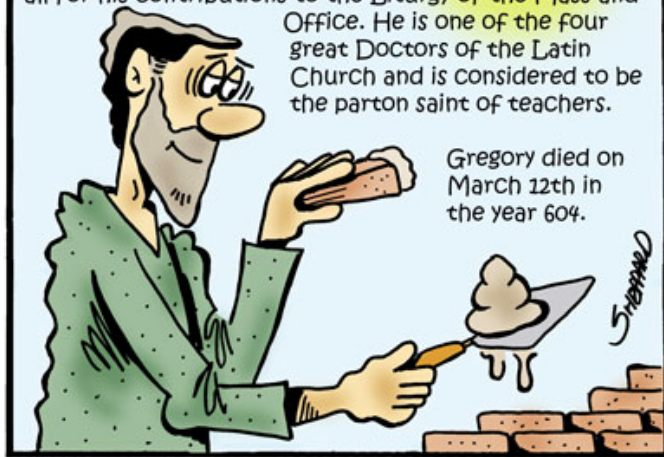
These are the ones who will be with God in Heaven

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Gregory was born in Rome around 540. At age 34 he was appointed Chief Magistrate of Rome. He built six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in his own home in Rome. He became a priest at 35.

He was unanimously elected Pope and is known above all for his contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church and is considered to be the patron saint of teachers.



Gregory died on March 12th in the year 604.

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The Pope is the leader of the Catholic Church. Our Pope today is called Pope Francis and he lives in Vatican City in Rome.

Not every pope becomes a saint but in the year 604 AD Pope Gregory did. He is known as Pope Gregory the Great.

His feast day is September 3rd and he is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.

Samson—Superhero

When the story of Samson begins the Israelites are in trouble with God again. They were behaving very badly and to punish them God put the Philistines in charge of them for 40 years.

But God said that Samson would free them. When he was born God told Samson's mother that she should never cut his hair. As Samson grew he became the strongest person around.

The Philistines didn't like Samson and were always trying to find out why he was so strong.

Samson grew up and fell in love with Delilah. But she was working for the Philistines and eventually she discovered that if Samson's hair was cut his strength would disappear. She waited until he was asleep and cut his hair, letting the Philistines in to capture him.

The Philistines kept Samson prisoner for many years and all the time his hair was beginning to grow again. When there was a big party and the Philistines were showing off, they brought out Samson and tied him between two pillars which were holding up a temple.

During the party Samson realised that his strength had returned and he knew that God was going to give him another chance.

He pulled the towers together with his great strength and the temple collapsed, killing the Philistines and freeing the Israelites.

