

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

22nd
Sunday

Matthew 16:21-27

Today's gospel reminds us that following Jesus and doing what is right is not always easy. Even Jesus, the Son of God, will have to suffer and die for us.

How do we follow Jesus at home and at school? Do we do what our parents ask us to do without an argument? Do we look for things we might do to help at home?

At school, do we do what is right because that is what we should do? When we do something kind do we do it because it is the right thing to do or are we hoping people will notice how lovely we are?

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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Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Aren't birthdays great? It's always exciting when it is your birthday and on September 8th we celebrate a very special birthday. It is the birthday of Mary, who would later become the mother of Jesus.

This birthday has been celebrated in the Church for more than 1400 years and shows how important we believe Mary is. Her parents were called Joachim and Anna and they were quite old when they had Mary so she must have been very special to them as well.

- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -



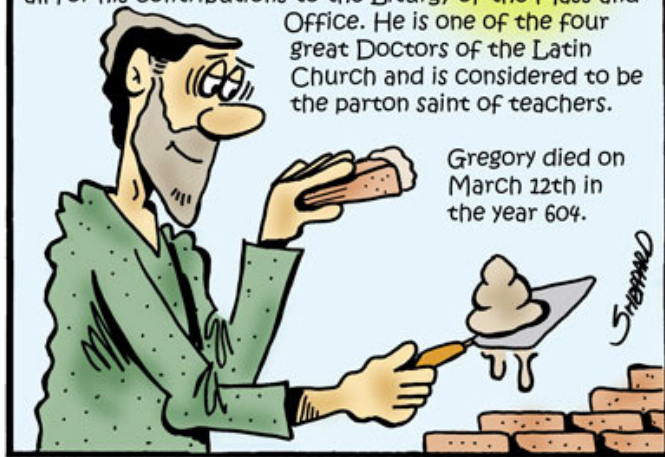
SAINTS FUN FACTS

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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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 how 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.

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The Pope is the leader of the Catholic Church. Our Pope today is called Pope Leo XIV (14th) 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.

The Season of Creation

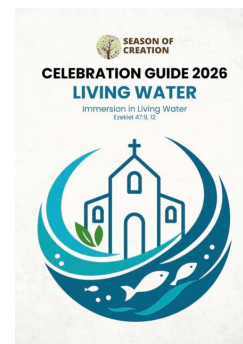
This year the Season of Creation begins on Sept 1st until October 4th. This year's theme is 'Living Water'

As we are told in Laudato Si, the Pope Francis' letter to the world, we need to listen to the cry of the Earth and of the poor.

After the summer we have had, although it has been lovely and hot, it has caused water shortages and problems for many farmers and people.

It just shows how important water is to our lives.

Jesus is the 'living water' and should be very important to our lives.



Samson

