

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the divine ordering of events there is always a hidden good which, if only we could know it, would persuade us to accept them all without distinction. We would see all events as the effects of an infinite love, and the results for us would be great joy and a feeling of infinite gratitude. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(24th December 2017)

Gospel – Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Christmas at St. Marie's

Christmas Vigil 24th & 25th Day:-

6pm Vigil Mass

11.30pm Carols & Midnight Mass

8am Dawn Mass

10am Solemn High Mass of the Nativity

The collection at these Masses is your Christmas Offerings to the Rosminian Fathers who serve at St. Marie's Parish.

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo

In Community: Fr John Buckner, Fr. David Tobin, Fr. John Bland, Fr. Charles Sormany and Br. Joseph Gardner

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ST MARIE'S RUGBY

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Week starting 16th December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection.

Thank you – for last weeks retiring collection for the Poor Parishes Fund.

This week-end – Retiring Collection will be for our RUG Group. Please give generously.

Eucharistic Adoration – Resumes on Monday 8th January.

Restoration Funds - total raised

Church Spire Restoration – You can still sponsor Half a brick for £50, a Full brick for £100, or sponsor one Angel Wing for £750. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Tom. There are now repair works needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Hibbert's Chapel Ceiling & also Lighting inside the Church. Thank you for your all continued help.

Hospital Service – This Sunday (17th) at 2:15 pm - 2:40 p.m. in the chapel of St Cross Barby Road. All welcome.

APF / Red Boxes – Calendars are now ready for collection from the porch. Will all Promoters and Red Box holders, please collect packages and return monies this Sunday (17th)

UCM - Carols & Shared Supper will take place this Monday (18th) at 7:00 pm at Hanover Gardens There will be **NO** Mass that evening .

School Carols:- is on the Tuesday (19th) at 6.30pm in the Church.

Confessions before Christmas – will take place this Wednesday (20th) at 7pm. Priests from the Denary will be available to hear the confession and will be a fitting preparation before Christmas and New Year.

Church Cleaning for Christmas - Will take place this Wednesday (20th) from 10.30am. If you have an hour to spare, extra hands would be most welcome.

Thank you to 500 Club – for meeting the expense of our beautiful Crib outside the Church.

Crib Offering- this years crib offering will go towards helping the 'Winter Shelter' and 'Hope Centre in Rugby' for the homeless. Thank you.

Young Readers - A gentle reminder to our young readers and their parents, please be sure of which Sunday you are reading and if you can't make it, please find a substitute or let Kathy Smith know. Thank you.

Parish Magazine - 'If you have anything you wish to contribute towards our parish magazine, please email Maddie (maddiemurphy@hotmail.com) or contact her on 07841136274. We would like to have contributions from all our different 'Parish Groups' if possible, to say what they do and what they have been involved in throughout this year.'

Religious Items - please visit the Coach House on Sundays or speak with Ruth for any religious items.

LIFE Shop - please think of the LIFE shop at this Christmas time, especially if you have any unwanted goods or gifts that are not required.

Welcome!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

Parish Office open from 09.00 – 12.30 on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday

Pastoral Care Project - the Archdiocese has released the latest version of 'My Funeral Mass' document, it is available in the porch. If you know of anyone it will benefit, please take one to them, or let Fr. Tom know.

Calligraphy - We are looking for someone in the parish who is able to do calligraphy and would be willing to bring our Remembrance Book up to date. The book records the names of those whose ashes are interred in our Garden of Remembrance. There are only two names to be added. If you are able to help, please contact Father Tom.

St Marie's 500 Club - unless you have a standing order, it is time to renew or join for 2018, so please leave cash or cheque [to St Marie's (Rugby) 500 Club] in the office. Cost still £12 per number for all the monthly draws for 2018. Why not join in? Any queries to Margaret on 541705.

Food-Bank- please support our Food-Bank in this hard weather, if you are able to.

Stamps - Another bag of used stamps from the parish has been taken to Myton Hospice which they sell for additional funding. At this time of the year especially, we all get lots of used stamps so please save them and put them in the box at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.

Tabor House - Birmingham's only permanent night shelter is looking for volunteers. Could you help as a Hospitality Volunteer, Shift Leader or volunteer Mentor? If interested, please contact Mairead Shaw 07387 418318 or Laura Jovicich 07387 418319 or email laurajovicich@fatherhudsons.org.uk

The Retrouvaille Programme - Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! Next programme commences with a weekend 16th – 18th March 2018 Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. For Further information or Future Programmes Contact Frances and Michael Tel or Text 0788 7296983. Julie and Gearoid Tel or Text 0797 3380443 Email; info@retrouvaille.org.uk Or visit website : www.retrouvaille.org.uk. Please see notice board

Parish Priest's Diary:

Monday:- Deanery Meeting

Tuesday:- School Carols

Wednesday:- Confessions

Thursday:- Spiritual Direction and Confession

Friday:- School Mass

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

16th December - 23rd December 2017

SATURDAY 16th December – Vigil for Third Sunday of Advent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Shirley Deery R.I.P.

SUNDAY 17th December – Third Sunday of Advent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Mary Reilly R.I.P. and at

6.00 p.m. for Nora O'Driscoll R.I.P.

Confessions from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

Coffee/Tea after 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall

Parish Shop open in Coach House after 10 a.m Mass

MONDAY 18th December - Advent FERIA

Mass at 10 a.m. for William Morgan R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Holy Souls

NO 7.00 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY 19th December - Advent FERIA

Mass at 10 a.m. for Trevor Twigg R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Carlos Duarte R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 20th December - Advent FERIA

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Well-Being of Couloute Family

Oratory Mass for Holy Souls

THURSDAY 21st December - Advent FERIA

Mass at 10 a.m. for Patrick & Lily McGrath R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Holy Souls

Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m. in Church.

FRIDAY 22nd December - Advent FERIA

Mass at 10 a.m. for Theresa Stubbings R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Holy Souls

10:45a.m. Whole School Mass

SATURDAY 23rd December - Advent FERIA

Confessions 10 to 11a.m. and from 5.30 to 5.55p.m.

Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

Mass at 6 p.m. for Michael Collins R.I.P

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Kerry Livesey, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, Claire Lycett, Alfredo Valderroma, Octoivio Granja, William Hearne

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Rupert Nigam

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Fiona Bennington, Ignacy Anczarshi, Hilda Rider, Bridget Hipwell, Jaqueline Warren, Zdzislaw Mosdorf-Skrzeczowski, Theresa Stubbings, Vittoria Dimarino, Joseph Fernandes, Amy Huson, Lily McGrath, Benedict McBreen