

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Devotion to our Lady is a wonderful help in bringing serenity to a downcast spirit. The kindly light of our Star is a comfort in every danger

(Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(14th May 2017)

Gospel – John 14:1-12

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

Prayer for the Parish -

Almighty God, Who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people. Grant to our parish all things needful for its spiritual welfare and, through the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may we be of one heart and mind in the fold of Your Holy Church. To the honour and glory of Your Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Vocation -

O God, you are the Lord of the harvest. We pray to you that men and women may hear the call of Christ your Son, to work in your vineyard. May they answer the call generously. May we, with them, serve you faithfully all our days so that your faithful people may grow in numbers and favour in your sight. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen



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Week starting 6th May 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter
IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1064.16

This Week-end – Second Collection will be for the Clergy Training Fund, please give generously.

Month of May – We pray to our Lady for her Intercessions and Prayers for our Parish.

Spire Restoration Fund – Monies raised to date **£34,000**

Church Spire – Ecclesiastical Steeplejacks are due to commence work on our Spire on Monday 4th September. It is being delayed because we are waiting for grant applications approval. Please pray that we get positive answers. There have been a few rejections from some big funders which is worrying at this time.

Life Ascending - will be having a Day of Recollection at Mater Ecclesiae Convent, Street Ashton, near Rugby this Thursday 11th May. There will be a talk by one of the Sisters and time for reflection It will start at 10.30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Any one who would like to join us will be most welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. Transport can be arranged. For further details please contact Angela Harries on 817236.

First Holy Communion - is on Saturday 20th May at 1p.m. in Church. Please remember the Communicants and their Families in your prayers on this Joyful Occasion.

UCM – meeting on Monday 22nd May after 7 p.m. Mass in Hibbert's Hall, for a 'Celebration and Thanksgiving' shared meal.

International Food Stalls 1st July Festival - if you are interested in setting up your own International Parish Food Stall please contact May Bannigan on 01788 813879 or Louise Mallot on 07876656398. We already have Phillipino and Indian Stalls.

1st of July Summer Festival – Once again we need your help with jewellery, toiletries and fancy goods. Please leave in marked basket in main porch. Thank you.

1st of July Summer Festival Raffle Prizes – we are looking for raffle prizes/bottles/unwanted gifts from parishioners for this event. Please leave your items in the sacristy, where they will be stored in the convent.

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 9th-11th June, 2017, email info@retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0788 729 6983 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FHC Cards and Gifts for Sale - after 10 a.m. Mass in our shop in the Coach House.

New Offertory Procession Rotas - are now available in the Sacristy for collection.

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas
Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo
In Community: Fr. John Buckner, Fr. David Tobin and Br. Joseph Gardner
Permanent Deacon: Gerard Nosowski

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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

IN THE PARISH continued...

Rugby LIFE Group - The Life shop is now in its fifth year and doing very well thanks to your generous and continued support. But, like all groups, we need a little more volunteer help please. Do consider coming along for a few hours, possibly weekly but perhaps less often, to lend a hand. It is satisfying, enjoyable and very positive. There are jobs to suit all talents from sorting donations to selling, from doing the displays to checking them. **You** really can make a difference! Do call in to see our managers, Lorna and Helen, for a chat at the shop in Sheep St. (10 a.m - 5 p.m Monday – Saturday). Donations of all sorts of stock, but especially ladies' and children's wear are also always most welcome; please call in or phone 567435. For anyone interested in the wider work of LIFE, please look at the website lifecharity.org.uk/getinvolved to see all the other forms of volunteering which make Life's work possible.

Rugby Food Bank – Thank you for your continued support, the need for provisions continue. If you have a smart phone, please download the “foodbank app” which will let you know what is most urgently needed this week. Or, you can go onto the website www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk Otherwise, please donate any groceries you can. Donations can be left in the Sacristy.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax payer and interested in joining the Gift Aid Scheme please contact the Gift Aid Administrator Michael Borg on 01788 811732 or email michaelwba18@gmail.com Thank you

Used Stamps – Thank you to all who put used stamps in the box at the rear of the church. It would be appreciated if we could maintain this as Myton Hospice sell them for valuable funding.

Sick or Need a Home Visit – Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Justus

Going into Hospital / Care Home – Please let Fr Justus know for Pastoral Care, or ask your relatives or friends to inform us

New to the Parish – Please take and fill in one of the white cards that are in the Porch of the Church, once complete hand in to either Fr. Justus or the office.

Holiday - While Fr. Tom is away on holiday, please contact Fr. Justus for all your Pastoral & Church needs.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

6th May - 13th May 2017

SATURDAY 6th May – Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter
Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Urias Couloute R.I.P.

SUNDAY 7th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries and at 6.00 p.m. for Michael Harkness R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Finlay Patrick Reily and Ella Rose Evica Reily

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 8th May – Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Danny Friel R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for Michael Taylor R.I.P.

Adoration 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the church. (Morning Prayer at 8:50 a.m.)

TUESDAY 9th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Jane Brodalka

WEDNESDAY 10th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Urias Couloute R.I.P.

THURSDAY 11th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Karl & Marianne Sophie Rabitsch R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 12th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Anthony Kenneady

SATURDAY 13th May - Easter 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 Fred & Tess Smith R.I.P.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Edward Buckley, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Luisa Tello Perez, Gladis Rienaecker, Alfredo Valderrama, Kerry Livesey.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Martin Osborne, Valery Elliott, Julia Lillicrap, Elizabeth Shakespeare, Teresa Dillon, Michael Taylor, Teresa Parnell, Tony Roberts.

We welcome into our Christian community Finlay Patrick Reily and Ella Rose Evica Reily who are being baptised this Sunday.