

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As in the days of swords and spears, so too today in the era of missiles, more than arms, it is the human heart which kills (John Paul II)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(24th September 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 16th September 2017

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £973.80

This Week-end – Second Collection will be for Catholic Evangelisation (formerly CASE) The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

Next Week-end - the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Adoration Volunteers - *Could you spare an hour before the Lord!* We need more volunteers to support our Monday Adoration. Do you want to sign up on the list that's on the parish notice board?. I personally encourage my parishioners to spend an hour before our Lord. You will be changed.

Monies raised to date for Spire Restoration £57,400
Church Restoration - Ian Stubbings will give an update on our fund-raising from "behind the scenes" at all Masses next week-end.

Church Spire Restoration - Interior work of the Spire has now been completed. Photos showing these are displayed on the Notice Board. Agreement has now been made on the Exterior Stone Work, Angels and Wings. We will be repairing four of the existing Wings, and replacing the other four. You can sponsor half a brick for £50 a full brick for £100, or sponsor an Angel for £1000. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Tom. The work to be completed the end of September.

Peace Walk – Rugby InterFaith Forum are organising a Peace Walk this Sunday (17th) starting at 2:30 p.m. from the Peace Tree (beside the library) Please see notice board for further information.

Silent Prayer Meeting – this Thursday (21st) at 2 p.m. in the convent

Fashion Show in aid of Spire Appeal – on Thursday 28th September at 7:30pm in Hibberts. Tickets are on sale after all Masses. Cost £8 including Glass of wine and nibbles. Hope to see you there.

Polish Evening with Music and Food – Saturday 14th October at 7:30 p.m. "Senza Nome 'The Number One' Polish Choir of the Midlands. They sing in Polish and English, the Choir have performed all around the UK and Europe, and have a busy scheduled of Concerts, they have performed at the Polish Embassy, Belgrade Theatre and Riocha Stadium. Tickets can be purchased after Masses this weekend except Sunday evening or from Senza Nome website or ring Michael on 07817243814.

APF – Envelopes are ready for collection, please return monies by Sunday 24th September

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

Homelessness, Asylum Seekers and Refugees -

on Saturday 23rd September Fr Michael White and Amy Quinn from Caritas will update on different ways to help and support. Venue University Chaplaincy St Francis Hall. Begins with Mass at 9:30 a.m. Conclusion at 2 p.m Please see notice board for further information.

Harvest Thanksgiving Mass – next Sunday (24th)

Are you able to help to donate and support our Rugby Food Bank?, Instant Noodles, Shampoo, Packets of Soup or Toilet Rolls (are urgently needed). The food bank is low on stock for:- Custard (packets and tinned). Tinned Fish and Potatoes, Long Life Fruit Juice and Milk, Jam and Marmalade, Dried Milk, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Shower Gel, Soap, Tinned Snack Meals, Tinned Spaghetti, Sweetcorn and Tomatoes. There will be boxes at the back of Church to collect these items, we will then take them to the food bank. Thank you.

CAFOD in Sudan and South Sudan - a talk by

Bishop Kenney Thursday 28th September at 7.30p.m. - 9p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Bilton. Please see Notice Board for further information.

Solemn Novena – on Friday 29th September to Sunday 8th October. Novena Mass twice each day at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church Nuneaton, in honour of Mary, the Mother of God. Please see poster on Notice Board.

Praying with Icons – on Saturday 7th October 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Led by Sr. Annette Lawrence DMJ Venue Mater Ecclesiae Convent. Bring your own lunch. Please see notice board for more information

Dates for your Diary - Parish Events:-

Concert Evening - Friday 10th November and

Christmas Market -Saturday 2nd December - around the Church.

St Marie's 500 Club - The September draw gave the following winners: **[1] No.133 at £30; [2] No. 47 at £20; [3] No.50 at £10.** Cheques are in the post to the lucky winners! Warmest thanks to all members for your continued support for this parish fundraiser. Any enquiries or new numbers required telephone Margaret on 541705. Thank you.

Job Opportunities – Princethorpe College have advised of two part-time vacancies: - After School Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor at Crescent School. Please see notice board for further information.

Fr. Tom – Would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, and to advise us all that his mother is getting better.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK
16th September - 23rd September 2017

SATURDAY 16th September – Vigil for Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Well-Being of John McGrath

SUNDAY 17th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Genie O'Hare R.I.P. and at

6.00 p.m. for Anne & Philip Friel 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 September - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Stefan Peter R.I.P. and at

7.00 p.m. for Well-Being of Ruth Clensy

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

TUESDAY 19th September - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY 20th September - Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

Mass at 10.00 a.m. Private Intentions for Fr. Tom

1 p.m. Funeral Service for June Smith R.I.P

THURSDAY 21st September - Feast of St Matthew

Mass at 10 a.m. for Benefactors of St. Marie's

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

FRIDAY 22nd September - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Michael James Williams R.I.P.

SATURDAY 23rd September - Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina

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 Tony Keeler 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. Rupert Nigam, Paul Kelly.

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Genie O'Hare, Sidney Trevitt, Michael McCarthy, Dorothy Duckworth, Assunta Ascenzo, Margaret Dean, Baby Elva Smith

Please pray for Terence Frederick Coles R.I.P. who died recently.

Congratulations to Thomas Curley and Rachel Allen who were married here this Saturday