

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The smallest scrap of extra holiness which a man can acquire has an infinite value  
(Antonio Rosmini)

## 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 number and favour in your sight. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Safeguarding in the parish, for all of us.

We all have to think about safeguarding vulnerable adults and children - and also ourselves - while involved in any parish activity. This note is just a reminder of a few key ideas to remember, from your parish safeguarding representative:

Basically, no-one should be alone with children or vulnerable adults. If there is no one else to assist, then the planned activity must be postponed. This also applies to taking children around in your car.

If anything happens while you are with a child or vulnerable adult, which concerns you, you must make a record and let the safeguarding representative or your PP know asap. This is a minimum response.

Risk assessments are needed for any planned activity; consider also the need for parental consent (forms to be completed).

If visiting an adult who may be forgetful or confused, try to visit in pairs. Please follow any guidelines you are given; they will have been carefully considered and drawn up by experts.

Be aware that handshakes are usually more acceptable than hugs; try a high five with children!

Let us all remember that it is good practices which keep us all safe. Please let us not worry too much about all this; it is really just common sense.

Contact me, Margaret on 01788-541705 or the Birmingham Team on 0121-230-6240 if you wish to have a chat about any safeguarding matter.

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## Week starting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time IN THE PARISH

**Sunday Collection** – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to **£1218.38**

**This Week-end** - the Second Collection will be for Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy) Please give generously.

**Massive Happy** - Rugby based music band playing in our hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Tickets £10, at the door. Come and enjoy some of the all time hit songs played for you. All are welcome, come and enjoy an evening of music and food.

**Restoration Funds** – total raised to date is **£75,200.**

**Church Spire Restoration** - You can 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.

**St Cross Hospital Mass** - Fr. Justus will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm

**RUG Meeting** – this Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup>) at 7 p.m. in the Convent. We are in need of more volunteers to visit our parishioners who are housebound.

**First Holy Communion** - First Parents meeting is this Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup>) at 6 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. Please arrange child care as children are not expected to attend. Lessons for children not going to St. Marie's School begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November in Hibbert's Hall.

**Life Ascending** - Meeting this Thursday (9<sup>th</sup>) after Mass in the Coach House. New members are very welcome. Contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more information.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - Journey in Faith**, is designed for adults who are seeking to enter into the Catholic Church. Our parish is setting up this programme for adults who are either not baptised, baptised in another tradition, or baptised Catholic without further religious education or sacraments of the Church. The flyers are left in the church. If you know any one who would be interested, please invite them to speak to any one of the priests or Deacon Gerard.

**Winter Shelter** - the Rugby Winter Shelter will be operating again at St Marie's from December to March inclusive overnight on Monday/Tuesday. **There are three shifts - evenings 7-10pm, overnight 10pm-7am, and mornings 7-9am.** If you can volunteer for any of these we should love to hear from you. We particularly need more men to volunteer, and especially for overnights. If you can help, or want to know more before volunteering, please contact Kathy Smith on 01788 891940 or Deacon Gerard on 01788 541705.

**November - Month of prayer for the dead.** There will be a place in the Sanctuary to put the names of the members of the family and friends departed, to remember and pray for them specially during this month of November. If you wish Masses to be offered uniquely, then please come to the parish office to book, Masses could be then offered for the intentions in the Gentili Chapel every morning.

**Parish diary 2018**- available in the church. £1 a copy.

## 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...

**Parish Website** - I need a team of volunteers who are IT / **Website** literate to look after our Parish Website. All the necessary guidance will be given by Evelyn, who built our site. Please speak to Fr. Tom.

**Parish Magazine**:- we are planning to produce a parish magazine with all the major events that have taken place in the year 2017, and many other news. I am looking at interested parishioners to help us in this project. Please speak to Fr. Tom.

**Linda's Bumper Coffee Morning** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10am onwards at 107 Dunchurch Road. Wide variety of refreshments and also books, Christmas gifts and kids craft available. All proceeds towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

#### **Donations Wanted for A-MAY-Zing Value Stall:**

Toiletries, jewellery, perfume and gifts needed for the Christmas Market on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please leave donations in the church porch or call May on 813879.

**Amoris - Let's talk family, Let's be family** - This Parish Programme will draw on the themes of Amoris Laetitia. Along with a 6 session programme, there will be videos and animations, practical outreach initiatives with family activities and a series of ½ hour TV studio audience programmes. If anyone would like to be involved in this future programme please get in touch with the Diocesan Family Ministry Worker, Lianne Pep, to express your interest in helping with the Parish Programme via [familyministry@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:familyministry@maryvale.ac.uk).

**Job available as:- Chief Operating Officer** in the archdiocese of Birmingham. Looking for the right candidate. Salary £80,000 to £100,000 per annum. Closing date is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Details are on the notice board by the confessional.

**Job available as: Administrator/Receptionist** *Princethorpe College*. Full time Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm (part time job share available). Starting salary £17,500-£20,000. Closing date Mon 13<sup>th</sup> November. Details are on the notice board by the confessional.

**Bethlehem Crafts in Hibbert's Hall:- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November:** Olive art, Inc. provides an income for the few Christian families still living in Bethlehem. With a shortage of visitors to the holy places, the families have no means of selling their work. The items produced by local craftsmen are individually hand carved from the wood of the olive trees that are common throughout the Holy Land and in particular those which surround the city of Bethlehem. Many of the trees are over 300 years old; and many used for the carvings have fallen during the troubles.

**Holiday:-** Fr. Justus will be away for his holiday from Friday. We wish him rest and good time with his family.

### DIARY FOR THE WEEK

4<sup>th</sup> November - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November – Vigil for Thirty First**

**Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Confessions** 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

**Mass** at 6 p.m. for Deceased Members of Garrett Family R.I.P.

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November – Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Shirley Deery R.I.P. and at

6.00 p.m. for Deceased Members of O'Driscoll Family R.I.P.

**Baptism** at 11.15 a.m. of Hollie Rose O'Toole and  
Jessia Lily O'Toole

2:30 p.m. Raphael Moreira Almeida Abreu

**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 6<sup>th</sup> November - Feria in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Cicily Sebastian R.I.P. and at

7.00 p.m. for Well Being of June Eccles

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

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November - Feria in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Audrey Foulds R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Keith Humphrey R.I.P.

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> November - Feria in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10.00 a.m. for Annia & Jimmy Conway R.I.P.

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Stanley Anthony R.I.P.

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

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November – Memorial of St Leo the Great**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Seamus O'Keefe R.I.P.

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November - Memorial of St Martin of Tours**

**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 Tess & Fred Smith 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, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner

#### † FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

James Rogan, Mary Judge, Mary Mann, Ronald Price, Bridget Brown, Kathleen Deane, Jeremiah Anish, Vincent Deery, and Gerard MacGloin

We welcome into our Christian community Hollie Rose O'Toole, Jessia Lily O'Toole and Raphael Moreira Almeida Abreu who are being baptised this Sunday.