



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let us be content and happy always in the hands of the Lord who is close to us and lives in us. Let us accustom ourselves to His presence and be ever aware of Him. He will give increase to our charity, because He is essentially all love.  
(Antonio Rosmini)

### Next Week's Gospel Reading Fifth Sunday of Easter (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

**Gospel – John 15:1-8**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

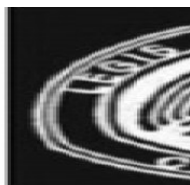
#### Prayer for the Parish -

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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## ST MARIE'S RUGBY

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### Week starting 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 **Fourth Sunday of Easter** **Vocations Sunday** IN THE PARISH

**Sunday Collections** - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection

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

**Children's Liturgy** – Resumes this Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Restoration Funds** - total raised to date

**FHC Parents Meeting** - First Holy Communion parents meeting will take place this Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>) at 5-6pm and 6-7pm in Hibbert's Hall. All parents are expected to attend one of these meetings.

#### **On Going Maintenance work:-**

Church Lighting needs upgrading.

There are some repairs to the boundary wall on the south side of the Church.

There is a big tree by the North side of the church needs trimming down.

**Stations of the Cross by the North Porch** - cost of repair £1390+ VAT, Travel £180+VAT, two nights accommodation.

**Hibbert's Chapel Ceiling Repair:** £2800 + VAT, Travel cost £180+VAT, accommodation for two people over three nights, plus scaffolding hire costs. I look forward to hear your suggestions and plans. Fr. Tom

**Church Spire Restoration** – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. Repairs are needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Chapel Ceiling, Lighting inside the Church, Boiler, Organ, and also Hibbert's. 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. Thank you  
**Silent Prayer Meeting** – this Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 2 p.m. in Gentili House.

**Slovakian Evening** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7p.m.

Tickets on sale after Sunday Masses.

**UCM Mass** - on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. followed by a talk in the Coach house by Olivia Bowskill, who is the Community Engagement Manager for Myton Hospice. This is the charity our President Mary Hales has chosen for her year in office . Once again we would warmly welcome ladies from the Parish to join us.

**New Ascribed Members-** are invited for a meeting in Hibbert's Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm. Please let Fr. Justus or Fr David know if you **can't** make it to the meeting. Thank you.

**Ladies Only, Fancy Dress Night** - on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall Tickets £10 with food included. Music plus Prosecco / Gin available. Bingo and other Games on the night. Tickets on sale after all Masses.

**The Gift of Years – Volunteer Training:-** We will be running a training course for those interested on Tuesday evenings beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> May for 8 evenings until 19<sup>th</sup> June 7pm- 9pm. For more information please contact Lindsay Pelloquin on 07842993847 or

[giftofyearsrugby@outlook.com](mailto:giftofyearsrugby@outlook.com)

## 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...

#### Fundraising Events:- Dates for your Diary.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Slovakian Evening at 7pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May Ladies Evening (Fancy Dress)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Music, Dance & Food at Harries School Hall.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Market 10 a.m.- 2p.m.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Thanksgiving BBQ

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Rugby Male Voice Choir in the church.

#### Winter Shelter Volunteers Get Together - Friday,

**11th May** - We will be having a *sit down* meal in

Hibbert's on Friday, 11th May to thank all our

volunteers for their commitment over the

4 months of the Shelter and also to thank Gerard who is stepping down as Team Leader after looking after us all so well since the Shelter started, 7 years ago. Would be lovely if **past** volunteers could join us

and if any potential volunteers would like to come you would be warmly welcomed (especially if you will do a night shift!) Menus to follow soon but if you are able to come and have not done so already,

please contact Kathy on 01788 891940 or

[kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com](mailto:kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com).

**Volunteers needed for St Cross** - Volunteers are needed to visit wards on Tuesday mornings. Also to

work within a new project based at Myton Hospice

on a Monday called 'Breath Easy in Rugby'. This is a project for people with breathing problems i.e.

COPD. It offers support, socialisation and mutual

support for patients; this is led by the chaplaincy

team. Please use my contact details below if you

need any further information, Direct Line

02476967515 (ext.27515) Bleep 2133 e mail:

[paul.holmes@uhcw.nhs.uk](mailto:paul.holmes@uhcw.nhs.uk)

**Retreat Day on Mary** – on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10a.m.

until 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Mill

Lane Bulkington Bedworth CV12 9RU. Please bring

a packed lunch. To reserve a limited free place,

please email [parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk) Please

inform Natalie on 0121 360 8118. Please see

Notice Board for further information.

**Sick or Need a Home Visit** - Please contact the

Parish Office or see Fr. Justus

**New to the Parish** - please introduce yourself to

the priest celebrating Mass. There are cards to

register your family to the parish in the porch.

**Cards for Sale** – after 10 a.m. Mass in our shop in

the Coach House.

### DIARY FOR THE WEEK

21<sup>st</sup> April - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### **SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April – Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

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

#### **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Dennis Gordon Famer R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Stanley Anthony R.I.P.

**Baptism** at 11.15 a.m. of Charlotte Georgina Morris

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Solemnity of St George**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Bill Morgan and at

7.00 p.m. for Mel Cahill R.I.P.

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

#### **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Feria**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Patrick Hannifin R.I.P.

#### **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April - Feast of St Mark**

**Mass** at 10.00 a.m. for Michael Sztucki R.I.P.

#### **THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Feria**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Janet Doyle R.I.P.

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

#### **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Feria**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Bridget O'Brien R.I.P.

#### **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April - 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 Deceased Members of D'Souza Family 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, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne, Mary Mills, Alfredo Valderroma, Octaovio Granja.

#### ✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Margaret Mary Barnwell, Nora Early

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

William Angell, Louise Richardson, Zezaf Cefai, Edward Lewandowski

We welcome into our Christian community Charlotte Georgina Morris who is being baptised this Sunday.