

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let us all be closely united in the love of Jesus Christ! The love we bear for one another will be the token of our being His disciples. Let us pray without ceasing – and it is in prayer that we shall find our union. This is true above all when we are of one heart and one soul before the altar, since there we share the one bread, and this nourishes us all, making us live with the same life – and so is the symbol of our ineffable oneness. So, glory to Jesus: He is the Vine of which we are the branches; and glory to Mary, our dear Mother and our hope: she is the greatest branch of that vine.

(Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Solemnity of Pentecost

(4th June 2017)

Gospel – John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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 27th May 2017

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £ 1342.08

This Week-end – Second Collection will be for Catholic Communication, please give generously.

Monday Exposition – There will be **NO** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday (29th)

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

Silent Prayer Group – meeting this Thursday (1st) at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

Parish Finance Meeting- is on the 1st June Thursday at 7pm, if you have any item to be discussed let the parish office know asap.

Church Spire Work- I would like to inform you that we have made a lot of applications to major funders to help us financially in our efforts to restore our Church's Spire. Unfortunately we have not received positive responses from many of the applications made. We now have to raise the whole amount ourselves which is £83,000. So far we have raised £34,000. I am now asking all our parishioners to generously contribute towards this work. We are now plan to start the main work on the 3rd of July, with some of the work already being completed.

Spire Restoration 1st July Festival – We need **your** help, can you help with one or many items of the following to raise as much as we can for our Spire Restoration Work.

International Food Stalls - if you are interested in setting up your own International Parish Food Stall please contact May Bannigan on 813879 or Louise Mallot 07876656398.

aMAYzing Value Stall – Once again we need your help with jewellery, toiletries and fancy goods. Please leave in marked basket in main porch.

Nearly New & Book Stall – We need nearly New Items and Books, also DVD's and CD's please leave items either in the marked box in the Sacristy.

Summer Festival Raffle & Tombola 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. **'Thank you'**.

Solemnity of Pentecost – Next Sunday 4th June we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. We also celebrate International Mass on the same day. You are all welcome take part in the Offertory procession and please bring your national symbols like flag or food for the procession. You can all come in your national costumes and please bring food to share after the Mass in Hibbert's. Various duties are assigned to different groups. All are invited to join us on this beautiful celebration of the Pentecost.

Day of Prayer and Christian Meditation – at Mater Ecclesiae, near Monks Kirby on Saturday 10th June from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with Mass at 3 p.m. Charge for the day is £8 with tea and coffee available throughout the day, but please bring your own lunch. If you wish to attend please either ring:- 01788 833825 or email admin@mater-ecclesiae-convent.co.uk

Confirmation Candidates- Parents meeting in Hibbert's is on the 7th Wednesday at 6pm.

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...

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

Job Opportunities - The Archdiocese of Birmingham, are recruiting for three new full time posts to help spread the Joy of the Gospel and communicate both within the church and externally in our local communities. 'Head of Communications & Community Engagement', 'Press & Media Relations Officer' and 'Gift Aid / Finance Assistant' For an informal discussion / job description for either role please contact Gerry Dryden, Director of Human Resources via email (gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org) or telephone (0121 230 6224). The closing date for applications for these roles is Friday 2nd June 2017. Please see noticeboard for further information.

Parish Youth Worker- I was hoping to start a 'Youth Club' in our parish, and appoint either a part time or full time Youth Worker. As we now have to work on the completion of the Church's Spire, I am unable to pursue this. But, I would like to encourage any of our Parishioners who are interested in working with our youth to contact me in person.

Beware- Please all be aware of theft in the Church. If you see strange activity or people going into the sacristy please stop them, or speak with Fr. Tom.

Dates for your Diary:

Corpus Christi Procession is 15th June after 10am Mass
School St. Marie's Day 23rd June 11am Mass.

Confirmation 29th June 7pm

Parish BBQ 13th August after 10am Mass

Parish Priest's Diary:-

Monday:- Meeting

Tuesday:- Wedding Prep. Meeting

Wednesday:- Wedding Pre. Meeting.

Thursday:- Finance Meeting

Friday:- Meetings

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

27th May - 3rd June 2017

SATURDAY 27th May – Vigil for Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Diego D'Souza R.I.P.

SUNDAY 28th May – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Mass at 10 a.m. for Clare Bedford 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 Alicza Ferenc

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 29th May – Solemnity of Dedication

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

Gentili Chapel at 8 a.m. for Paul Kerry (Well-being)

NO 7.00 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY 30th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Fr. Bland

WEDNESDAY 31st May - Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Bridget McGrath R.I.P.

THURSDAY 1st June - Memorial of St Justin

Mass at 10 a.m. for Regina Renaudin R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 2nd June - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Thomas Madigan R.I.P.

SATURDAY 3rd June - Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions

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 Trevor Harries 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, Kerry Livesey.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Mary Barnett, Brian Edwards, Janusz Kowal, Gerald Hoolahan

We welcome into our Christian community Alicza Ferenc who is being baptised this Sunday.