



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be persuaded that the visible world is a constant deception: love without ceasing the invisible things, virtue, grace, and the sweet joy of super natural gifts (Antonio Rosmini)



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Next Week's Gospel Reading Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (4th February 2018)

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 January 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time IN THE PARISH

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

Restoration Funds - total raised to date

Church Spire Restoration – an update on our fundraising efforts. We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. Work commences on Monday to fix the angels wings back on, and hopefully this will be the end of the work. There needs to be an ongoing plan in place to keep our beautiful church for many years which I would like you to think and consider. There are now repair works 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 all for your continued help.

Church Organ – It has been quite a few years ago since we had our first recommendation for repairs on our organ, (dating back to Fr. Philip Sainter time, by Cousins) Two months ago, we received an estimate for repair, it came in at around £49,500+VAT, this is not including a Piston system at a cost of £4,500. We would need at least three quotes before undertaking this work. If any of you would like to look at the quote, please contact Fr. Tom. This is for your information.

Confirmation 2018 - Enrolment Mass is this Sunday (28th) at 10am Mass. Confirmation date is on Friday 29th June at 7pm by Bishop William Kenny.

UCM – meeting after 10 a.m. Mass this Monday (29th) in the Coach House for Coffee followed by Lunch in the Griffin at 12 Noon.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candle Mass) this Friday (2nd) at 10am Mass the candles which will be used in the Church for the year will be blessed at Mass. You are all welcome to bring your candles to be blessed. All are welcome.

St Cross Hospital Mass - Fr. Paul Burch will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross next Tuesday 6th February at 1:30pm

RUG Meeting – next Tuesday 6th February at 7 p.m. in the Gentili House. We are in need of more volunteers to visit our parishioners who are housebound. If you are able to help please contact Kitty on 815561.

Life Ascending - Meeting next Thursday 8th February after Mass in the Coach House. New members are very welcome. Contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more information

Silent Prayer Meeting – next Thursday 8th February at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

Quiz Night – Many thanks to all who supported this event, special thanks to the organisers, helpers and Quiz Master Alan Parish, a total of was raised on the night after all expenses.

Parish Shop – Last chance to buy Christmas Items after 10 a.m. Mass, in Hibbert's Hall.

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

Pancake and Film – Tuesday 13th February at 5 p.m. starting with the film 'Passion of Christ' followed by Pancakes in Hibbert's Hall. If you are able to attend, please add your name to the list on the notice board.

The Rugby Dementia Conference - is on Wednesday 7th February, at The Benn Hall, Newbold Road from 9.30 a. m – 2.45 p.m., Rugby Dementia Conference will aim to explore ways that we can work together to support dementia friendly communities across Rugby Borough. Following a series of short presentations there will be three workshops led by local organisations that examine ways in which individuals, groups and organisations can create a more dementia friendly environment for people living with dementia and their carers. For more information and to book your place, please visit: [Rugby Dementia Conference](#)

Lent Lunches - Come and meet on Wednesdays 12 noon throughout Lent for a simple bread, cheese and soup lunch, followed by a short reflection, at various church halls. Wednesday 21st February St Matthew and St Oswald's. Wednesday 28th February Rugby Baptist Church. Wednesday 7th March Rugby Methodist Church. Wednesday 14th March St Marie's RC Church. Wednesday 21st March United Reformed Church. Wednesday 28th March St Andrew's Church. Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian Aid & CAFOD.

LIFE SHOP - We're now open **Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm** and as ever welcome new **volunteers** who'd like to support the charity. Come and talk to us about the possibilities. Likewise, we'd love to accept any **donations**, particularly **clothing**, so please bear us in mind if you're having a post-Christmas/New Year wardrobe **declutter** as we'd love to find new homes for your pre-loved items.

Oak Street - This is another project we need to undertake, very soon. The state of the road is very poor. It is for the use of the parish and the school. I need the help of volunteers to speak with me to the school, parents and all others who use the road, to establish ways and means to look after the road in the future, and that it does not become a burden on the few. If you can help with this project please speak to Fr. Tom.

Job Opportunities – Princethorpe College

1. Teacher of Business Studies and / or Economics
 2. Assistant Grounds Manager
 3. After School Assistant – Crescent School
- Please see notice Board for further information.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

27th January - 3rd February 2018

SATURDAY 27th January – Vigil for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Betty Kerry R.I.P./ Vincent Ferdinands R.I.P.

SUNDAY 28th January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries and Deceased Members of Harries Family and at 6.00 p.m. for Stanley Anthony 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 Hibbert's Hall after 10 a.m Mass

MONDAY 29th January - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Michael Collins R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for Eric Mason R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 30th January - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being of Emma Cooper

WEDNESDAY 31st January - Memorial of St John Bosco

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Well Being of Phyliss Lagon

THURSDAY 1st February - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Kathleen Kennedy R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being of Emma Cooper Requiem for Aiden Columba Meghen R.I.P.

SATURDAY 3rd February - Feria in Ordinary Time

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 Julie Mascarenhas 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, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne Alfredo Valderroma, Octovio Granja.

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Maureen Hanby

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

James O'Driscoll, Hugh Kelly, Dominico Marsella, Michael Collins