



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

My greatest desire is that we all love God, as God loves all. How I wish that the fire of divine love could truly burn in us, and that we could live only for His love, or that we could die for the sake of such love! (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Second Sunday of Lent (25th February 2018)

Gospel – Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

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 17th February 2018

First Sunday of Lent

IN THE PARISH

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

LIFE – Many thanks for your generous response

Restoration Funds - total raised to date

Church Spire Restoration – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. There needs to be an ongoing plan in place to keep our beautiful church for many years, which I would like you to 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.

Stations of the Cross - every Friday evening during Lent at 7p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

Journey in Faith (R.C.I.A.) - meeting this Wednesday (21st) at 7.30 p.m. in the Convent. Anyone interested to explore the Catholic Faith is very welcome to join us. If you think it will benefit somebody you know please introduce them to the 'Journey of Faith' flyer in the porch, or please speak to Fr. Tom.

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. meeting this week :-

Wednesday (21st) at St Matthew & St Oswald's. Wednesday 28th February Rugby Baptist Church. Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Silent Prayer Meeting – is this Thursday (22nd) at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

Parish Finance Meeting- is this Thursday (22nd) at 7pm. If you have any item to be discussed, please let the parish office know asap.

Rugby Foodbank ADLENT CALENDAR - Lent begins on Wednesday and we know that many people give up something or start to do something new in these 40 days before Easter. Rugby foodbank have launched a 40 day 'Adlent' calendar, of food that is required. Please see notice board if you can help or look on social media.

UCM Meeting - on Monday 26th February after 10a.m. Mass followed by the A G M in the Coach House.

Focus Group Meeting – is next Wednesday 28th February at 7 p.m in Hibbert's Hall

Fundraising Events:- Dates for your Diary.

Friday 13th April – Choir in the Church

Friday 11th May – Lady's Evening (Fancy Dress)

Saturday 9th June – Music, Dance & Food.

Sunday 19th August – Thanksgiving BBQ after Sunday morning Mass

Friday 28th September – Rugby Male Voice Choir

Family Fast Day - Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World on Friday 23rd March

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

Women's World Day of Prayer – is on Friday 2nd March at Bilton Evangelical church at 10:30 a.m., St Marie's Church at 2:30 p.m. and at Paddox Methodist Dunsmore Ave at 7:30 p.m.

Parish Day of Reflection - Saturday, 3rd March 10.00 a.m - 4 p.m. An opportunity for a peaceful day at Mater Ecclesia Convent to consider the thoughts of Father Tim Menezes, Vicar General on *-Keeping your spirituality whilst following Christ in a Liberal Society - Witnessing Christ in the Parish*

Community. We will have a shared table, Mass at Midday and transport is available. Please let Kathy know if you would like to join us 01788 891940 or kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com

Good Friday Walk of Witness - will be on Friday 30th March and will begin outside the Baptist church on Regent Street at 9.45am. The walk will proceed through the town with several stops and reflections, finally ending at St Andrew's church for an open air followed by refreshments in the church.

Life Ascending - This is advance notice to all members of the group that we will be having a Day of Recollection at Grace Dieu Lodge with Father Denis on Saturday 14 April. If anyone would like to join us you will be most welcome. Please contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more details.

St Marie's 500 Club - February gives us the following winners, [1] no 138 at £30; [2] no 205 at £20; [3] no 32 at £10. Cheques have been sent to the lucky three with warm thanks to all for your continued support for this parish fundraiser. Why not join us at £12 a year for your lucky number? Queries to Margaret on 541705

Rugby LIFE Shop - A big THANK YOU from the LIFE shop in Rugby for your response to our recent appeal for donations of all types of items and in particular, clothing. Your generosity and support of the work of the charity is very much appreciated and any more contributions gratefully received! Our shop in Sheep Street is now open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and my thanks to the lovely volunteers who all make this possible. Thanks too, to all supporters of the LIFE shop in Rugby. More information on the charity online at lifecharity.org.uk and twitter.com/lifecharity

Job Opportunities - Hope4 are looking for a new cleaner for the Centre, 10 hours a week. Benn Partnership Centre, require Centre Manager 20 hours per week. Please see notice board for further details.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 17th February - 24th February 2018

SATURDAY 17th February – Vigil for First Sunday of Lent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

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

SUNDAY 18th February – First Sunday of Lent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries R.I.P. 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 Coach House after 10 a.m. Mass

MONDAY 19th February - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Elsie May Smith R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for Frank Corcoran R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 20th February - Lent Feria

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

WEDNESDAY 21st February - Lent Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for James Hodgins R.I.P.

THURSDAY 22nd February - Feast of the Chair of St Peter

Mass at 10 a.m. for Vincent Ferdinands R.I.P.

12 Noon Funeral for Maureen Hanby R.I.P.

5:30 p.m. Indian Mass

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

FRIDAY 23rd February - Lent Feria

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

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 24th February - Lent 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 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, Mel Cahill.

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Paddy Blake

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Rev Antony Primavesi, Margaret Jones, Jan Sliwa, Alfons Linden, David Hipwell, Brian Kelly