



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Chosen above all women to give to the world its Saviour, God-Incarnate, Mary carried with her the source of all holiness, first, as was fitting, to the home of Elizabeth, which she sanctified; she sanctified the mother of him who was destined to be the precursor of our Saviour; she sanctified the precursor himself, anointing him, as it were, before his birth and made him worthy of his sublime mission (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (28th May 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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.



ST MARIE'S RUGBY

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Week starting 20th May 2017 **Sixth Sunday of Easter** IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1016.61

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

Monday Exposition – There will be **NO** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Monday 29th May.

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

Confessions- There will be **NO** Confessions this Saturday Morning (20th) as there will be a wedding at 11am.

Thank you - to the Head Teacher, Teachers, Deacon Gerard and Ruth Clensy for preparing our children for their First Holy Communion, taking place this Saturday.

UCM – meeting this Monday (22nd) after 7 p.m. Mass in Hibbert's for a 'Celebration and Thanksgiving' shared meal
Life Ascending will not be meeting in June, July or August because of holidays. We will recommence our monthly meetings on Thursday 14th September.

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 planning to start the main work in July, with some of the work already being completed. Our next 'Spire Restoration' meeting is this Tuesday (23rd) at 7pm in Hibbert's. Your ideas and suggestions are vital at this time.

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. We already have Phillipino and Indian Stalls, we are now looking for Spanish, Italian plus other European Countries.
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 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 - Sunday 4th June we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. We also celebrate International Mass on the same day. Like last year we need volunteers to help us organise the Mass. After the Mass there will be a parish group photograph followed by a shared table in Hibbert's Hall. All those who would like to get involved please come along to the meeting this Wednesday (24th) at 7.30pm in the Convent. It will be part of the **Liturgy Group** meeting on the same day.

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas
Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo
In Community: Fr. John Buckner, Fr. David Tobin and Br. Joseph Gardner
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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

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.

Cards and Gifts for Sale - after 10 am Mass on Sunday in the Coach House.

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.

Thank You- Amali Alphonsu who made the High Altar cloth for our parish.

Parish Office – If you find the office closed next week, during normal opening hours, just give a ring at Gentili House.

Parish Priest's Diary:-

Monday:- Meeting

Tuesday:- London

Wednesday:- Meeting

Thursday:- Spiritual Direction & Confession

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

20th May - 27th May 2017

SATURDAY 20th May – Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter
Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

1 p.m First Holy Communion

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Christopher Cookson R.I.P.

SUNDAY 21st May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass at 10 a.m. for All Souls and at

6.00 p.m. for Nora O'Driscoll R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Penny Robyn Slater

Confessions from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

3 p.m. Indian Mass, Baptism and First Holy Communion

Coffee/Tea after 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall

Parish Shop open in Coach House after 10 a.m. Mass

MONDAY 22nd May - Easter Ferrari

Mass at 10 a.m. for Mick Batchelor and at

7.00 p.m. for Private Intentions for UCM

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

TUESDAY 23rd May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Teresa McGrath R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 24th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Holy Souls

THURSDAY 25th May - Memorial of St Bede the Venerable

Mass at 10 a.m. for Private Intentions for McCall Family

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

FRIDAY 26th May - Memorial of St Philip Neri

Mass at 10 a.m. for Dr. Ernest & Aunt Rosalia Peter R.I.P.

SATURDAY 27th May - Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury

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 Diego D'Souza 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, Luisa Tello Perez, Gladis Rienaeker, Alfredo Valderrama, Kerry Livesey.

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Mary Todman, Mary Page, Patrick Nicholson, Hugh Doupe, Dennis Nicholson, Ron Morgan

Congratulations to Jonathan Wass & Dawn Waspe who were married here this Saturday
We welcome into our Christian community Penny Robyn Slater and who is being baptised this Sunday.