

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is important to arrive at the persuasion that love of truth is a command, the first of all commands, the greatest, and the source of all others

(Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(17th September)

Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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.

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo

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Week starting 9th September 2017

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1188.58

Next Week-end – Second Collection will be for Catholic Evangelisation (formerly CASE) The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

Monday Exposition – Resumes this Monday (11th)

Adoration Volunteers - *Could you spare an hour before the Lord!* We need more volunteers to support our Monday Adoration. Do you want to sign up on the list that's on the parish notice board?. I personally encourage my parishioners to spend an hour before our Lord. You will be changed.

Liturgy Group Meeting – is this Wednesday (13th) at 7 p.m. in Gentili House.

Life Ascending - Meeting this Thursday (14th) after Mass in the Coach House . New members are very welcome. Contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more information.

Monies raised to date for Spire Restoration £56,600

Church Restoration - Ian Stubbings will give an update on our fund-raising from " behind the scenes" at all Masses commencing on the week-end of Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September .

Church Spire Restoration - Interior work of the Spire has now been completed. Photos showing these are displayed on the Notice Board. Agreement has now been made on the Exterior Stone Work, Angels and Wings. We will be repairing four of the existing Wings, and replacing the other four. You can sponsor half a brick for £50 a full brick for £100, or sponsor an Angel for £1000. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Tom. The work to be completed the end of September.

Fashion Show in aid of Spire Appeal – on Thursday 28th September at 7:30pm in Hibberts. Tickets are on sale after all Masses. Cost £8 including Glass of wine and nibbles. Hope to see you there.

Dates for your Diary - Parish Events:-

Polish Evening with Music and Food – Saturday 14th October in Church & Hibbert's Hall.

Concert Evening - Friday 10th November - in Infant School Ground. **Christmas Market** -Saturday 2nd December - around the Church.

APF – Envelopes are ready for collection, please return monies by Sunday 24th September

Offertory Procession Rota - New Rotas, from September onwards, are available in the Sacristy.

Pray Corps – are available to take by the parish library, for the months of September and November.

BIG THANKYOU – Thank you to all our Churches for the beautiful flower arrangements throughout the church, and to all our flower ladies who have helped to make this event possible.

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...

Ministers and Readers - The new rotas have been emailed or left for you in the Sacristy please let Kathy know if you have not received one 01788 891940. Please do remember during this holiday period especially, how important it is that you arrange a stand in if unable to attend Mass when you are on either rota. Many thanks .

Lay Visitors to St. Cross Hospital – are re-launching their Lay Visitors and encouraging more volunteers to work across the Trust. Each Tuesday from October 3rd to October 31st they will be holding revision and recruitment training sessions, from 1:30 pm – 3:30 p.m. in the Faith Centre at University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire for more information email

paul.holmes@uhcw.nhs.uk or Tele:- 02476967515

CAFOD in Sudan and South Sudan - a talk by Bishop Kenney Thursday 28th September at 7.30p.m. - 9p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Bilton. Light refreshments will be served from 7p.m. Bishop Kenney will be sharing his experience of Sudan and South Sudan, and CAFOD's work there. All welcome. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Wignall at ewignall@cafod.org.uk or on 01922 722944. Please see poster on notice board.

Rugby Food Bank – Thank you for your continued support, the need for provisions continue. If you have a smart phone, please download the "foodbank app" which will let you know what is most urgently needed this week. Or, you can go onto the website www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk Otherwise, please donate any groceries you can. Donations can be left in the Sacristy.

Sick or Need a Home Visit - Please contact the Parish Office or see Fr. Justus

Gift-Aid - please help your parish by joining our Gift Aid Scheme. Please contact **Mike Borg** on 811732 or email:- michaelwba18@gmail.com

Hibbert's Hall - please consider booking our Parish Hall for all your parties. Please contact the parish office for booking or further information.

Thank you.

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.

Fr Tom – Fr Tom's mother is seriously ill. He travelled to India on Wednesday evening to be with his family. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

9th September - 16th September 2017

SATURDAY 9th September – Vigil for Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for David Foot R.I.P.

SUNDAY 10th September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries R.I.P. (School Mass) and at 6.00 p.m. for Nora O'Driscoll 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

MONDAY 11th September - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Seamus O'Keffe R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for Well-Being of Maureen Smith

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

TUESDAY 12th September - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Peter Loveridge R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 13th September - Memorial of St John Chrysostom

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Holy Souls

1 p.m. Funeral Service June Smith R.I.P.

THURSDAY 14th September - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass at 10 a.m. for Holy Souls

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

FRIDAY 15th September - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass at 10 a.m. for John Aldridge R.I.P.

SATURDAY 16th September - Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

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 Well-Being of John McGrath

† PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Kerry Livesey. Rupert Nigam, Paul Kelly.

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Jean Walker, Sidney Trevitt, Gerald Carter, Dorothy Duckworth, David Foot, John Aldridge, George Ward