

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We must love God in all His creatures, but especially in Mary, who is the most beautiful of all. I desire to see her loved by us all, within the Institute and without, in heaven and on earth, so that all the universe may be filled with love, and that all be united in love in the Father and the Son, to whom be all glory and honour for ever and ever. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Fourth Sunday of Easter (7th May 2017)

Gospel – John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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 29th April 2017 **Third Sunday of Easter**

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1054.59

Next Week-end – Second Collection will be for the Clergy Training Fund, please give generously.

Monday Exposition – There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday. It will resume next Monday (8th). There will be **NO** Monday Evening Mass during this period of closure.

St Cross Hospital Mass - Fr. Paul Burch will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday (2nd) at 1:30pm

RUG Meeting – this Tuesday (2nd) at 7 p.m. in the Convent 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 or see Fr. Justus.

Come Dine with The Catenians – this Tuesday (2nd) at 7.15p.m. at the Draycote Manor Hotel (A 45 near Dunchurch). We have a private room, 3 Course Set Menu with coffee for £16, pre dinner talk and get-together. The meal concludes with the loyal toast and a hopefully entertaining after-dinner speaker to finish at 10.30.p.m. All this in the calm and friendly company of fellow Catholics. Couples or individuals are most welcome and booking and payment in advance are required: cancellable within 48 hours. Please phone Pat or Sybil Herlihy to book or for further details phone:-890590 or email:-

sherlihy166@btinternet.com. You do not have to be a Catenian to enjoy the fun.

Silent Prayer Group – meeting this Thursday (4th) at 2 p.m in the Convent.

Mothers Prayer Group - will meet this Friday (5th) after 10 a.m. Mass at 12 Churchill Road.

Winter Shelter - The winter shelter project has now closed for another year. Many thanks to all who have volunteered and turned out so cheerfully to help the homeless of Rugby. We could not run the shelter without your support. We are having a get-together this Friday (5th) at the Rugby Hotel for those who have helped and those who would like to join up for next year. Any queries to Deacon Gerard on 541705, or Kathy Smith on 01788 891940

Spire Restoration Fund – Monies raised to date **£33,700**

Church Spire – Ecclesiastical Steeplejacks are due to commence work on our Spire on Monday 4th September. It is being delayed because we are waiting for grant applications approval. Please pray that we get positive answers. There have been a few rejections from some big funders which is worrying at this time.

Life Ascending - will be having a Day of Recollection at Mater Ecclesiae Convent, Street Ashton, near Rugby next Thursday 11th May. There will be a talk by one of the Sisters and time for reflection It will start at 10.30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Any one who would like to join us will be most welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. Transport can be arranged. For further details please contact Angela Harries on 817236.

New Offertory Procession Rotas - are now available in the Sacristy for collection.

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

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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

IN THE PARISH continued...

FHC Cards and Gifts for Sale - after 10 a.m. Mass in our shop in the Coach House.

International Food Stalls 1st July Festival - if you are interested in setting up your own International Parish Food Stall please contact May Bannigan on 01788 813879 or Louise Mallot on 07876656398. We already have Phillipino and Indian Stalls.

1st of July Summer Festival – Once again we need you help with jewellery, toiletries and fancy goods. Please leave in marked basket in main porch. Thank you.

1st of July 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.

Rugby LIFE Group - The Life shop is now in its fifth year and doing very well thanks to your generous and continued support. But, like all groups, we need a little more volunteer help please. Do consider coming along for a few hours, possibly weekly but perhaps less often, to lend a hand. It is satisfying, enjoyable and very positive. There are jobs to suit all talents from sorting donations to selling, from doing the displays to checking them. **You** really can make a difference! Do call in to see our managers, Lorna and Helen, for a chat at the shop in Sheep St. (10 a.m - 5 p.m Monday – Saturday). Donations of all sorts of stock, but especially ladies' and children's wear are also always most welcome; please call in or phone 567435. For anyone interested in the wider work of LIFE, please look at the website lifecharity.org.uk/getinvolved to see all the other forms of volunteering which make Life's work possible.

Food Bank – The need for provisions continue, please support our Rugby Food Bank. Donations can be left in the Sacristy.

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

Going into Hospital / Care Home – Please let Fr Justus know for Pastoral Care, or ask your relatives or friends to inform us

New to the Parish – Please take and fill in one of the white cards that are in the Porch of the Church, once complete hand in to either Fr. Justus or the office.

Holiday - While Fr. Tom is away on holiday, please contact Fr. Justus for all your Pastoral & Church needs.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

29th April - 6th May 2017

SATURDAY 29th April – Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Baptism at 11:30 a.m. Thomas Daniel Dubery

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

SUNDAY 30th April – Third Sunday of Easter

Mass at 10 a.m. for Almerinda Prymaka R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Deceased Members of McDermott & Dempsey Families R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Daisy Martha Spencer

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 1st May – Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Work

NO 7.00 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY 2nd May - Memorial of St Athanasius

Mass at 10 a.m. for Irene May Madigan R.I.P.

12:30 pm Funeral at Rainsbrook Crematorium for Christopher Beards R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 3rd May - Feast of Ss Philip and James

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Samuel Kelly R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Nina Kane R.I.P.

12:30 p.m. Requiem for Lucy Thackray R.I.P.

THURSDAY 4th May - Feast of the English Martyrs

Mass at 10 a.m. for Daphne O'Connor R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 5th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Rose Kelly

12 Noon Requiem for Edward Lewandowski R.I.P.

SATURDAY 6th May - Easter 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 Urias Couloute 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 Rienaecker, Alfredo Valderrama, Kerry Livesey.

† RECENTLY DIED †

Edward Lewandowski, George Borowski

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Kathleen Jones, Patrick Doolan, Nina Kane, Brian Maguire, Ella Fricker, Ann Golanka, Betty Prokipczuk.

We welcome into our Christian community Thomas Daniel Dubery who is being baptised this Saturday and

Daisy Martha Spencer who is being baptised this Sunday.