

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As the Christian ought always to bear in mind the glory of heaven, so also, in all his actions, he should remember that all other things decay, that they pass away quickly, and that death is the means of reaching his last rest in heaven (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading First Sunday of Advent (3rd December, 2017)

Gospel – Mark 13:33-37

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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.

Thank you - Wafa and Abba would like to thank all of you for your support of the sale of religious goods from Bethlehem.

Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars - Now on sale in the Coach House after Mass.

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo

In Community: Fr John Buckner, Fr. David Tobin, Fr. John Bland, Fr. Charles Sormany and Br. Joseph Gardner

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Week starting 25th November 2017 **Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ,** **King of the Universe**

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to **£1187.66**

This Week-end - the Second Collection will be for Catholic Youth Service. Please give generously.

Children's Liturgy – There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy this weekend

Mass next Saturday (2nd) will be held at **4:30 p.m.**

November - Month of prayer for the dead - May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Restoration Funds - total raised to date is **£ 79,200**

Church Spire Restoration – I climbed up the Spire to see for myself the Angels and the amazing work done.

There is still some minor works to be completed.

Hopefully it will all be finished soon, better that the job be done well, even though it has taken some time. The

Stone Mason Richard, Carpenter, and Project Manager Tim are happy to speak to us about this project, and they have all praised our beautiful Spire. We will make

arrangements for this in the new year at a 10am Mass. 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. Please contact the parish

office or Fr. Tom. There are now repair works needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Hibbert's

Chapel Ceiling & also Lighting inside the Church. Thank you for all your continued help.

UCM - Mass this Monday (27th) at 10 am. followed by a meeting in the Coach House. Subscriptions are now due and there will also be a Bring & Buy Stall to help

raise funds for the Church Spire.

Silent Prayer Meeting - this Thursday (30th) at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

First Holy Communion - Parents meeting on Wednesday 6th December in Hibbert's 5-6pm & 6-7pm

Revival in the House - Coventry & Warwickshire Gospel Choir next Saturday 2nd December. Tickets

£5 Adults, £3 Children, now on sale after all Masses. Itinerary :- **2pm Christmas Market Stalls Open.** 4:30

p.m. Evening Mass. 7p.m.- 8p.m. Choir in Church from 8p.m - 8.30pm, interval in Hibberts 8.30p.m.- 9.30pm

Choir in church. 9.30pm Bar / Food in Hibbert's

Donations for the Tombola - We are looking for donations for the Tombola, for the Christmas Market Please leave in Sacristy.

Food Stalls - any one interested in running the food stalls, please contact the fundraising team or Fr. Tom.

Mulled Wine - donations of Red wine needed for Christmas market and Raffle Prizes

Donations Wanted for A-MAY-Zing Value Stall- Toiletries, jewellery, perfume and gifts needed for the Christmas Market on 2nd December. Please leave

donations in the church porch or call May on 813879.

Cake Sale - All our bakers are welcome to donate cakes to the cake stall on 2nd Saturday by 12 Noon

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...

Offertory Processions - New rotas are now available in the Sacristy.

Pastoral Care Project - the Archdiocese has released the latest version of 'My Funeral Mass' document, it is available in the porch. If you know of anyone it will benefit, please take one to them, or let Fr. Tom know.

APF / Red Boxes - Calendars are now ready for collection from the porch. Will all promoters and red box holders, please collect packages and return monies by Sunday 17th December.

Welcoming our Younger Parishioners - We will have a box of books for children to borrow during Mass and would be grateful for any *donations* of books in good condition for younger children. These will be left in the porch for collection on arrival and return on departure. Donations to the sacristy initially please. We would welcome books in the languages of all our Parish Families.

Parish Magazine - All are welcome to suggest a name for our parish magazine. Our volunteers are Maddie Murphy, Claire Ormsby Potter, Irene Torcal and Fr. John Bland. They will approach all parish groups for news and updates as well as photos of the teams. Please support them and get involved in this parish project. More volunteers are always welcomed, please contact / see Fr. Tom

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): *Journey in Faith*, is designed for adults who are seeking to enter into the Catholic Church. Our parish is setting up this programme for adults who are either not baptised, baptised in another tradition, or baptised Catholic without further religious education or sacraments of the Church. The flyers are left in the church. ***If you know any one who would be interested, please invite them to speak to any one of the priests or Deacon Gerard.*** The Programme starts on Wednesday 6th December at 5p.m. in the Convent.

Christmas Decorations in Church - We are starting a new initiative to help all of us to contribute towards our Christmas celebrations. We are inviting parishioners to add decorations from around the world, please speak to Fr Tom if you wish to bring decorations from your home country.

Eva-Marie Marson - will now be looking after our Parish Website. Please share photos and news with Eva-Marie.

Our Facebook page:- StMariescatholicchurch

New Crib - We now have a new Crib for outside the church, and are looking for an artist to paint this. If you are able to help please speak with Fr. Tom.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

25th November - 2nd December 2017

SATURDAY 25th November – Vigil for Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Winifred & George Arnott R.I.P.

SUNDAY 26th November – Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries R.I.P. and at

6.00 p.m. for Gordon Hartley 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 27th November - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for UCM Intentions and at

7.00 p.m. for Noreen Nagle R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 28th November - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. Private Intentions for Marino & Reynaldo Edloy

Oratory Mass for Well-Being of John Melia

WEDNESDAY 29th November - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10.00 a.m. Private Intentions for Jacinta A'Edloy

THURSDAY 30th November - Feast of St Andrew

Mass at 10 a.m. for Maurice Stanley R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Dennis Farmer R.I.P.

5 p.m. Indian Mass

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

FRIDAY 1st December - Feast of St Edmund Campion

Mass at 10 a.m. for Benedict McBreen R.I.P.

11a.m Funeral Service Doris Ivans R.I.P.

SATURDAY 2nd December - 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 4:30 p.m. for Catherine Costello 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, Rupert Nigam, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, Claire Lycett.

† RECENTLY DIED †

Gerald Hamilton

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Gordon Hartley, Den Harries, Sylvia Devine, Phyllis Webb, Francis Sygrove, Jerzey Bruckert