

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let us be constant in prayer, seeking in it all our comfort and wisdom. If we no longer live for ourselves but allow Christ to become our true life, then He will bind us to Him and make use of us for the greatest glory of His name, for ever and ever. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (20th August 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 12th August 2017 **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **IN THE PARISH**

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1031.70

Monies raised to date for Spire Restoration £53,000

Church Spire Restoration - Interior work of the Spire has now been completed. Photos showing this will be 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. We hope for the work to be completed by the end of September.

Parish BBQ – this Sunday (13th) after 10 a.m. Mass. Will be held in St Marie's Infants School Grounds.

Parish Feast & Flower Show- we have our Parish Feast on Friday 8th September. There will be Mass at 10a.m. and 6p.m. followed by a meal in Hall at 7pm. If you are attending the meal, please add your name to the list in the porch, cost £7.50. Novena to our Lady will begin on Thursday 31st August. We are also arranging a Flower Show in connection with our Parish Feast. The Church will be opened on the 8th, 9th & 10th September from 9 a.m until 7p.m. We have invited our Christian churches around Rugby to be part of the flower show. If any of our Parish Groups want to be part of the show please contact **Mary Shoebridge** on 571972. It is the Marian theme we have chosen for the show. There will be flyers and names of the participants, available to you all soon. **All are invited** to be part of this Parish Community Initiative.

Flower Show Volunteers Required - **We will need** two people to welcome our visitors throughout the 3 days that the show is open. Please try and spare an hour (or two), there is a rota in the Church Porch to add your name. Please be generous with your time, at this special event.

Rugby Walsingham Group - are going to Walsingham for the pilgrimage on Sunday 10th September. Since this is the Centenary Year of Our Lady to Fatima and many people will be unable to get to Fatima, you can celebrate the Centenary at Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. This year the coach size has been reduced to just 35 seats. The cost is just £7 (which has been greatly subsidised by the Rugby Group). The coach will leave St Marie's at 6.30 a.m. and English Martyrs at 7.00.a.m. We shall leave Walsingham immediately after Benediction. In order to secure a seat please give your money and contact details to Mehemt or Louise Mallott on 0787 6656398.

Eucharistic Ministers Rotas & Readers Rotas – if you have not received your copy by email please collect from the Sacristy.

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

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Catholic Universe – Could you please inform Fr. Tom if you still would like the Catholic Universe Newspaper, otherwise we will cancel our subscription.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall – on Sunday 3rd September. Mass at 3 p.m. Confessions from 1:45p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Principal Celebrant & Preacher Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne Co. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Free Parking Teas and Picnic Area. Free times tours of Harvington Hall are available, and may be booked on the day. It is essential that you bring your own chairs.

Marriage Encounter Weekends will be taking place at Barnes Close, Bromsgrove (Non Residential) 9th to 10th September at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24th-26th November. They are enrichment weekends for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). ME weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. For further information go to www.wvme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762.

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

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. Michael Hill's Book- The Rosminian Mission 'The Sowers of the Second Spring'. Copies are now available with Fr. Tom. Cost £15.

Job Opportunities Part-Time – Team Administrator 17 ¼ hours per week for Coventry Diocesan Board of Education, Rugby email helen.gibson@covcofe.org Please see notice board for further information.

Parish Priest's Diary:-

Monday:- Meeting

Tuesday:- Wedding Prep. Meeting/ Meeting

Wednesday:- Meeting

Thursday:- Day off.

Friday:- Baptism Prep.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 12th August - 19th August 2017

SATURDAY 12th August – Vigil for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

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

SUNDAY 13th August – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Teresa Cole R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Holy Souls

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 14th August – Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

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

TUESDAY 15th August – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 10 a.m. for Carmel D'Arcy R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 16th August – Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Martha D'Mello

THURSDAY 17th August - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Wilfred Franklin R.I.P.

FRIDAY 18th August - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Alma Friel R.I.P.

SATURDAY 19th August - 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 6 p.m. for Deceased Members of Nolan Family 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.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Alma Friel, Patrick Elliott, Edward McGrath, Michael Grealy, Megan Sandford, Chelsea Street, Raymond Masters, Margaret Hallahan, Stephen Realf, Antonino Ierna, Martha D'Mello