

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

My greatest desire is that we all love God, as God loves all. How I wish that the fire of divine love could truly burn in us, and that we could live only for His love, or that we could die for the sake of such love!

(Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (26th February 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 6:24-34

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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 18th February 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1055.70.

Spire Restoration Fund – Monies raised to date **£29,220**

Children's Liturgy – There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy this Sunday (19th) or the following Sunday 26th February.

Adoration – exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at 12:30 p.m. this Monday (20th).

Blessing of Gentili House – this Monday (20th), Rosminian Feast of the Cell, the starting day for the Institute of Charity in 1828. In 2017 it is the beginning of a new chapter for the Rosminians in the UK, Fr. General will open Gentili House, a house of retirement for the Province:

11:30 am Mass in St Marie's (and then Adoration). The Midlands Rosminians, including the Sisters and Rugby Ascribed, plus our Deanery Priests, with the team who did the building work will attend the Blessing and Opening. You are all welcome to join us for the Mass.

Silent Prayer Group – meeting this Thursday (23rd) at 2 p.m in the presbytery.

Indian Mass – this Thursday (23rd) at 4:30 p.m. followed by Tea & Coffee in Hibbert's

Spire cake stall Sunday 26th February after 10 am.

Mass - Please leave your donation of cakes in the front porch Saturday evening and Sunday Thank you for your support.

2nd Parish Council Meeting – will take place on Tuesday 28th February at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall.

Steve Bayliss and Laura Hines will be giving a talk at all Masses on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March regarding our Gift Aid scheme and other Financial matters of the Parish.

Lenten Lunches 2017 - Wednesdays 12 noon to 1pm

You are invited to meet for a simple bread, soup and cheese lunch, followed by a short reflection, at various churches throughout Lent. This is an opportunity to unite Christians from all the churches and to support Christian Aid and Cafod (suggested donation £2.50)

March 1st Rugby Methodist Church Centre, Russeisheim Way. **March 8th** St Andrews Church, Church Street.

March 15th St Marie's R.C. Church, **March 22nd** St. Matthews and St Oswalds Church, Lawford Road. **March 29th** Salvation Army, Benfield Road West Leys. **April 5th** United Reformed Church, Hillmorton Road. **April 12th** Rugby Baptist Church John Lees Hall Regent Place

Mothers Prayer Group - will meet on **Friday 10th March** after 10 a.m. Mass at 12 Churchill Road.

Kenelm Youth Trust- will be speaking at the end of all Masses on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March regarding the need and importance of a Youth Ministry in our Parish.

Women's World Day of Prayer - takes place on Friday 3rd March at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Bilton. The main town one is at 2:30 p.m. at Rugby Christian Fellowship Church, Cambridge Street. The 7:30 p.m. Evening Service will be held at English Martyrs, Hillmorton. The service this year 'Am I Being Unfair to You' is prepared by Christian Women of the Philippines. Your support of this day of prayer would be appreciated by the W. W. day of Prayer Rugby Committee.

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...

Spire, Spire, Spire. It is still there, and so is the cost of the repairs. To help meet the cost we will be, among other things, holding raffles and various other sales. With this in mind may we please ask you to look out for unwanted and unused Christmas gifts and any other new presents that we can sell. These can be handed into the presbytery. We can also collect, Tele:- May on 813879 or Louise on 547896. Thank you.

Advance Notice for your Diaries - There will be 24 hours of Adoration before Palm Sunday, starting on Saturday 8th April at 10 a.m. finishing on Sunday 9th April at 9:30 a.m. Time before the Lord, Praying for our Families, Vocations and World Peace.

Walk with Me - There are a few booklets in the porch should you wish to take one.

New Altar Servers - Forms are available for children to complete to be trained as an altar server. It is open for all children who have received Holy Communion.

Rugby LIFE Group Meeting – Meeting Monday 6th March at 7.30 p.m. at Rugby Hotel next to the shop. We expect visitors from HO to update us on the local, regional and national picture as LIFE moves forward in all its work. All are welcome, so do please try to join us. Any queries to Margaret on 541705, or to Lorna at the LIFE shop on 567435.

Hibbert's Hall / Thank you – Firstly I would like to express my gratitude to Tom Hargadon for the many years of service in looking after Hibbert's Hall and the Coach House. We are now looking at leasing Hibbert's Hall to one of our parishioners Will Solomon, who will oversee all aspects of running Hibbert's Hall, once a final agreement has been made. A 'Record Book' will be set up in the Parish Office for parishioners to sign when borrowing and returning the key to Hibbert's Hall since the lock will be changed over the coming months. Coffee Morning, Children's Liturgy and Winter Shelter will continue as always.

Tom & June Hargadon have very kindly agreed to help me in taking care of the Church (Caretakers)

Parish Office - If you find the office closed during normal opening times on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week just give a ring at the presbytery.

Parish Priest's Dairy

Monday:- Gentili House Blessing

Tuesday:- Fr. General

Wednesday:- Meeting with VG

Thursday:- Baptism Preparation .

Friday:- Spiritual Direction / Confession

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

18th February - 25th February 2017

SATURDAY 18th February – Vigil for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Deceased Members of Costello Family

SUNDAY 19th February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Elsie May Smith R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Antoni & Feliksa Borowski R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Bethany May Geddes, Grace Elizabeth Geddes & Lydia Rose Geddes
2:30 p.m. Patrick Charles Ryan

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

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

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

MONDAY 20th February - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 11:30 a.m. for Blessing of Gentili House and at 7.00 p.m. for All Parishioners

Adoration 12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the church.

TUESDAY 21st February - Feria in Ordinary Time

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

WEDNESDAY 22nd February- Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Sheila Mitchell R.I.P.

THURSDAY 23rd February - Memorial of St. Polycarp

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

4:30 p.m. Indian Mass

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

FRIDAY 24th February - Feria in Ordinary Time

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

SATURDAY 25th February - 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 Julie Mascarenhas R.I.P.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Tom Donnelly, Lucy Thackray, Lenny Niner, Elsie Johnson, Eunice Adcock, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Mary Hannifin, Tracey Cox, Patrick Reynolds, Edward Buckley, John Dee, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Luisa Tello Perez, Gladis Rienaecker, Alfredo Valderrama, Cathy Southam.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Malgorzata Kabarowski, Patrick Harnett, Rev. Antony Primavesi, Margaret Jones, Jan Sliwa

We welcome into our Christian community Bethany May Geddes, Grace Elizabeth Geddes & Lydia Rose Geddes, and Patrick Charles Ryan who are being baptised this Sunday.