



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I beseech the Lord to shower His Blessings on you in this New Year. May He speed you to that precious holiness to which He invites us all and in comparison with which the whole universe is as nothing. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (14th January 2018)

Gospel – John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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 6th January 2018 **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** **IN THE PARISH**

Sunday Collections - Thank you for the last two weeks Sunday's offertory collection Thank you also for your generous offerings to the clergy

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - will resume this Monday (8th) from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you can give an hour a week to this prayer apostolate, please contact June Hargadon on 543306

Crib Service – Thank you and Crib Offering which will help finance the Winter Shelter & Hope4 and many thanks from the Children's Liturgy Team, for all those who helped with the Crib Service

Restoration Funds - total raised to date

Church Spire Restoration – an update on our fundraising efforts. We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. Work commences on Monday to fix the angels wings back on, and hopefully this will be the end of the work. There needs to be an ongoing plan in place to keep our beautiful church for many years which I would like you to think and consider. There are now repair works needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Chapel Ceiling, Lighting inside the Church, Boiler, Organ, and also Hibbert's. 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. Thank you all for your continued help.

Church Organ – It has been quite a few years ago since we had our first recommendation for repairs on our organ, (dating back to Fr. Philip Sainter time, by Cousins) Two months ago, we received an estimate for repair, it came in at around £49,500+VAT, this is not including a Piston system at a cost of £4,500. We would need at least three quotes before undertaking this work. If any of you would like to look at the quote, please contact Fr. Tom. This is for your information.

St Cross Hospital Mass - Fr. Paul Burch will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday (9th) 1:30pm

Focus Group Meeting – this Wednesday (10th) in Hibbert's Hall at 7p.m.

Life Ascending - Meeting this Thursday (12th) after Mass in the Coach House . New members are very welcome. Contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more information

Silent Prayer Meeting – this Thursday (11th) at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

Confirmation 2018 - Parents who are planning to bring forward their children for this years Confirmation are requested to pick up their applications from the parish office. If your children are attending St. Marie's Primary School, applications are available from the school.

Quiz Night - on Friday 19th January at 7pm in Hibbert's Hall. Ticket's £10 per person, which includes food. (A bar is available.) Teams of 6. Ticket's available after Mass or from the office. Quiz master is Alan Parish.

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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Sale of Christmas Items – this Sunday (7th) after 10a.m Mass in the Coach House

Sing Together - Natural Voice Singing Group is starting on Monday 15th January in Hibbert's Hall (£5 taster session) from 9:45 -11a.m with tea and coffee afterwards. Please see details on notice board or you can contact:

aperrymusic@hotmail.co.uk

Christian Unity Service - will be held at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday 21st January at 7:30 p.m.

Family Congress- Trinitarian Prayer Cards are now available on the table or with Ruth Clensy for £2.

Pastoral Care Project - the Archdiocese has released the latest version of 'My Funeral Mass' document, it is available in the porch. There is always been a confusion with regard to funeral Mass arrangements as most people have no much idea, It is a very helpful guide and please consider using them.

St Marie's 500 Club - unless you have a standing order, it is time to renew or join for 2018, so please leave cash or cheque [to St Marie's (Rugby) 500 Club] in the office. Cost still £12 per number for all the monthly draws for 2018. Why not join in? Any queries to Margaret on 541705.

Family Congress - the World meeting of Families is taking place in Dublin from Tuesday 21st to Sunday 26th August. If you would like to participate please contact Lianne Pap (Family Ministry)

lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org our deanery will be represented by the Pelloquin Family.

Eucharistic Congress - Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress will be held in Liverpool from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September. Our deanery and parish will be represented by Anne Ormsby and Primary school teacher Alison Brunye Thank you. Please see the notice board at the back of church for further details of all these events.

Oak Street - It is another project we need to undertake, very soon. The state of the road is very poor. It is for the use of the parish and the school. I need the help of volunteers to speak with me to the school, parents and all others who use the road, to establish ways and means to look after the road in the future, and that it does not become a burden on the few. If you can help with this project please speak to Fr. Tom.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

6th January - 13th January 2018

SATURDAY 6th January – Vigil for Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Teresa Smyth R.I.P.

SUNDAY 7th January – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass at 10 a.m. for Shirley Deery R.I.P. 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

Parish Shop open in Coach House after 10 a.m Mass

MONDAY 8th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well- Being of Derek Deudren and at 7.00 p.m. for Well- Being of Mary Moran

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

TUESDAY 9th January - Feria in Ordinary Time

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

WEDNESDAY 10th January - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10.00 a.m. Private Intentions for Herminia Keen 11:30 a.m. Requiem Mass for Jorge Picarra R.I.P.

THURSDAY 11th January - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Eugenio Gutierrez R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 12th January - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Michal Drahum R.I.P.

11a.m. Whole School Mass

7 p.m. Anniversary Mass for John Aldridge R.I.P.

SATURDAY 13th January - 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

Baptism at 11.30 a.m. Eric Antonio Maduro

Mass at 6 p.m. for Diego D'Souza 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, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne Alfredo Valderroma, Octovio Granja.

† RECENTLY DIED †

Annette Todd, Eleanor Flynn

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Robert Gooch, Anna Medhurst, Stephen O'Neill, Pauline Pritchard, Agnes Tucker, David Margerison, Edward Pinecki, Nora O'Driscoll