

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If we wish to rectify our faults, there is no better way, when we receive correction, than to see things through the eyes of whoever gives the correction, and to look hard so as to see our defects in all their deformity. God then gives us the grace to see them as they are, and so to be in a position to put them right. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (15th October 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14 (Mt 22:1-10)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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 7th October 2017

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1242.85

Mission Appeal– Fr. Raphael will be preaching at all Masses introducing the Holy Ghost Fathers and their mission around the world. The retiring collection will be for the support of their Missionary work.

Restoration Funds - raised to date is **£68,600**

Wanda Fashion Show – Many thanks to everyone involved a total of £900 was raised towards the Church Spire Restoration.

Church Spire Restoration - You can 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 speak to Fr. Tom.

Rugby Revive Churches - Prisons Week Service at 6.30 p.m. this Sunday (8th) at Bilston Evangelical Church. Guest Speaker is Paul Cowley MBE.

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.

School Harvest Festival - is this Friday (13th) at 11a.m.

Polish Evening with Music and Food in aid of 'Spire Appeal' – next Saturday 14th October at 7:30 p.m.

"Senza Nome" 'The Number One' Polish Choir of the Midlands. They sing in Polish and English, the Choir have performed all around the UK and Europe, they have performed at the Polish Embassy, Belgrade Theatre and Ricoh Stadium. Tickets £10 for Adults, £3 for Children. On sale after all week-end Masses, can be purchased from the Sacristy, Senza Nome website, or Michael on 07817243814. Please support this initiative.

Dates for your Diary - Parish Events:-

Rugby Raise The Roof II - Friday 10th November in Hibbert's Hall 8p.m.till late Featuring the Band 'Massive Happy'. Price £10 entry on the door. Bar all night.

Revival in the House - Saturday 2nd December in St Marie's Church, 6p.m. -11p.m. Featuring, Coventry & Warwickshire Gospel Choir. Price £5 Adults £3 Children entry on the door. Bar and snacks at interval, before and afterwards. Both are Fundraising for the Spire Restoration Appeal. (Evening Mass will be 4.30pm)

Christmas Luncheon – Our retired parishioners are invited to join us for the Christmas lunch on Friday 8th December beginning with Holy Mass at 11.30am. It is a beautiful occasion for all our parishioners to attend with Rugby School singing at Mass and Carols from our Primary school. If you would like to attend, but have not previously done so, or if you know of anyone who should be on our list (maybe recently arrived parishioners) please advise the office, or Fr. Tom.

Parish Finance Meeting- is on Thursday 19th October at 7pm, if you have any item to be discussed, please let the parish office know asap.

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...

Parents of Year 3 Children – Our First Holy Communion Lessons start shortly. Children attending St Marie's school will be given the application form from school. Children not going to St. Marie's can collect the application form from the parish office, open Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. The details of the parents meeting will be on the application form.

Fatima News - this Friday (13th) marks the centenary of Our Lady's last apparition and great miracle at Fatima. St Peter's, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham Archdiocese during the Fatima Centenary Year and there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **9.30am to 12.20pm and 5pm to 6pm**. This will be the last chance to gain the special indulgence when you visit St Peter's on that day. There will be a special votive Mass for Our Lady of Fatima at 12.30pm. For other information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399

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Job Opportunities - 1. Draycote Benefice of Churches Vacancy for a part-time Administrative Assistant. 2. Clerk to the Governors for all Full Governing Body Meetings (4 per year) as well as Committee Meetings (9 meetings per year). Please see notice board for further information.

Welcoming Back - on Saturday 28th October 10a.m.- 4p.m. at the Maryvale Institute, Parish Groups from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham are invited to 'Welcoming Back'. The day will be filled with practical tips and welcoming people back to the Catholic Faith. Included in the day there will be a workshop on how to run a **Come Home for Christmas Campaign** in your parish. To book places please contact Natalie Orefice via email: parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk or phone 07718910585.

Parish Gift-Aid Forms - if you are a tax payer and want to join in the parish gift-aid scheme, please contact Mike Borg or Fr. Tom.

Sr. Mary Angela - the day and time of the Funeral will be announced at a later date.

Parish Priest's Diary:-

Monday:- Baptism Preparation. Meeting.

Tuesday:- Deanery Meeting

Wednesday:- Wedding Meetings

Thursday:- Hospital Visit / Day off

Friday:- Meetings

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

7th October -14th October 2017

SATURDAY 7th October – Vigil for Twenty Seventh

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nuptial Mass at 12.00 Noon for Philip Davis and Melanie Timms.

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Trevor Harries R.I.P.

SUNDAY 8th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Arthur & Kathleen Gooch R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Patrick Gillen R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Leo Rapsomanikij and at 2:30 p.m. Emma Nicole Bloxham

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 9th October - Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Mills Family and at 7.00 p.m. for Chris Bardon R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 10th October - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Eunice Adcock R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 11th October - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Maura Massey R.I.P.

THURSDAY 12th October - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Audrey Foulds R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 13th October - Feria in Ordinary Time

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

SATURDAY 14th October - 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 Joseph Mascarenhas 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.

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Sister Mary Angela, William Morgan, John Smith, Baby Dawid Glowczewski

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Nicolas Simpson, Maura Massey, Harry Supka, Frances Giles

We welcome into our Christian community Leo Rapsomanikij and Emma Nicole Bloxham who are being baptised this Sunday.