

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Cut off from Christ, man is dead in relation to the life of grace, which is his ultimate end. If he is one with Christ, he receives from Christ His supernatural life, and attains the fullness of life. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (16th April 2017)

Gospel – Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.

Spire Restoration News – Please take home the letter that has been prepared by the 'Restoration Committee' regarding our Summer Festival on **Saturday 1st July 2017**

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Week starting 8th April 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord **IN THE PARISH**

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1677.65

Good Friday - collection is for the upkeep of Holy Places.

Offerings on the Easter Vigil and Sunday – will be for the Rosminian Clergy. If you are a tax payer, please take the White envelopes for the 'Institute of Charity' at the porch. Thank you

Fr. John Bland – has now taken up residence in Gentil House from last week. May we all wish a warm Welcome to Fr. John.

24 hours of Adoration before Palm Sunday - starting this 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.

Monday Exposition – There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday it will resume on Monday 8th May. There will be **NO** Monday Evening Mass during this period of closure.

Children's Liturgy – There will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday and for the following two Sunday's. Recommences on Sunday 30th April.

Easter Church Cleaning – This Wednesday (12th) from 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to help.

Spire Easter Cake Stall - Next Sunday 16th April after 10a.m. Mass. Please leave you donations of cakes in main porch. Thank you

Spire Restoration Fund – Monies raised to date **£33,400**

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) this week is on **April 12th** Rugby Baptist Church John Lees Hall Regent Place

Seder Meal – Once again we invite you to this ritual meal from which Jesus gave us the Eucharist at the last supper. It will take place this Wednesday (12th) at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. Please put your name on the list in the porch, if you are able to attend. Cost is £10 for Adults and £6 for under 16's.

Maudy Thursday - during Mass all the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion will re-new their commitment for the coming year. All Ministers are invited to be part of the celebration.

Life Ascending. Meeting this Thursday (13th) in the Coach House, after 10 a.m. Mass. Anyone interested in joining us is very welcome to come along. Please contact Angela Harries on 01788 817236 for further details.

Rye Hill Prison – Once again our choir will be enriching the liturgy in the Prison Chapel this Thursday and Saturday. Please pray for all prisoners and families at this special time.

Walk of Witness - on Good Friday (14th) at 9.45 a.m. starting at Jubilee Gardens, Regent Place.

Timings of Holy Week Liturgy – Please take one for yourself, family and friends, just inside the Church.

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

Novena to the Divine Mercy - starts on Good Friday (14th) for 9 days until the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday 23rd April. Please recite the chaplet every day. Leaflets available in the porch. On Sunday 23rd April at 2:45p.m Service of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said in the Church. Please do come along to celebrate the Divine Mercy.

Spire Restoration Grand National – Thank you for your generosity a total of £186 was raised. Please check your tickets, you may have the winner, second or third place ticket. Please claim your Wine or Easter Eggs at the office next week.

Winter Shelter - The winter shelter project has now closed for another year. Many thanks to all who have volunteered and turned out so cheerfully to help the homeless of Rugby. We could not run the shelter without your support. We are having a get-together on Friday 5th May at the Rugby Hotel for those who have helped and those who would like to join up for next year. Details to follow. Any queries to Deacon Gerard on 541705.

Rugby LIFE Group - The Life shop is now in its fifth year and doing very well thanks to your generous and continued support. But, like all groups, we need a little more volunteer help please. Do consider coming along for a few hours, possibly weekly but perhaps less often, to lend a hand. It is satisfying, enjoyable and very positive. There are jobs to suit all talents from sorting donations to selling, from doing the displays to checking them. **You** really can make a difference! Do call in to see our managers, Lorna and Helen, for a chat at the shop in Sheep St. (10 a.m - 5 p.m Monday – Saturday). Donations of all sorts of stock, but especially ladies' and children's wear are also always most welcome; please call in or phone 567435. For anyone interested in the wider work of LIFE, please look at the website lifecharity.org.uk/getinvolved to see all the other forms of volunteering which make Life's work possible.

500 Club April Draw - The draw produced the following winners. 1st £30 No.15 2nd £20 No.39; 3rd £10 No.131. Cheques are in the post to the lucky winners. Please support this church fundraiser, only £1 per month. Any queries to Margaret on 541705.

Parish Priest's Diary

Monday & Tuesday - Visitors

Wednesday - St. Chad's / Seder Meal

Fr. Tom will be away from the 17th April to the 15th May. Visiting family in India.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

8th April - 15th April 2017

SATURDAY 8th April – Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
24 Hour Adoration starting after the Morning Mass.
Mass at 6.00 p.m. for The Welton Family

SUNDAY 9th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Benediction 9:30 a.m.

Mass at 10 a.m. for Eva Dobe R.I.P. (Blessing of Palms and Procession outside church) and Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Owen Duffy R.I.P.

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 10th April – Monday of Holy Week

Mass at 10 a.m. for Mary Perks R.I.P.

NO 7.00 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY 11th April – Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass at 10 a.m. for David Hipwell R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 12th April – Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Eva Dobe R.I.P.

Chrim Mass 11:30 a.m. at St Chad's Cathedral

THURSDAY 13th April – Maundy Thursday

NO 10 a.m. Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p.m.- for Mr Dodgon R.I.P

Vigil up to 12 p.m.

FRIDAY 14th April – Good Friday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:45 a.m. Ecumenical March of Witness starting in Regent Place

3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7 pm. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 15th April – Saturday of Holy Week

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m

Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. for Edward & Ina McKenna R.I.P.

SUNDAY 16th April- Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Dawn Mass 8a.m. for Alan Morgan R.I.P.

Mass 10 a.m. for All Parishioners

NO 6 p.m. Mass

† PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Lucy Thackray, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Edward Buckley, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Luisa Tello Perez, Gladis Rienaeker, Alfredo Valderrama, Kerry Livesey.

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Eva Dobe, George McGrath, Kenneth Pedley, Frederick Saunders, Theresa Kealey, Eileen McCormack, Margaert Fairey, Rona Clynes, Margaret Young, Eileen Hamill