



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

According to human judgement, who would believe that so little had been narrated in the Holy Scriptures of the most perfect of all human creatures? No great work was undertaken by her; yet her life, which the world would wrongly regard as one of continued inaction, was declared by God to be the most sublime, the most virtuous, the most magnanimous of all lives (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Sixth Sunday of Easter (21st May 2017)

Gospel – John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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 13th May 2017 **Fifth Sunday of Easter** IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1129.46

Clergy Training Fund – Many thanks for your generous response a total of £236.22 was collected.

Month of May – We pray to our Lady for her Intercessions and Prayers for our Parish.

Confessions- There will be **NO** Confessions on Saturday Morning of **20th May**, as there will be a wedding at 11am.

Spire Restoration Fund – Monies raised to date **£34,000**

Church Spire – Ecclesiastical Steeplejacks are due to commence work on our Spire on Monday 4th September. It is being delayed because we are waiting for grant applications approval. Please pray that we get positive answers. There have been a few rejections from some big funders which is worrying at this time.

First Holy Communion - is next Saturday 20th May at 1p.m. in Church. Please remember the Communicants and their Families in your prayers on this Joyful Occasion.

UCM – meeting next Monday 22nd May after 7 p.m. Mass in Hibbert's Hall, for a 'Celebration and Thanksgiving' shared meal.

Life Ascending will not be meeting in June, July or August because of holidays. We will recommence our monthly meetings on Thursday 14 September.

Spire Restoration 1st July Festival – We need **your** help, can you help with one or many items of the following to raise as much as we can for our Spire Restoration Work.

International Food Stalls - if you are interested in setting up your own International Parish Food Stall please contact May Bannigan on 813879 or Louise Mallot 07876656398.

We already have Phillipino and Indian Stalls, we are now looking for Spanish, Italian plus other European Countries.

aMAYzing Value Stall – Once again we need your help with jewellery, toiletries and fancy goods. Please leave in marked basket in main porch.

Nearly New & Book Stall – We need nearly New Items and Books, also DVD's and CD's please leave items either in the marked box in the Sacristy.

Summer Festival Raffle Prizes – we are looking for raffle prizes/bottles/unwanted gifts from parishioners for this event. Please leave your items in the sacristy, where they will be stored in the convent. **'Thank you'**.

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 9th-11th June, 2017, email info@retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0788 729 6983 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas
Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo
In Community: Fr. John Buckner, Fr. David Tobin and Br. Joseph Gardner
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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...

FHC Cards and Gifts for Sale - after 10 a.m. Mass in our shop in the Coach House.

New Offertory Procession Rotas - are now available in the Sacristy for collection.

Rugby Food Bank – Thank you for your continued support, the need for provisions continue. If you have a smart phone, please download the “foodbank app” which will let you know what is most urgently needed this week. Or, you can go onto the website www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk Otherwise, please donate any groceries you can. Donations can be left in the Sacristy.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax payer and interested in joining the Gift Aid Scheme please contact the Gift Aid Administrator Michael Borg on 01788 811732 or email michaelwba18@gmail.com Thank you

Job Opportunities - The Archdiocese of Birmingham, are recruiting for two new full time posts to help spread the Joy of the Gospel and communicate both within the church and externally in our local communities. ‘**Head of Communications & Community Engagement**’ and ‘**Press & Media Relations Officer**’ For an informal discussion / job description for either role please contact Gerry Dryden, Director of Human Resources via email (gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org) or telephone (0121 230 6224). The closing date for applications for these roles is Friday 2nd June 2017. Please see noticeboard for further information.

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

Going into Hospital / Care Home – Please let Fr. Tom know for Pastoral Care, or ask your relatives or friends to inform us

New to the Parish – Please take and fill in one of the white cards that are in the Porch of the Church, once complete hand in to either Fr. Tom or the office.

Used Stamps – Thank you to all who put used stamps in the box at the rear of the church. It would be appreciated if we could maintain this as Myton Hospice sell them for valuable funding.

Parish Diary:-

Fr Tom will be back from his holiday this Tuesday 16th May.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

13th May - 20th May 2017

SATURDAY 13th May – Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Fred & Tess Smith R.I.P.

SUNDAY 14th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries 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 15th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Audrey Foulds R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for Duncan Falconer R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 16th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Dr. Paul-Ottokar & Aunt Irma Peter R.I.P.
11a.m Burial of Ashes of Lucy Thackray in Memorial Garden

WEDNESDAY 17th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Theresa Stubbings R.I.P.

11:15 a.m. Requiem for Bridget McGrath R.I.P.

THURSDAY 18th May - Easter Feria

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

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

FRIDAY 19th May - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Lucy Thackray R.I.P.

11 a.m. Requiem for George Borowski R.I.P

SATURDAY 20th May- Easter Feria

Confessions 10 to 11a.m. and from 5.30 to 5.55p.m.

Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

1 p.m First Holy Communion

Mass at 6 p.m. for Christopher Cookson R.I.P.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

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

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Fr. Geoffrey Hargreaves

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Wladyslaw Nocon, Nicholas Cory-Wright, Elizabeth Shakespeare, Dennis Nicholson, Kitty Baxter

Congratulations to Steve O’Connor & Samantha Short who were married here this Saturday