



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Scriptures are one continual lesson of humility; they teach it in all sorts of ways, by means of the incidents narrated, by the style, by the very words. (Antonio Rosmini)



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Next Week's Gospel Reading Fifth Sunday of Lent (2nd April 2017)

Gospel – John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.....

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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.

Week starting 25th March 2017 **Fourth Sunday of Lent** **IN THE PARISH**

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1117.42

Next Week-end - Mgr. Timothy Menezes will be speaking at all Masses on the theme 'Eucharist'.

Mothering Sunday – Thank you to all our Mother's and we wish you all the 'Blessings of the Day'.

APF / Red Boxes – Would all promoters please collect their envelopes from the porch and return monies by this Sunday (26th) Thank you.

Spire Easter Cake Stall - 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 **£31,700.**

UCM Meeting - this Monday (27th) after 10 a.m. Mass in the Coach House.

Parish Council Meeting – this Tuesday (28th) at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. I would like to encourage all the parishioners to get involved in preparing our Mission and Vision statement for the coming years. Please write and give me your suggestions for what you would like your parish to concentrate on the mission of Jesus Christ for this year and the coming years. What do you think we should achieve as a parish. Your thoughts are very important to us and for the good of the parish. I need your support in this new endeavour to which I have not yet received much support.

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 Wednesday **March 29th** Salvation Army, Benfield Road West Leys. Next week **April 5th** United Reformed Church, Hillmorton Road.

The Gift of Years Rugby – Is holding a 'Celebration Supper' on Tuesday 4th April at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. To book your place, please contact Lindsay Pelloquin on 01788 541207 or email:- Lindsay.pelloquin@talktalk.net

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.

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 on Wednesday 12th April 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.

Gift Aid - The envelopes for the next tax year beginning in April are now in the porch for collection. Would all existing Gift Aid contributors please pick up their respective envelopes for use from the 6th April onwards. Anyone who might still be interested in joining the Gift Aid Scheme can contact the Parish Administrator, Michael Borg on 811732 or email at michael@mborg1953.wanadoo.co.uk. Please also ensure that you advise him throughout the year of any changes of address etc.

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...

Eucharistic Ministers and All Readers - New rotas have been emailed, please let Kathy know if yours has not arrived (01788 891940). If you are not on the email list, please collect one from the Sacristy.

Eucharistic Ministers - Please remember that we will be renewing our commitment to Minister at Mass on Maundy Thursday at 7.00 p.m. If you cannot be there please let Father Tom so he can arrange an alternative time.

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

Youth Ministry - It is a new step in our direction to support the young members of our parish. All of you are now aware of the things involved in this new venture. First of all we need to pray over this project before moving in the next direction. It is such an important part of the parish life. After having heard from Maria at last Sunday's Masses, please let me hear from you, as to what steps should be taken. There will be a 'Volunteers Meeting' soon.

Rugby Food Bank – 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 basket in the Parish Library.

Rugby LIFE Shop – Please support the LIFE Shop, we need more to sell: especially ladies' clothes /kids' stuff/media/books, but all sorts of items in good condition. Should you need items to be collected, please ring Lorna on 01788 567435

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

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.

Parish Priest's Diary

Monday:- Meeting at Ratcliffe College

Tuesday:- Meetings

Wednesday:- Confessions

Thursday:- Meeting / Confessions

Friday:- Confessions

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 25th March - 1st April 2017

SATURDAY 25th March – Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent
Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for The Welton Family

SUNDAY 26th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Audrey Foulds 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 and Repository after 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall

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

MONDAY 27th March – Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for UCM Intentions and at 7.00 p.m. for Well-Being of Elsie Johnson

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

TUESDAY 28th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Gift of Years

WEDNESDAY 29th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Margaret McGuinness R.I.P.
Requiem at 11:30 a.m. for Helena Rudnicki R.I.P.

THURSDAY 30th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Betty Doonan R.I.P.

Indian Mass at 4:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY 31st March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Joseph Mascarenhas R.I.P.
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 1st April - Lent Feria

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 Christopher Cookson R.I.P.

✠ 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.

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Helena Rudnicki

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Joyce Potter, Ann Bailie, Mary Quinn, Annabelle White, Patrick Moyney