

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith and grace dwell habitually within us, even without our knowing it. We must not confuse them with the 'feeling' which may be associated with faith and grace; and we must not think that our spiritual condition is subject to rapid change without a serious cause. (Antonio Rosmini)



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Next Week's Gospel Reading Third Sunday of Easter (30th 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 recognising 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. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel..."

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 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.

Week starting 22nd April 2017 **Second Sunday of Easter** **IN THE PARISH**

Easter Offering – Many thanks for generous donation of £2250.05 in support of your Rosminian Clergy.

Good Friday Collection – A total of £553.74 was collected for the upkeep of Holy Places, Thank you.

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, recommences next Sunday 30th April.

Feast Divine Mercy - This Sunday (23rd) at 2:45p.m Divine Mercy Service led by Fr. Justus. The service will include Chaplet, Reflection, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Confessions, followed by Light Refreshments in the Coach House. Please do come along to celebrate the Divine Mercy.

UCM - meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday 24th April in the Coach House

Hibbert's Hall – Eva-Marie Marson & Kelly Merrigan are launching a new initiative **in catering**. They will be looking after all your catering needs, should you book Hibbert's Hall for Christening, Birthday Party's or any other get together party's... To launch this new initiative, Eva-Marie & Kelly will be hosting Lunch/Brunch from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. this Friday (28th) All welcome. Please note that this will not be a Church Spire Fundraising. For more information please contact Eva- Marie on 07879881467 or Kelly on 07864929412.

Spire Easter Cake Stall - Thank you to all bakers and buyers a total of £75. was raised for the Church Spire **Spire Restoration Fund** – Monies raised to date **£33,700**

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 Parents Meeting - Meeting this Wednesday (26th) at 6 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall, all parents are requested to attend.

Life Ascending - will be having a Day of Recollection at Mater Ecclesiae Convent, Street Ashton, near Rugby on Thursday 11th May. There will be a talk by one of the Sisters and time for reflection It will start at 10.30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Any one who would like to join us will be most welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. Transport can be arranged. For further details please contact Angela Harries on 817236.

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, or Kathy Smith on 01788 891940

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas
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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...

International Food Stalls 1st July Festival - if you are interested in setting up your own International Parish Food Stall please contact May Bannigan on 01788 813879 or Louise Mallot on 07876656398. We already have Filipino and Indian Stalls.

1st of July Summer Festival – 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.

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.

Come Dine with The Catenians - on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.15p.m. at the Draycote Manor Hotel (A 45 near Dunchurch). We have a private room, 3 Course Set Menu with coffee for £16, pre dinner talk and get-together. The meal concludes with the loyal toast and a hopefully entertaining after-dinner speaker to finish at 10.30.p.m. All this in the calm and friendly company of fellow Catholics. Couples or individuals are most welcome and booking and payment in advance are required: cancellable within 48 hours. Please phone Pat or Sybil Herlihy to book or for further details phone:-890590 or email:- sherlihy166@btinternet.com.

You do not have to be a Catenian to enjoy the fun.

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

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

Holiday - While Fr. Tom is away on holiday, please contact Fr. Justus for all your Pastoral & Church needs

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 22nd April - 29th April 2017

SATURDAY 22nd April – Vigil for Second Sunday of Easter

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Private Intentions for Grace Marie Pelloquin

SUNDAY 23rd April – Second Sunday of Easter

Mass at 10 a.m. for Den Harries R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Rachael Evans R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Henry Robert Anthony Mee

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 24th April - Solemnity of St George

Mass at 10 a.m. for Holy Souls

NO 7.00 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY 25th April - Feast of St Mark

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

WEDNESDAY 26th April - Easter Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Eileen Deery R.I.P.

THURSDAY 27th April - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Anne Duffy R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 28th April - Easter Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Tess Sullivan R.I.P.

11 a.m. Whole School Mass

Requiem 1 p.m. for Janina Machnik R.I.P.

SATURDAY 29th April - Feast of St Catherine of Siena

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 Alelina D'Souza 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 Rienaecker, Alfredo Valderrama, Kerry Livesey, Eddie Lewandowski

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Lucy Thackray, Bridget McGrath, Christopher Beards

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Derek Thackray, William Angell, Louise Richardson, Kathleen Jones, Zezaf Cefai

We welcome into our Christian community Henry Robert Anthony Mee who is being baptised this Sunday.