

External actions of humility, performed with sincerity are most useful to the man who wishes to conquer pride, and have been performed by all the Saints. They must, however, come from the heart, and must be a sincere expression of our interior feelings, or at least of sentiments we wish to acquire. (Antonio Rosmini)



**ST MARIE'S
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Next Week's Gospel Reading
Second Sunday of Lent
(12th March 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in the presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus "Lord" he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah". He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour, Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said "do not be afraid". And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead".

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 4th March 2017
First Sunday of Lent
IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1213.88

This Week-end – Second collection will be for the Cathedral Maintenance, please give generously.

Next Week-end - Second collection will be for 'Gift of Years' Lindsay Pelloquin will make an appeal for Recruiting of Volunteers at all Masses this week-end.

Spire Restoration Fund – Monies raised to date £31,440.

Steve Bayliss and Laura Hines will be giving a talk at all Masses this Saturday (4th) & Sunday (5th) regarding our Gift Aid scheme and other Financial matters of the Parish.

St Cross Hospital Mass - Fr. Paul Burch (new chaplain) will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday (7th) at 1:30pm

RUG Meeting – this Tuesday (7th) at 7 p.m. in the Convent We are in need of more volunteers to visit our parishioners who are housebound. If you are able to help please contact Kitty on 815561 or see Fr. Tom

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 (8th) at St Andrews Church, Church Street, and next week **March 15th** St Marie's R.C. Church, Dunchurch Road.

Parish Pilgrimage - It looks like many of us want to go Fatima this year. An initial meeting will be held this Wednesday (8th) to discuss and make plans for the pilgrimage at 6pm in the Convent.

Liturgy Group – Meeting on Wednesday (8th) at 7.30 p.m. in the Convent

Life Ascending. Meeting this Thursday (9th) in the Coach House, after 10 a.m. Mass. Anyone interested in joining us is very welcome to come along. A leaflet is available in church. Please contact Angela Harries on 01788 817236 for further details.

Silent Prayer Group – meeting this Thursday (9th) at 2 p.m in the Convent.

Kenelm Youth Trust- will be speaking at all Masses on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March regarding the need for a Youth Ministry in our Parish.

Spire Cake Stall – Many thanks to all you bakers, buyers sellers, and organisers. A total of £145 was raised.

Prayer Corps – for March and April are in the parish library.

Parish Matters - In our last parish council we discussed about the need for a 'Vision and Mission' for St. Marie's. I would like all my parishioners to give me your suggestions in two or three words how you would like to identify or feel a belonging to the parish.

Cake Sale - in Hibbert's Hall on Sunday 12th March after 10 a.m. Mass

Welcoming Rotas – New Rotas, are available for collection from the Sacristy.

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...

Confirmation Candidates Parents meeting - is on Wednesday 15th of March at 6 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. Also Children not attending St. Marie's will have their lesson in the Convent from 5.30 p.m. til 6.30 p. m.

APF – Would all promoters please collect their envelopes from the porch and return monies by Sunday March 26th – Thank you.

Fundraising Event - Irish Night - 'Old Irish Dance Hall' on Friday 24th March in Hibbert's Hall. 8 p.m till late (people can come in after Mass) Food, Bar, Live Music plus a Plethora of Other Entertainments. Please ring Eva-Marie Marson on 07879881467 or Kelly Merrigan on 07864929412 for your tickets of £10, which are on sale with them now. Tickets can also be purchased from the office. Limited tickets, so first come first served. See you at 'the dance'.

Catenian Initiatives for Young Catholics - The Catenian Circle for Rugby and Daventry are offering to pay for a small number of tickets for Flame 17 as a contribution to expenses. Flame 17 is the Youth Festival at Wembley on **Sunday 12th March** in the presence of Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Nationally the Catenian Association are part sponsoring this event to the sum of £10,000. **Rugby Circle** are also organising the Birmingham area Public Speaking Contest for youngsters in the senior years at Catholic schools on **Sunday 19th March** at Princethorpe College. Please ring the number below for both or either events, if you intend to go [not binding], to help in planning / light refreshment and for final details of timing. Pat Herlihy 01788 890590.

Parish Day of Reflection – our 'Day of Reflection' is on **Saturday 25th March** at Ratcliffe College, with Monsignor Paul Watson on his thoughts of '*Moments of Grace*'. We would like to share transport, and if possible a shared table. Please let Kathy Smith know on 01788 891940 email kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com or Father Tom know if you are able to come, require transport, or able to offer a lift. All are welcome, so please do bring a friend if they would also like to join us

Advance Notice for your Diaries - There will be 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.

Parish Priest's Diary

Monday:- Meetings

Tuesday:- Spiritual Direction / Confession/ Meeting

Wednesday:- Meetings

Thursday:- Denary day of Recollection

Friday:- Meetings

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 4th March - 11th March 2017

SATURDAY 4th March – Vigil for First Sunday of Lent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Pat Bates R.I.P.

SUNDAY 5th March – First Sunday of Lent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Shirley Deery R.I.P. and at

6.00 p.m. for David Foot 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

MONDAY 6th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Emile & Therese Lemarchand R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for All Souls

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

TUESDAY 7th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Nora O'Driscoll R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 8th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Dr. Franz & Marianne Peter R.I.P.

THURSDAY 9th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Christopher Reilly R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 10th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Norman McConachie R.I.P.

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 11th March - 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 Deceased Members of DeSousa Family 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 Rienaecker, Alfredo Valderrama, Cathy Topham.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Bridget O'Toole, Giovanni Cefai, Anthony Donaghy, Alexander Wilson, Andrew Rea, Betty Doonan, Christopher Reilly