

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The defects of others must not make us cold towards them, or make our charity tepid; and may humility persuade us to see greater faults in ourselves than in others, and believe that the burdens we place on others to bear are heavier than the ones they cause (Antonio Rosmini)



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### Next Week's Gospel Reading First Sunday of Lent ( 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017)

#### **Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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.

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### Week starting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** IN THE PARISH

**Sunday Collection** – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £.1021.49

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

**Spire Restoration Fund** – Monies raised to date £31,140.00

**Spire cake stall this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February after 10 am.**

**Mass** - Please leave your donation of cakes in the front porch Saturday evening and Sunday Thank you for your support

**UCM:** Mass on the 27<sup>th</sup> Mon at 10am and AGM in the Coach House afterwards.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting** – will take place this Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>) at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall.

**Steve Bayliss and Laura Hines** will be giving a talk at all Masses next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March regarding our Gift Aid scheme and other Financial matters of the Parish.

**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 (1<sup>st</sup>) at Rugby Methodist Church Centre, Russeisheim Way. **March 8<sup>th</sup>** St Andrews Church, Church Street. **March 15<sup>th</sup>** St Marie's R.C. Church, Dunchurch Road. **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** St Matthews and St Oswalds Church, Lawford Road. **March 29<sup>th</sup>** Salvation Army, Benfield Road West Leys. **April 5<sup>th</sup>** United Reformed Church, Hillmorton Road. **April 12<sup>th</sup>** Rugby Baptist Church John Lees Hall Regent Place.

**Kenelm Youth Trust-** will be speaking at the end of all Masses on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March regarding the need and importance of a Youth Ministry in our Parish.

**Spire, Spire, Spire.** It is still there, and so is the cost of the repairs. To help meet the cost we will be, among other things, holding raffles and various other sales. With this in mind may we please ask you to look out for unwanted and unused Christmas gifts and any other new presents that we can sell. These can be handed into the presbytery. We can also collect, Tele:- May on 813879 or Louise on 547896. Thank you.

**Altar Cloths** – I am looking for a volunteer to wash and iron our Altar Cloths, please see Fr. Tom if you are able to help. It is an urgent help we need.

**Curry Night** – Many thanks to all who made last Friday Night a very enjoyable and successful evening. Special thanks must also go to all our cooks and organisers. A total of £ 1878.41 was raised.

**Parish Pilgrimage:** It looks like many of us want to go Fatima this year. I am calling for a meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday to discuss and plan for the pilgrimage at 6pm in the Convent. If any of you want to join with this trip please add your name. See you all on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Liturgy Group:** meets on the 8<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7.30pm in the Convent.

## 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...

**Rugby LIFE Group Meeting – Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 p.m. at Rugby Hotel next to the shop. We expect visitors from HO to update us on the local, regional and national picture as LIFE moves forward in all its work. All are welcome, so do please try to join us. Any queries to Margaret on 541705, or to Lorna at the LIFE shop on 567435.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> March** at Princethorpe College. Please ring the number 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.

**Fundraising Event - 'Old Irish Dance Hall' on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Limited tickets, so first come first served. See you at 'the dance'.

**Parish Day of Reflection** – our 'Day of Reflection' is on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10 a.m. finishing on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30 a.m. Time before the Lord, Praying for our Families, Vocations and World Peace.

### **Parish Priest's Dairy**

**Monday:**- meetings

**Tuesday:**- meetings

**Wednesday:**- school Mass

**Thursday:**- meetings

**Friday:**- Requiem/ meeting

### DIARY FOR THE WEEK

25<sup>th</sup> February - 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February – Vigil for Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Confessions** 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

**Mass** at 6.00 p.m. for Julie Mascarenhas R.I.P.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Den Harries R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Mick Byrne R.I.P.

**Baptism** at 11.15 a.m. of Millie Evans and Phobe Evans

2:30 p.m. Rory Shay Thomas

3:15p.m. Heidi Frances Smith

**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 27<sup>th</sup> February – Feria in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. Private Intentions for UCM and at

7.00 p.m. for Nora O'Driscoll R.I.P.

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

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February - Feria in Ordinary Time**

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

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March - Ash Wednesday**

**Mass** at 10.00 a.m. for David Foot R.I.P.

11a.m School Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass All Parishioners

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Feast of St Chas**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Fr. John Buckner

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

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Friday after Ash Wednesday**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Elsie May Smith R.I.P.

11:15 Requiem for Jim O'Driscoll R.I.P.

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

**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 Pat Bates 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, Cathy Topham.

### ✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Mary Reeves

We welcome into our Christian community Millie Evans & Phobe Evans and Rory Shay Thomas and Heidi Frances Smith who are being baptised this Sunday.