



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Resurrection of our Saviour is the most solid foundation of our religion, since it proved beyond doubt that He was truly God, and that, consequently, His teaching, on which our religion is based, is divine. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

(9th April 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 26:14-27:66

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal....

Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

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 1st April 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1047.41

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

Confessions - before Easter will take place this Wednesday (5th) at 7pm. All our Deanery Priests will be present to hear the confessions. There will be **no** possibilities for confessions just before Easter.

Easter Church Cleaning – Wednesday 11th April from 10:30 a.m. Volunteers Welcome.

Spire Easter Cake Stall - Sunday 16th April after 10a.m. Mass. Please leave you donations of cakes in main porch. Thank you

Spire Restoration Grand National – A Grand National sweep stake will be taking place after all Masses this week-end. Tickets cost £1. Winners will receive a bottle of Wine, Second & Third Prizes will be Easter Eggs. Please present your winning tickets at the office next week.

Spire Restoration Fund – Monies raised to date **£32,400**

St Cross Hospital Mass - Fr. Paul Burch will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday (4th) at 1:30pm

The Gift of Years Rugby – Is holding a 'Celebration Supper' this Tuesday (4th) 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

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 **April 5th** United Reformed Church, Hillmorton Road. Next week **April 12th** Rugby Baptist Church John Lees Hall Regent Place

Silent Prayer Group – meeting this Thursday (6th) at 2 p.m in the Convent.

Mothers Prayer Group - will meet this Friday (7th) after 10 a.m. Mass at 12 Churchill Road.

24 hours of Adoration before Palm Sunday - starting next 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.

Holy Week Liturgy Cards – Please take one for yourself, family and friends, just inside the Church.

Irish Night - Thank you to all who came, and made the evening such a great success. Special thanks to our Entertainers of Pipers, Dancers and DJ, also many thanks to our cooks, organisers and helpers. Total raised on the night after all expenses was £900.

Thank you – to 'The co-operative funeral care' for supplying the Daffodils for Mothers Day.

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...

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

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.

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.

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 recent Sunday's Masses, please let me hear from you, as to what steps should be taken. There will be a 'Volunteers Meeting' soon.

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

Tuesday:- Confession at Nuneaton

Wednesday:- Confession

Thursday:- Spiritual Direction and Confession

Friday:- School Stations of the Cross

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

1st April - 8th April 2017

SATURDAY 1st April– Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Lent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Christopher Cookson R.I.P.

SUNDAY 2nd April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass at 10 a.m. for In Thanksgiving for Family Life and at 6.00 p.m. for Jim McEllin R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Jacob Mariusz Parker

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 3rd April - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for All Souls and at

7.00 p.m. for Anne Duffy R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 4th April - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for David Peter R.I.P.

11:30 a.m. Funeral Service for Ann Watters R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 5th April - Lent Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Margaret Butler R.I.P

2 p.m. Funeral Service for Margaret Duffy R.I.P.

7 p.m. Confessions

THURSDAY 6th April - Lent Feria

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

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

FRIDAY 7th April - Lent Feria

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

11 a.m. Whole School – Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 8th 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 The Welton Family

✠ 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.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Mary Quinn, Mary Reynolds, Annabelle White, Melvin Walker, Michael Hynes, Rona Clynes, Patrick Moyney, Teodor Solowij, Alma Prymaka, Cicely Friel, John Kempton.

We welcome into our Christian community Jacob Mariusz Parker who is being baptised this Sunday.