

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)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Fifth Sunday of Lent (18th March 2018)

Gospel – John 12:20-30

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

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 10th March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection

Cathedral Maintenance - Many thanks for your generous response.

Mothering Sunday - Wishing all our Mothers God's blessing on this Mothering Sunday.

Ascribed Rosminians - Fr. Antonio Belsito will be here this weekend to speak about Rosminian spirituality and the possibilities of exploring and deepening the spirituality of our religious order. You will have a chance to become part of that journey by attending follow up sessions afterwards. You can speak with one of your priests, or one of our Ascribed members, Alan Parish.

HCPT - HCPT is a national charity based in Rugby organising pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. Akhil Jomon (a young Volunteer) will be appealing after Mass this weekend to fundraise for his HCPT Rugby Circle 123 for their pilgrimage during Easter.

Restoration Funds - total raised to date

Church Spire Restoration – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. There needs to be an ongoing plan in place to keep our beautiful church for many years, which I would like you to consider. There are now repair works needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Chapel Ceiling, Lighting inside the Church, Boiler, Organ, and also Hibbert's. You can still sponsor Half a brick for £50, a Full brick for £100, or sponsor one Angel Wing for £750. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible. Thank you all.

Easter Hamper Raffle Tickets - on sale after all Masses today. Tickets £1 each, in aid of Church Spire Restoration Appeal.

Lent Lunches - meeting this week:- Wednesday (14th) at St Marie's RC Church. Wednesday 21st March United Reformed Church. Wednesday 28th March St Andrew's Church. Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Restoration Volunteers Meeting - will take place this Thursday (15th) at 6 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall

The Rota for 24-Hour Adoration is now in the Church Porch. Please add your name if you are able to give 1 or 2 hours of your time. Adoration begins at 10.00am on Saturday 24th March and continues until Sunday morning at 09.30 a.m. with Benediction.

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 michaelwba18@gmail.com Please also ensure that you advise Mike throughout the year of any changes of address etc.

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

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Easter Cards - are available with Holy Week Services, please take copies for you, your family, friends and neighbours.

Evening of Prayer and Healing Service - on Thursday 22nd March 6 p.m. to 9pm at Sacred Heart Church, Bilton. Led by Fr. Soji Olickal. Flyers are in the Porch.

Eucharist and the Family - in preparation for the World days of Family and Eucharistic Congress you are warmly invited to attend at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham Saturday 24th March from 10am to 3.30pm Please bring a packed lunch.

APF / Red Boxes – Would all promoters please collect their envelopes from the porch and return monies by Sunday March 25th – Thank you.

Volunteers required for Easter Church Cleaning- Wednesday 28th March from 10.30am until approximately 12 noon. Please put this in your diaries.

Seder Meal – taking place on Wednesday 28th March at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. Please add your name to the list in the porch, if you are able to join us. £10 for Adults, £5 for children under 16.

Fundraising Events:- Dates for your Diary.

Friday 13th April – Choir in the Church

Saturday 28th April - Slovakian Evening at 7pm

Friday 4th May – Lady's Evening (Fancy Dress)

Friday 8th June – Music, Dance & Food.

Saturday 14th July – Summer Market 10am to 2pm

Sunday 19th August – Thanksgiving BBQ

Friday 28th September – Rugby Male Voice Choir in the church.

Parish Shop – is now selling Mothering Sunday and St Patrick's Day cards after 10am Mass.

Job Opportunities – Hope 4 (Rugby) Project & Volunteer Manager, and Hope 4 (Rugby) Support Worker. Please see notice board.

Princethorpe College Open Morning:- Tuesday 20th March 10:30 a.m – 12:30 p.m. Also:- Year 4 & 5 'Say Hello to Hockey Taster Session on Saturday 28th April. Please see Notice Board for further information.

Parish Priest Diary

Fr Tom is away from Monday 12th March to Friday 23rd March

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 10th March - 17th March 2018

SATURDAY 10th March – Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Deceased Members of Costello Family R.I.P.

SUNDAY 11th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Shirley Deery R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Bernadette Ward R.I.P

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 12th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Romanzia Norville R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for Bernadette Ward R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 13th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being of Margaret Reilly

WEDNESDAY 14th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Miss Mary Jane Carter

THURSDAY 15th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being of Diana McCormick

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

FRIDAY 16th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Mrs Carey R.I.P.

Stations of the Cross 7pm

SATURDAY 17th March - Feast of St Patrick

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 John O'Connor R.I.P.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Kerry Livesey, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne Alfredo Valderroma, Octovio Granja, Mel Cahill.

✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Antonia Kowhan

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Giovanni Cefai, Alexander Wilson, Andrew Rea, Desmond O'Farrell, Betty Doonan, Lillian Batchelor, Margaret Duffy, Helena Rudnicki.

Congratulations to Chantelle McCullough & Matthew Clemens who were married here this Saturday