



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

During times of spiritual battles, we must persevere in asking lovingly for God's help, and sooner or later victory shall be definitely ours. (Antonio Rosmini)



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Next Week's Gospel Reading Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (27th August 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 19th August 2017 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection – Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £836.11

Monies raised to date for Spire Restoration £54,000

Church Spire Restoration - Interior work of the Spire has now been completed. Photos showing these are displayed on the Notice Board. Agreement has now been made on the Exterior Stone Work, Angels and Wings. We will be repairing four of the existing Wings, and replacing the other four. You can sponsor half a brick for £50 a full brick for £100, or sponsor an Angel for £1000. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Tom. We hope for the work to be completed by the end of September.

Silent Prayer Meeting – this Thursday (24th) at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

Parish Feast & Flower Show- we have our Parish Feast on Friday 8th September. There will be Mass at 10a.m. and 6p.m. followed by a meal in Hall at 7pm. If you are attending the meal, please add your name to the list in the porch, cost £7.50. Meal is cooked by 'Hibbert's Kitchen', please support our cooks. Novena to our Lady will begin on Thursday 31st August. We are also arranging a Flower Show in connection with our Parish Feast. The Church will be opened on the 8th, 9th & 10th September from 9 a.m until 7p.m. We have invited our Christian churches around Rugby to be part of the flower show. Details of the participating Churches are on the flyer. **All are invited** to be part of this Parish Community Initiative. If anyone wants to sponsor St. Marie's flowers, contact Mary Shoebridge on 571972.

Flower Show Volunteers Required - We still have a few spaces left on the form in the porch for volunteers, **please** join in this beautiful event.

Rugby Walsingham Group - are going to Walsingham for the pilgrimage on Sunday 10th September. Since this is the Centenary Year of Our Lady to Fatima and many people will be unable to get to Fatima, you can celebrate the Centenary at Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. This year the coach size has been reduced to just 35 seats. The cost is just £7 (which has been greatly subsidised by the Rugby Group). The coach will leave St Marie's at 6.30 a.m. and English Martyrs at 7.00.a.m. We shall leave Walsingham immediately after Benediction. In order to secure a seat please give your money and contact details to Memet or Louise Mallott on 0787 6656398.

Dates for your Diary - Parish Events:-

Fashion Show – Thursday 28th September, 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. **Polish Evening with Music and Food** – Saturday 14th October in Church & Hibbert's Hall.

Concert Evening - Friday 10th November - in Infant School Ground. **Christmas Market** -Saturday 2nd December - around the Church.

Offertory Procession Rota - New Rotas, from September onwards, are available in the Sacristy.

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas
Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo
In Community: Fr John Buckner, Fr. David Tobin, Fr. John Bland, Fr. Charles Sormany 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...

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall – on Sunday 3rd September. Mass at 3 p.m. Confessions from 1:45p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Principal Celebrant & Preacher Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne Co. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Free Parking Teas and Picnic Area. Free times tours of Harvington Hall are available, and may be booked on the day. It is essential that you bring your own chairs.

Marriage Encounter Weekends will be taking place at Barnes Close, Bromsgrove (Non Residential) 9th to 10th September at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24th-26th November. They are enrichment weekends for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). ME weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. For further information go to www.wvme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762. Please see notice board for further information.

Homeless, Asylum Seekers and Refugees – a special day has been arranged for Religious and Associates on Homeless, Asylum Seekers and Refugees on Saturday 23rd September Fr. Michael White and Andy Quinn from Caritas will update on different ways of supporting and helping. The venue will be at University Chaplaincy, St Francis Hall Edgbaston. If you are able to attend please email a.oconnor26@yahoo.com. Please see notice board for further information.

CAFOD in Sudan and South Sudan - a talk by Bishop Kenney Thursday 28th September at 7.30p.m. - 9p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Bilton. Light refreshments will be served from 7p.m. Bishop Kenney will be sharing his experience of Sudan and South Sudan, and CAFOD's work there. All welcome. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Wignall at ewignall@cafod.org.uk or on 01922 722944. Please see poster on notice board.

Fr. Michael Hill's Book- The Rosminian Mission 'The Sowers of the Second Spring'. Copies are now available with Fr. Tom. Cost £15.

Parish Priest's Diary:-

Monday & Tuesday:- Visiting Family

Wednesday:- Hospital / Meeting

Thursday:- Meeting

Friday:- Meetings

DIARY FOR THE WEEK
19th August - 26th August 2017

SATURDAY 19th August – Vigil for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

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

SUNDAY 20th August – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Margaret Hodgins R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Jack Massey R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Bear Joseph Rajput

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 21st August - Memorial of St Pius X

Mass at 10 a.m. for Winifred Chapple R.I.P.

TUESDAY 22nd August - Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 10 a.m. for Michael Collins R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 23rd August - Feast of St John Wall

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Angela, Christopher & Teresa Cole R.I.P.

THURSDAY 24th August - Feast of St Bartholomew

Mass at 10 a.m. for Ann Theresa Coleman R.I.P.

FRIDAY 25th August - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Tony McCall R.I.P.

SATURDAY 26th August - Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi

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 Audrey Foulds 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. Rupert Nigam.

† RECENTLY DIED †

Muriel McGee

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Mary Holyland, Siobhan Nataly, Antonion Ierna, Hannah Moran, Jack Massey

Congratulations to Lucas Heaton and Tracy Jacklin who were married here this Saturday

We welcome into our Christian community Bear Joseph Rajput who is being baptised this Sunday.