

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What a great treasure it is to be able to conform to the divine Will our own will, even in the most painful situations. We can offer to God a more acceptable sacrifice during times of distress, and this will count as the greatest merit before God, which cannot be gained during times when all goes well. (Antonio Rosmini)



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Next Week's Gospel Reading

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (26th November 2017)

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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 18th November 2017

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to **£1061.48**

Next Week-end - the Second Collection will be for Catholic Youth Service. The Kenelm Youth Trust is committed to providing life changing opportunities for young people, helping each person to reflect upon their life of faith and how they respond to the call of Jesus Christ in their lives. These include inspiring retreats at Alton Towers and Soli, BCYS supporting parish youth work: a wide range of youth events, summer camps pilgrimages etc...

November - Month of prayer for the dead - May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Restoration Funds - total raised to date is **£77,200**

Church Spire Restoration - You can 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. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Tom.

Bethlehem Crafts in Hibbert's Hall – for sale this week-end Olive art, Inc. provides an income for the few Christian families still living in Bethlehem. The items produced by local craftsmen are individually hand carved from the wood of the olive trees that are common throughout the Holy Land and in particular those which surround the city of Bethlehem. Many of the trees are over 300 years old, and many used for the carvings have fallen during the troubles.

Winter Shelter - The briefing session for all volunteers will be this **Monday (20th) at 7.30pm in Hibbert's.**

Please make every effort to come, especially those who are new this year. We shall go through the details of how the shelter runs, and also hope to get everyone signed up for the rota. We could do with more volunteers so even if you have no experience but are willing to help, please come along. Any queries to Kathy Smith on 01788 891940 or Deacon Gerard on 01788 541705.

Thank you - for the kind donation of £200 towards our Winter Shelter Programme, from our Parishioners from Kerala

Focus Group Meeting – this Wednesday (22nd) at 7 p.m in Hibbert's Hall.

UCM - Mass next Monday 27th Nov. at 10 am. followed by a meeting in the Coach House. Subscriptions are now due and there will also be a Bring & Buy Stall to help raise funds for the Church Spire.

Parish Magazine - All are welcome to suggest a name for our parish magazine. Our volunteers are Maddie Murphy, Claire Ormsby Potter, Irene Torcal and Fr. John Bland. They will approach all parish groups for news and updates as well as photos of the teams. Please support them and get involved in this parish project. More volunteers are always welcomed, please contact / see Fr. Tom

Offertory Processions - New rotas are now available in the Sacristy.

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...

Christmas Market News

Revival in the House - Coventry & Warwickshire Gospel Choir on Saturday 2nd December. Tickets £5 Adults, £3 Children, now on sale after all Masses.

Itinerary :- **2pm Christmas Market Stalls Open**. 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass. 7p.m.- 8p.m. Choir in Church from 8p.m - 8.30pm, interval in Hibberts 8.30p.m.- 9.30pm Choir in church. 9.30pm Bar / Food in Hibbert's

Donations for the Tombola - We are looking for donations for the Tombola, for the Christmas Market Please leave in Sacristy.

Food Stalls - any one interested in running the food stalls, cake sale etc.. ?? please contact Praveen or Fr. Tom.

Mulled Wine - donations of wine needed for Christmas market.

Donations Wanted for A-MAY-Zing Value Stall- Toiletries, jewellery, perfume and gifts needed for the Christmas Market on 2nd December. Please leave donations in the church porch or call May on 813879.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): *Journey in Faith*, is designed for adults who are seeking to enter into the Catholic Church. Our parish is setting up this programme for adults who are either not baptised, baptised in another tradition, or baptised Catholic without further religious education or sacraments of the Church. The flyers are left in the church. ***If you know any one who would be interested, please invite them to speak to any one of the priests or Deacon Gerard.*** The Programme starts on Wednesday 6th December at 5pm in the Convent.

Welcoming our Younger Parishioners - We will have a box of books for children to borrow during Mass and would be grateful for any *donations* of books in good condition for younger children. These will be left in the porch for collection on arrival and return on departure. Donations to the sacristy initially please. We would welcome books in the languages of all our Parish Families.

Christmas Decorations in Church - We are starting a new initiative to help all of us to contribute towards our Christmas celebrations. We are inviting parishioners to add decorations from around the world, please speak to Fr Tom if you wish to bring decorations from your home country.

Eva-Marie Marston - will now be looking after our Parish Website. Please share photos and news with Eva-Marie.

Our Facebook page:- StMariescatholicchurch

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

18th November – 25th November 2017

SATURDAY 18th November – Vigil for Thirty Third

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Maurice Stanley R.I.P.

SUNDAY 19th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for John Clensy R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for John Fahey 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 20th November - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Mary Melia R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for Sr. Mary Angela R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 21st November - Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 10 a.m. for Jean and Peter Bourne R.I.P.
Oratory Mass for Elaine Sullivan R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 22nd November – Memorial of St. Cecilia

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Holy Souls

THURSDAY 23rd November - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Lawrence Anthony R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Anne and Paul Cooper R.I.P.

11:15 a.m. Funeral Service for Dennis Gordon Farmer R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 24th November - Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac

Mass at 10 a.m. Private Intentions for Norma Limos and Jacinta Al Edloy.

SATURDAY 25th November - Feria in Ordinary Time

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 Winifred & George Arnott 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, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, Claire Lycett.

† RECENTLY DIED †

Anne Ashurst

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

John Clensy & Friends, Patricia Telling, Phyllis Webb, Ann Cooper, Heather Salguero, Michael Bailie, Peter Bourne