



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To pray and to know how to pray, that is, to ask from the heart not for the frivolous things of this world, but for what is necessary, the grace of fulfilling our duties of justice and charity, this is indeed the great secret. Many know the secret in theory, but fail to practice it, and so they cannot be said to know it really, not having the light and persuasion that lead to action (Antonio Rosmini)

### Next Week's Gospel Reading Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ( 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018)

**Gospel – Mark 1:21-28**

They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

#### 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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## ST MARIE'S RUGBY

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### Week starting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** IN THE PARISH

**Sunday Collections** - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1147.63  
**Restoration Funds** - total raised to date £84,200  
**Church Spire Restoration** – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. Work commences on Monday to fix the angels wings back on, and hopefully this will be the end of the work. There needs to be an ongoing plan in place to keep our beautiful church for many years which I would like you to think and 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 for your continued help.

**Church Organ** – It has been quite a few years ago since we had our first recommendation for repairs on our organ, (dating back to Fr. Philip Sainter time, by Cousins) Two months ago, we received an estimate for repair, it came in at around £49,500+VAT, this is not including a Piston system at a cost of £4,500. We would need at least three quotes before undertaking this work. If any of you would like to look at the quote, please contact Fr. Tom. This is for your information.

**Christian Unity Taize Service** - will be held at St. Andrew's Church this Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>) at 6:30 p.m.

**Confirmation 2018** - Parents who are planning to bring forward their children for this years Confirmation are requested to pick up their applications from the parish office. If your children are attending St. Marie's Primary School, applications are available from the school. Parents meeting is this Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>) and the Enrolment Mass is next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am Mass. Confirmation date is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm by Bishop William Kenny.

**Silent Prayer** - There will be **NO** Silent Prayer Meeting this Thursday (25<sup>th</sup>)

**Mothers Prayer Group** – will meet this Friday (26<sup>th</sup>) after 10 a.m. Mass at 12 Churchill Road.

**UCM** – meeting after 10 a.m. Mass on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January in the Coach House for Coffee followed by Lunch in the Griffin at 12 Noon.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candle Mass)**  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10am Mass the candles which will be used in the Church for the year will be blessed at Mass. You are all welcome to bring your candles to be blessed. All are welcome.

**LIFE SHOP - New Year's Greetings from Rugby Life shop**, happily supported by its volunteers, customers and donors into 2018. We're now open **Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm** and as ever welcome new **volunteers** who'd like to support the charity. Come and talk to us about the possibilities. Likewise, we'd love to accept any **donations**, particularly **clothing**, so please bear us in mind if you're having a post-Christmas/New Year wardrobe **declutter** as we'd love to find new homes for your pre-loved items. Thank you.

## 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**

**St Marie's 500 Club 2018** - The first draw of the new year gave the following winners **[1] no 19 at £30; [2]no 167 at £20; [3]no 130 at £10.** Just a reminder: if you have not yet paid subs, or are thinking of joining us, please do so asap to have a chance in the next draw! This raises funds for parish projects: - we hope you liked the outdoor crib? Any enquiries to Margaret on 541705 please.

### **Pilgrimages :-**

**Holy Land Pilgrimage.** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018. 8 days / 7 nights in 4 Star hotels. Dinner, bed and breakfast. Coach transfers to and from the airport included. Entrance fees included. Spiritual Director included. Cost: £1,300.00 per person (Sharing) and £1,550.00 Single Room (includes £250.00 Single Room Supplement). Deposit £250.00.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage.** Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. 9-day / 8 nights luxury Pilgrimage with no overnight coach travel. Cost: £575.00 per person Sharing or £765 Single Room (includes £190.00 Single Room Supplement). Deposit £100.00. In Lourdes the same time as Salford Diocese.

**Poland Pilgrimage.** In the Footsteps of St Pope John Paul II and visiting the Divine Mercy Chapel, Auschwitz Birkenau and many other places. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018. Spiritual Director Fr Krzysztof Kita. Pick-up from St Michael's, Moor Street, Birmingham. Flying from Birmingham. Coach transfers included. 8 days / 7 nights in 4 Star hotel. Dinner, bed and breakfast included. Local Guide. All entrance fees included. Cost: £775.00 per person Sharing or £950.00 Single Room (includes £175.00 Single Room Supplement). Deposit £175.00. **For all three tours** - Installment plans available. Pick-up from St Chad's Cathedral. Local English speaking tour guides. For further information, please contact Andrew Oldnall Tel: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063. Email: [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com)

**Oak Street** - This is another project we need to undertake, very soon. The state of the road is very poor. It is for the use of the parish and the school. I need the help of volunteers to speak with me to the school, parents and all others who use the road, to establish ways and means to look after the road in the future, and that it does not become a burden on the few. If you can help with this project please speak to Fr. Tom.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

20<sup>th</sup> January - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> January – Vigil for Third Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

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

**Mass** at 6.00 p.m. for Well Being of Mary Moran

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Shirley Deery R.I.P. and at

6.00 p.m. for Private Intentions for Margaret & Bill Butler

**Baptism** at 11.15 a.m. of Leia Lane Raine

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Feria in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Jean, Ethel & Edward Kentisbeer and at 7.00 p.m. for Eric Mason R.I.P.

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

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Feria in Ordinary Time**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Deceased Member of Dunne Family

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January – Memorial of St Francis de Sales**

**Mass** at 10.00 a.m. for Barney Rice

11 a.m. Requiem for Annette Todd R.I.P.

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> January – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Barney Rice R.I.P..

5:30 p.m. Indian Mass

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

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus**

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Emma Cooper

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> January – 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 Betty Kerry R.I.P./ Vincent Ferdinands

### ✠ 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, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne Alfredo Valderroma, Octovio Granja.

### ✠ RECENTLY DIED ✠

Aiden Meghen, Bridget Hanby

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

Catherine Edwards, Nancy Cooke, Urszula Dabrik, Irena Anczarska, James O'Driscoll, James Darcy

We welcome into our Christian community Leia Lane Raine who is being baptised this Sunday.