



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For my part, I regard it as a safe rule of conduct, full of hope, to desire righteousness and to hold on tirelessly to this desire, this resolution, even when we feel we are falling short and lacking the strength to rise up again, when our love is turned to stone, and we are weighed down by the overpowering burden of the clay from which we were made.

(Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (11th February 2018)

Gospel – Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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 3rd February 2018 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1,315.70

Dear Parishioners,

We are already well into the new year. The month of January is just gone. Life is still very busy for most of us; Family, work, children away in Uni..., and visiting parents and family at the weekends etc... Days just go by and at the same time we are growing old. It is always good to take a break away from it all and spend sometime in silence and prayer, to look after us and our spiritual life. This is only a gentle reminder, like everything else we may forget to look after the person God has made. Lent is just a few weeks away. A time to pray, fast and do some help to the most needy. It need not be with money but with your time. I encourage all of you to be more welcoming to our parish and to befriend parishioners you have never spoken to. Let us make our parish a place to welcome and a place of worship. I like to thank you for all your wonderful support and love to us your priests. Thank you. Fr. Tom.

If anyone wants a chat with a priest or help in spiritual direction or confession, please contact our priests at Gentili House.

Next Week-end - Retiring Collection will be for LIFE. Supporting women with problems related to pregnancy and providing help. It also supports the network of contacts, on and off line, which allows anyone to call on LIFE nationally for help. Please give generously.

Restoration Funds - total raised to date **£90,700**

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 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.

St Cross Hospital Mass - Fr. Paul Burch will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday (6th) at 1:30pm

RUG Meeting – this Tuesday (6th) at 7 p.m. in Gentili House. We are in need of more volunteers to visit our parishioners who are housebound. If you are able to help please contact Kitty on 815561.

Life Ascending - Meeting this Thursday (8th) after Mass in the Coach House. New members are very welcome. Contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more information

Silent Prayer Meeting – this Thursday (8th) at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

Confirmation Meeting – for children **not** attending St Marie's School is on Monday 12th February at 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 pm. in Gentili House.

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

Welcoming Rotas - new rotas are now ready for collection from the sacristy

Pancake and Film – next Tuesday 13th February at 5 p.m. starting with the film 'Passion of Christ' followed by Pancakes in Hibbert's Hall. If you are able to attend, please add your name to the list on the notice board.

The Rugby Dementia Conference - is this Wednesday (7th) at The Benn Hall, Newbold Road from 9.30 a.m. – 2.45 p.m. Rugby Dementia Conference will aim to explore ways that we can work together to support dementia friendly communities across Rugby Borough. Following a series of short presentations there will be three workshops led by local organisations that examine ways in which individuals, groups and organisations can create a more dementia friendly environment for people living with dementia and their carers. For more information and to book your place, please visit: [Rugby Dementia Conference](#)

Altar Servers - Please bring your children 15 minutes before the Mass. Thank you.

Would you be able to give a lift to - a parishioner living in Avocet Close CV23 0WU. She would like to attend the Sunday 10.00 am Mass. Please speak to Fr. Tom, if you can help.

Lent Lunches - Come and meet on Wednesdays 12 noon throughout Lent for a simple bread, cheese and soup lunch, followed by a short reflection, at various church halls. Wednesday 21st February St Matthew and St Oswald's. Wednesday 28th February Rugby Baptist Church. Wednesday 7th March Rugby Methodist Church. Wednesday 14th March 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.

Job Vacancy - Deputy Headteacher post at Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School, Coventry. Details are on TES website and on our parish notice board.

Family Congress in Dublin - the 'Trinitarian Card' with the family congress prayer is available with Ruth Clensy for £2.

Sick or Need a Home Visit - Please contact the Parish Office or see Fr. Tom

New to the Parish - please introduce yourself to the priest celebrating Mass. There are cards to register your family to the parish in the porch.

Parish Priest's Diary:-

Away to Dublin from Monday to Friday for Rosminian Assembly

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 3rd February - 10th February 2018

SATURDAY 3rd February – Vigil for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Julie Mascarenhas R.I.P.

SUNDAY 4th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Kathleen & Arthur Gooch R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Well Being Eve Kelly

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 5th February - Memorial of St Agatha

Mass at 10 a.m. for Stefan Petor R.I.P. and at

7.00 p.m. for Dominico Marsella R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 6th February - Memorial of St Paul Miki

Mass at 10 a.m. for Gerry Hamilton R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 7th February - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Sheila Kwasnica R.I.P.

THURSDAY 8th February - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being Bill & Dorothy Volkman

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

FRIDAY 9th February - Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being Maralyn Stearns

SATURDAY 10th February - Memorial of St Scholastica

Confessions 10 to 11 a.m. and from 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

Mass at 6 p.m. for Mary Melia 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, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne, Alfredo Valderroma, Octovio Granja.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Hugh Kelly, Mary Melia, Eimar Dalton, Michael Flanagan