

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Generally I take very little notice of praise, because I know it is not always sincere. However, when it comes to the advice, admonitions and even reproofs of friends, there is no deception here: these carry the seal of sincerity; they are a gift from the heart!

(Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (25th March 2018)

Gospel – Mark 14:1-15:47 (Mark 15:25-39)

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was **God's Son!**"

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 17th March 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1170.01

Restoration Funds - total raised to date £92,200

Church Spire Restoration – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. Repairs are 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.

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 21st March United Reformed Church. Wednesday 28th March St Andrew's Church. Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Lenten Confession – on Wednesday (21st) at 7 p.m. Priests from the Deanery are available.

Silent Prayer Meeting - this Thursday (22nd) at 2 p.m. in Gentili House.

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

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

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.

U C M Mass – is on Monday 26th March at 10 a.m. followed by a meeting in the Coach House. The invited guest speaker Ruth Clency will talk to us about "Walking the Camino." All ladies in the Parish would be most welcome to join us

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.

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

Sine Nomine – Many thanks to Ruth Clency for organising a most beautiful evening of words and music presented by the Sine Nominee Choir. A total of £300 was raised for the Church in Need in Sudan. 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

HCPT – Akhil Jomon would like to thank everyone for their support of the HCPT Rugby Circle 123. A total of £716.13 was raised. Thank you.

Thank you - to 'The co-op funeral care' for supplying the Daffodils for Mothers Day.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions - at St Francis of Assisi R C Church Rye Piece Ringway, Bedworth CV12 8JH. on Sunday 8th April starting at 2 p.m.

New Date and Venue for Day of Reflection-

Unfortunately we had to postpone the Day of Reflection because of the snow. Father Tim Menezes has been re booked for **Saturday, 21st April** but we have to move to the Rosmini Centre at Ratcliffe. However, we can take a lot more people! We will be reflecting on - *Keeping your spirituality whilst following Christ in a Liberal Society* and *Witnessing Christ in the Parish Community*. Lunch will be a shared table and it would be good to share transport. If you would like to come please let Kathy know on 01788 891940 or email

kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com and please encourage others to join us.

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

Parish Shop – is now selling Easter Sunday cards after 10am Mass.

St Marie's 500 Club - The March draw has given us as winners: [1]no 113 at £30; [2]no 43 at £20; [3]no 73 at £10. Cheques should be with the lucky three. Many thanks to all of our members for their continued support. Enquiries to Margaret 541705.

Job Opportunities – "Headteacher Vacancy at St Patrick's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, Leamington Spa. Further details from the school manager on 01926 425958, email: admin3543@welearn365.com or via school website:www.stpatricks-lspa.com

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

17th March - 24th March 2018

SATURDAY 17th March – Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Lent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for John O'Connor R.I.P

SUNDAY 18th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Joseph Patrick Smith R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Cacilda Carvalho R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Rossie Lillian Ritossa

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 19th March - Solemnity of St Joseph

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

7.00 p.m. for Imelda Cahill R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY 20th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Eileen Derry R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Well- Being of Lyn Thompson

WEDNESDAY 21st March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Stanley Anthony R.I.P.

Lenten Confession at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY 22nd March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well- Being John Croucher

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

FRIDAY 23rd March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Bill Morgan R.I.P.

Stations of the Cross for School at 11 a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

SATURDAY 24th March - Lent Feria

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 Christopher Cookson 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,

† RECENTLY DIED †

Mel Cahill, Cynthia Taylor

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Molly Boulton, Roy Williams, Gloria Barrett, Eileen Deery

We welcome into our Christian community Rossie Lillian Ritossa who is being baptised this Sunday.