

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The way of perfection is summed up in a few words: the desire to be mortified, especially as regards our reason, as St. Philip Neri said. (Antonio Rosmini)

### Next Week's Gospel Reading

#### Third Sunday of Lent

(4<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

#### **Gospel – John 2:13-25**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

#### **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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### ***Second Sunday of Lent***

IN THE PARISH

**Sunday Collections** - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection

**Next week-end** - The Retiring Collection will be for Cathedral Maintenance. Please give generously.

**Restoration Funds** - total raised

**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 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.

**Lent Lunches** - meeting this week:- Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) at Rugby Baptist Church. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Rugby Methodist Church. Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian Aid & CAFOD.

**UCM Meeting** - this Monday (26<sup>th</sup>) after 10a.m. Mass followed by the A G M in the Coach House.

**Focus Group Meeting** – is this Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) at 7 p.m in Hibbert's Hall

**Women's World Day of Prayer** – is this Friday (2<sup>nd</sup>) at Bilton Evangelical Church at 10:30 a.m, St Marie's Church at 2:30 p.m. and at Paddox Methodist, Dunsmore Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

**RUG Meeting** - at Gentili House on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. New Members are welcome to visit parishioners at their home.

**Music in Lent** – an evening to reflect our faith in words and music presented by the choir Sine Nomine on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Retiring collection will be for the people of Sudan.

**Ascribed Rosminians** - Fr. Antonio Belsito will be here at the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March to speak about Rosminian spirituality and the possibilities of exploring and deepening the spirituality of our religious order. You will have a chance to become part of that journey by attending follow up sessions afterwards. You can speak with one of your priests, or one of our Ascribed members, Alan Parish.

**Restoration Volunteers Meeting** - will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 6 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall

**HCPT Discovery Hour** - HCPT is a national charity based in Rugby organising pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. Some of its staff and volunteers are our parishioners. HCPT are trying to get the word out into the community about their pilgrimages. HCPT will be offering a one hour introduction to their work on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June** in Hibbert's Hall so you can see it first hand. You'd meet the real visionary there, the Chief Executive, and some of the great volunteers and staff. You wouldn't be asked to make any financial contribution, but HCPT would call you once afterwards to ask for your feedback. Please let Fr. Tom know if you'd like to attend.

## 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**

### New Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Youth

**Readers Rotas** - These have been emailed out, should you not be on the email distribution list or need a printed copy, please take one from the Sacristy.

**New Offertory Procession Rotas** - are now available in the Sacristy.

**Evening of Prayer and Healing Service** - on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6 p.m. to 9pm at Sacred Heart Church, Bilton. Led by Fr. Soji Olickal. Flyers are in the Porch.

### Fundraising Events:- Dates for your Diary.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Choir in the Church

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Slovakian Evening at 7pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Lady's Evening (Fancy Dress)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Music, Dance & Food.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Summer Market 10am to 2pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Thanksgiving BBQ

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Rugby Male Voice Choir in the church.

**Rugby LIFE shop** - The charity now has two online shops to help maximise the value of your donated goods. So if you like to shop from your computer, the shops are at [ebay.co.uk/usr/lifecharity](http://ebay.co.uk/usr/lifecharity) for household and collectible items

[ebay.co.uk/usr/lifecharity\\_fashion](http://ebay.co.uk/usr/lifecharity_fashion) On another note, if there is anybody in the parish who thinks they might be able to help with **putting in a fitting cubicle** at our shop, please phone the shop on 567435 or call in for a chat about it.

**Parish Day of Reflection** - Saturday, 3rd March 10.00 a.m - 4 p.m. An opportunity for a peaceful day at Mater Ecclesia Convent to consider the thoughts of Father Tim Menezes, Vicar General on *-Keeping your spirituality whilst following Christ in a Liberal Society - Witnessing Christ in the Parish Community*. We will have a shared table, Mass at Midday and transport is available. Please let Kathy know if you would like to join us 01788 891940 or [kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com](mailto:kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com)

**Blue Winter Shelter Trolley** - This has been missing for 2 weeks and means that we are having to heave the camp beds for the shelter in and out of Hibbert's one at a time. Could whoever has borrowed/moved it, please return it asap as the beds are heavy and we are probably breaking some health and safety rule !

**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.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK 24<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

### SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February – Vigil for Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday of Lent

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Robert & PJ Larkin R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Sick Members of UCM

**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 26<sup>th</sup> February - Lent Feria

**Mass** at 10 a.m. Intentions for UCM and at 7.00 p.m. for Paddy Blake R.I.P.

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

### TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February - Lent Feria

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for William O'Brien R.I.P.

### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February - Lent Feria

**Mass** at 10.00 a.m. Intentions for Gabriel Doonan

### THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March - Feast of St. David

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Jack Lynch R.I.P.

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

### FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March - St Chad

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Special Intentions for Sorcha O'Brien 11:30 a.m. Requiem for Patrick Blake R.I.P.

**Stations of the Cross** - 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Elsie May Smith 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, Mel Cahill.

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

Jack Lynch, David Hipwell, Margaret Reeves, Anne Waters

Congratulations to Peter Robbins & Ann Robbins who are to be married here this Wednesday