

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

According to St. Paul, one of the most distinctive effects of charity is not to have bad thoughts about our neighbour. A beautiful soul full of love harbours only pure and kind thoughts, flees from acrimonious thoughts and feelings, and thinks more willingly about virtue than about vice.

Bl. Antonio Rosmini

Next Week's Gospel Reading Second Sunday in Advent

Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"



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New Liturgical year Cycle C – starts with first Sunday in Advent. Let us Pray to the Lord to help us to grow in the Love of God and our Neighbour. Wish you all the blessings of the advent Season. Thank you all once again for all your prayers and support.

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Week starting 1st December 2018

First Sunday in Advent

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1137.98

Catholic Youth Service- Many thanks for your generous donations of £168.92. Thank you.

Next weekend Second Collection- is to support the poor parishes in our diocese. Please donate generously. Thank you.

Christmas Luncheon – Our retired parishioners are invited to join us for the Christmas lunch on Friday 7th December beginning with Holy Mass at 11.30am. It is a beautiful occasion for all our parishioners to attend with Rugby School singing at Mass and Carols from our Primary school. If you would like to attend but have not previously done so, or if you know of anyone who should be on our list, please advise the office or Fr. Tom. All are welcome to attend the Mass at 11.30 a.m.

Offertory Procession Rotas are now available in the Sacristy.

Rug Meeting – at 7pm in the Coach House. Anyone who is interested visiting/ like to help the sick and housebound in the parish are welcome to support the group.

First Holy Communion Parents- meeting will take place in Hibbert's hall at 6 p.m. on Wednesday the 5th December. I hope to meet all our parents.

APF / Red Boxes – Would all promoters please collect their envelopes from the porch Sunday 1st December and return the collected money by Sunday 23rd December. Thank you.

Our Lady's Statue- if anyone wants to sponsor the statue of our lady you are welcome to do so. The cost of the statue is £250. Please speak to Fr. Tom.

Used Stamps - Another bag of used stamps from the parish has been taken to Myton Hospice which they sell for additional funding. At this time of the year especially, we all get lots of used stamps so please save them and put them in the box at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.

Hibbert's Kitchen's Christmas Meal - is on Friday the 14th December at 6 p.m. Please call 07596265871 or email hibbertskitchen@gmail.com to reserve your table. Any Hall booking please contact the same number.

Walk with me – booklet with advent readings and reflections are available now. Please take them home for your reflections and prayer. Thank you.

Trees by the infant School wall- as you may all notice that Fergus and Eugene Deery have done an excellent job in clearing the accumulation of mud around the trees and clearing the branches growing by the lime trees. I am looking still for more volunteers to clear the branches growing around the trees. You may come and do them in your own time when the weather is better. It will be very expensive to build that wall if it is damaged. Please speak to Fr. Tom if you can help.

Confession before Christmas- parish confession before Christmas will take place on the 19th Wednesday at 7 p.m. There will be priests from our deanery available to hear the confession. Please make the evening free.

A Very Warm Welcome to St. Marie's!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy & introduce yourself.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Halls after weekday or Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

Parish Office opens from 09.10 – 12.40 on Wednesday to Friday

IN THE PARISH continued...

Courses to benefit your Parish - Sign up now! Divine

Renovation: www.divinerenovationuk.org/ 'Equipping your Parish to Move from Maintenance to Mission'

Thursday 7th - Friday 8th February 2019 Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich

Cost: £175 (early bird) then £200

Diocese of Westminster Marriage and Family Life

team have joined forces to produce a series of imaginative contemplations to help families journey alongside the Holy Family in prayer this Advent.

www.pathwaystogod.org/imagining-nativity

Revive Carol service - Sunday 9th December Free admission with refreshments afterwards. Venue: Rugby Town F.C. Butlin Road, CV21 3SD.

Rugby foodbank is very grateful for the tremendous support from all the churches during the Harvest Festival season with almost 7 tonnes of food donated by 68 churches, schools, nursery schools and nursing homes. Because the foodbank is still very busy and is giving out a tonne of food a week it is now running a Reverse Advent Calendar campaign – please see the poster at the back of church.

Advent time with Children- I'd like to share some great resources that can be used for children's liturgy or just shared with families. These Advent resources specifically focus on the ancient tradition of the Jesse Tree. Sample PDFs and free copies of the Jesse Tree resource are available to encourage this creative way to read the Scriptures as part of our Advent preparations. Please let Fleur Dorrell, the Scripture Development Co-ordinator Fleur.Dorrell@biblesociety.org.uk know how many you would like and the address with which to send these resources.

Sharing Hope in Crisis-<https://billygraham.org.uk/rapid-response-team/training/> 'Especially useful for those who serve suffering people on a regular basis' Saturday 16th March 2019 | Maryvale Institute, Maryvale House, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham B44 9AG Cost: Free (donations can be made to help cover cost of host venue).

Looking for Volunteers - to paint the floor of our toilets in Coach House. Please speak to Fr. Tom.

Winter Shelter- Please pray for the successful running of our winter shelter starting Monday the 3rd.

Parish Priest's Diary:

Monday:- Meeting/ School meeting

Tuesday:- ascribed meeting

Wednesday:- Meeting

Thursday:- Trustees meeting at Ratcliffe College.

Friday:- Mass & lunch at Hibbert's

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1st December - 8th December 2018

SATURDAY 1st December – Feast of St. Edmund Campion

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Henry Welton R.I.P.

SUNDAY 2nd December – First Sunday in Advent

Confessions from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

Mass at 10 a.m. for Charles Bedford R.I.P.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for James McMahon R.I.P.

MONDAY 3rd December – Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

Mass at 10 a.m. for Pat O'Meara R.I.P.

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

Mass at 7.00 p.m. for Romanzia Norville R.I.P.

Oratory Mass- All Holy Souls

TUESDAY 4th December

Mass at 10 a.m. for Pat O'Meara R.I.P.

Oratory Mass- Zygmunt & Jean Woytych R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 5th December – Feast of St. Birinus

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Kevin O'Brien R.I.P.

Oratory Mass- Friends & Benefactors of St. Marie's R.I.P.

THURSDAY 6th December

Mass at 10 a.m. for Anna Jordan R.I.P.

Mass at 11.30 a.m. for All Parishioners

Oratory Mass for Benedict McBreen R.I.P.

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

FRIDAY 7th December – Memorial of St. Ambrose

Mass at 10 a.m. for Pat Bates R.I.P.

Oratory Mass- Yaa Agyeiwaa & Kwaku Abagya

SATURDAY 8th December – Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Confessions 10 to 11a.m.

Oratory Mass- All Holy Souls

Coach House- is open for Christmas Cards, Calenders, cribs etc...Please visit.

Help- in cleaning the church, please speak to June H.

† PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Derek Larkin, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Baby Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior. William Hearn, Gordon Henderson, Sofia Roman Garcia, Hattie Taylor.

† RECENTLY DIED †

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Diana Beaton, Jerzey Bruckert, Jozef Kowhan, Pat Bates.