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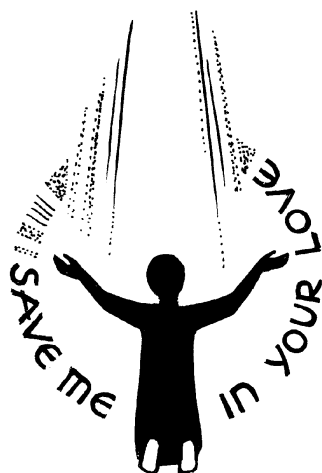


Newsletter






15th February 2015

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

Listening to our Gospel reading this week, we are, once again, made to ponder Christ's work of healing. Last week we heard of Peter's mother in law being cured along with countless others, and the departure of Jesus so he could preach to those in other towns. In today's Gospel a leper is healed but Jesus is forced to adopt a 'low-key' stance otherwise He would be swamped with people wishing for Him to cure them. Throughout these Gospel passages of Mark we are left with the thought that Jesus' healing miracles are really pointing to something far deeper. The Christ has been sent to us certainly for our salvation but also for our healing and wholeness. But the whole of our being needs to be made one—our disease runs through each one of us in layers. And no matter what we are suffering from, whether it is cancer, heart failure, diabetes or psychosis, it is only a part of our total sickness. St. Irenaeus, in the second century, once said that "the glory of God is a human being fully alive". This sums up the meaning of Christian faith because to live a holy



life in this world is to do all things for the one purpose of giving glory to God. And this was the point behind all Jesus' healings; to give glory to His Father in heaven. Yes, they healed particular people at particular times, but they essentially pointed to the complete and 'once and for all' healing of each one of us to the depth of our being through the ONE eternal sacrifice of Christ Himself.

Services	This Week	Events
<p>Second collection: Pro Life</p> <p>6.30pm Vigil Mass: Patrick McCullough RIP</p> <p>10.00am Mass: Tom Carter</p> <p>4.00pm Reception of the body of Pauline Jenkins</p> <p>5.00pm Mass: Chetwynd-Chatwin and Dogle families</p> <p><i>Day for the Unemployed</i></p>	<p>Sunday 15th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 2</p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy</p> <p>Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Children's Liturgy Group </p> <p>Social Team Meeting after 10.00am Mass in HFR—all welcome</p> <p>3.00pm Information Meeting at St. Peter's: CLC</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p>
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>1.00pm Requiem Mass: Pauline Jenkins</p> <p>2.30pm Burial at Leamington Cemetery</p> <p><i>No evening Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 16th February Feria</p>	<p><i>No Dancing</i></p>
<p>9.10am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th February Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p>
<p>9.30am Mass with distribution of ashes: For the Well-being of Ginny</p>  <p>7.00pm Mass with distribution of ashes: Private Intention</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th February ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Today is a day of Fasting and Abstinence</i></p>	<p><i>No Art</i></p> <p><i>No Whist</i></p>
<p>7.00pm Mass: Fr. Vincent Royles RIP</p>	<p>Thursday 19th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 2 <i>No Music Group</i></p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>1.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's</p>
<p>9.10am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Clarence and Patricia Harwar</p> <p>7.00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Friday 20th February Friday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>10.00am Scripture Reflection in the Hall</p> <p>4-6.00pm Karate</p> <p>7.30pm Vocations Meeting</p>
<p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Mass: People of the Parish</p> <p>10-10.45 Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</p> <p>6.30pm Mass: Lillian Kelly RIP</p>	<p>Saturday 21st February Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p> <p>1-4.00pm Hall booked</p>
<p>10.00am Mass: Linda Stoodley</p> <p>5.00pm Mass: Lacie Cleaver-continued wellbeing</p>	<p>Sunday 22nd February First Sunday of Lent Psalter Week 1</p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy</p> <p>Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Kim Pope </p>
<p>Collections £497.81</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 8th February</p>	<p>Attendance: 281 </p>

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Marie Kelly, Seren Robertson, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hugh Williams, Eddie Hoare.

Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bert Brind, Brigit Hunt
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Mary Jenkinson
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Bernie & Robbie Burns

Anniversaries

Edward Sullivan, Patrick Flynn, Francis Salters, Andrea Luca, Ethel Locker, Kathleen Bellerby, Phyllis Hanson

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Recently Dead

A former parishioner of St. Joseph's, Brian Rowlands, died last Monday in Warwick Hospital. *May he rest in peace and may the Lord give comfort to all who mourn him.*

Baptism

Ruben Thomas Edwards

1st March 2015 at 12 Noon

Marketa Siekierska

Saturday 7th March 2015 at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be on Monday 23rd February at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

In order to minimise risks, anyone taking on a role in the parish which involves significant regular contact with children or vulnerable adults must go through an appointment procedure. This must be done through the Archdiocese even if you already have a disclosure for a role in a Catholic school.

The parish safeguarding representative is Honor Hynes. If you have any queries or concerns, please see Honor or Fr. Bob.

Also, please could those with outstanding volunteer forms for Children's Liturgy return these by **22nd February**. Many thanks for your understanding

ACTIVITIES DURING LENT 2015

Stations of the Cross

We will be holding Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm. Stations of the Cross is a devotion which brings us right into the footsteps of the Lord as he journeys to the cross. It is traditionally an important part of our preparation for the glory of Easter Day.



Lenten Scripture Reflections

The Lenten Scripture Reflections will take place on the following Fridays during Lent: 20th February, 27th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March and 27th March. Each session will take place in the parish hall at 10.00am and all are very welcome.

Churches Together

We will be sharing with the other churches together in Whitnash Warwick Gates & Bishops Tachbrook for this year's Lent course on Tuesdays (24 Feb, 3, 10, 17 & 24 March) at 7.30pm at the Chapter House, St Margaret's Church. The course will be around the film 'The King's Speech', entitled "Finding a voice". Please let Pam Howell know asap if you plan to attend so we can order enough books. Pam tel 259466/ email revpam-howell@gmail.com

We should be able to obtain the books for £4.99 each. Please see Fr. Bob if you'd like a book and he will notify Rev. Pam. He needs to let her know numbers as soon as possible.

Lent 2015—Proclaim Discussion groups

This starts in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, on Thursday 19th February after the 12.30pm Mass. Please bring your own lunch (start at 1.30pm). It is repeated on Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm. Fr. Eddie Clare from Maryvale hopes to attend the first session

Mitochondria Regulations (GM Babies)

Archbishop Bernard has received information from Lord Alton regarding the next stage of the Parliamentary debate about Mitochondria Regulations. The link below sets out the arguments against these Regulations, and people are asked to write to/ email Peers encouraging them to support Lord Deben's motion requiring both Houses to look again at safety, legal and ethical concerns. The vote will be on 24th February 2015. **LINK:** <http://davidalton.net/2015/02/05/house-of-commons-votes-for-gm-babies-will-the-lords-ask-for-safety-legal-and-ethical-issues-to-be-addressed-90-minutes-for-gm-babies-90-hours-for-foxhunting/>

Next Week—22nd February 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Jill Sheard, Josephine Whittington
David Harwar, Tony Harris, Adam Borley
May Murphy, Mary Hendry

Readers:

Honor Hynes
School
Bernard Bergonzi

16-20th Feb	Half term holiday
28th Feb	7.30pm Skittles Evening
28Feb/1stMar	2nd Collection: CAFOD
1st Mar	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting HFR
6th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service
7/8th Mar	2nd Collection: Cathedral Maintenance
29th Mar	11.00am Easter Fayre

Skittles Evening

Family Social Event: The social committee would like to invite you to a Free, Fun evening of Skittles to be held on 28th February at 7.30pm in our church hall. Groups will be formed on the evening so please bring the whole family, young or old. Everyone welcome. *A shared buffet will be wonderful, so bring a plate of nibbles and, if possible, a donation for raffle prizes.* Tea, coffee + squash is provided for a small donation, but feel free to bring wine/beer. (All proceeds will go to St. Joseph's building and maintenance fund).

At the back of church there is a form for you to indicate your interest in attending and the number in your party.

There is a meeting this Sunday (15th) following the 10.00am Mass in the HFR for the social team and anyone else who would like to help. You will be very welcome!

St. Joseph's School and Church Easter Fayre. Sunday 29th March 11am

(after the 10.00am children's mass)



Save the date! Sunday March 29th St. Joseph's School PTA and parishioners of St. Joseph's church will be holding an Easter Fayre in the hall after the 10.00am Children's Mass. We need some volunteers to run the cake stall and the teas and coffees. We would like to meet with any parishioners who may be interested in helping with this event or have any ideas of how we can make this event really successful.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to have a craft stall/homemade produce stall so please get in touch. If you feel that you would be able to contribute please contact Dawn on 07792939984 or dawnsauvage@aol.com

Christian Life Community

The Information meeting about the CLC is this Sunday afternoon at 3pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Leamington. If interested but unable to come, please contact Peter or Margaret (01926 428399)

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday:	Dancing
Tuesday:	Tuesday Club
Wednesday:	Art /Choir/ Whist Drive
Thursday:	Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday:	Karate
Saturday:	Slimming World
Sunday:	Youth Club

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES Garden Design Competition



Youth Group are running a competition to design a small garden area just outside the hall which the Youth Group plan to look after. We would like it to be as attractive as possible and it can be a combination of flowers and vegetables and include space for wildlife. The design needs to reach Youth Group **by 28th February at the latest**. There will be a box in the Holy Family Room in the church for the entries or they can be handed to Fr. Bob. The competition is also open to those at St. Joseph's School in years 4,5 and 6. Full details are available from Amy Cawood amy.cawood@btinternet.com. There is a prize of £25 for the winning design.

Front Porch/Narthex Library Area

The Youth Group are hoping to create a space in the front porch area around the 'library' where parents can take toddlers out during Mass. We are planning to make and decorate some large floor cushions to make the area more welcoming.

If anyone has any books that could be donated for the Library they would be very gratefully received.

They can be for adults to borrow or for children to use during Mass. They should ideally be of a spiritual nature and in reasonable condition. The Youth Group will set up a system for borrowing the books. Thank you!

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year, Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th March at 10.30am at the Methodist Church and men are welcome! Last year the organisers were very impressed with the number of young parishioners from St. Joseph's who attended and it would be lovely to have a similar number at the service again this year. St. Joseph's has been asked to provide two readers at the service (who need to be women) plus one more person to carry a bowl and place it on a table. If you would like to take part please contact Anne Buttrum on 422174. The service this year is much simpler than last year's so it will not matter if you cannot make the rehearsal the Friday before