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Newsletter

3rd April 2016

Second Sunday of Easter

The Church of Divine Mercy

Mother Church teaches us to give food and drink to those who are hungry and thirsty, to clothe those who are naked. And how does she do this? She does it through the example of so many saints, men and women, who did this in an exemplary fashion; but she does it also through the example of so many dads and mums, who teach their children that what we have extra is for those who lack the basic necessities. It is important to know this. The rule of hospitality has always been sacred in the simplest Christian families.

Mother Church teaches us to be close to those who are sick. So many saints served Jesus in this manner! And so many simple men and women, every day, practise this work of mercy in a hospital ward, or in a rest home, or in their own home, assisting a sick person.

Mother Church teaches us to be close to those who are in prison. Each of us is capable of doing the same thing that that man or that woman in prison did. All of us have the capacity to sin and to do the same, to make mistakes in life. They are no worse than you and I! Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier, and leads us always to seek the face of the man, of the person. And it is mercy which changes the heart and the life, which can regenerate a person and allow him or her to integrate into society in a new way.




**DIVINE
MERCY**

To change the world for the better it is necessary to do good to those who are not able to return the favour, as the Father has done with us, by giving us Jesus. How much have we paid for our redemption? Nothing, totally free! Doing good without expecting anything in return. This is what the Father did with us and we must do the same. Do good and carry on!

Pope Francis

Taken from The Magnificat

Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Phil Lane RIP (L&J)</i> <i>2nd Collection: Hand in Hand Group</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Ian Wilshire RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Carmela Viviani RIP</i> <i>There will be a short reflection of the Hand in Hand Group after Communion at the 10.00am Mass</i></p>	<p>Sunday 3rd April Second Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 2</i> Divine Mercy Sunday</p> <p><i>My Lord My God</i></p>	<p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p> <p>3.00pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions and Exposition at St. Peter's</i></p>
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Mgr Edward Walker RIP</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 4th April The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Phil Lane RIP (J&CS)</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 5th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10.30am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 6th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Chrissie Fitzpatrick (Manning)</i></p>	<p>Thursday 7th April St. John Baptise de la Salle Memoria</p>	<p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers <i>SCJ Meeting to be held next week</i></p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: John Nadakuzhakal (3rd Anniversary) (SJ)</i> <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 8th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 10-10.45am <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Amanda Adamson</i></p>	<p>Saturday 9th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Nellie Scannell RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Hugh Williams RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 10th April Third Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	<p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 27th March</p>	<p>Attendance: 334 </p>

Announcements

OUR SICK

Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Maureen Cowell

Woodside Angele Handford
The Lawns Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn, Rosa Venetico, Mary Behan, John L'Estrange, Pierre de Spa, Kathleen Hammond, Mary Cracknall

Clarence House Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H. Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, John Cotter

Stratford Monty Jenkinson

RLS Nursing Home Robbie Burns

Craighaven Rory O'Rourke

Galanos House Marjorie Smedley

ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Lane, Eva Ryan, Edward Hayes, Paddy Crowley, Catherine Lane, Patricia Earle, James Fitzpatrick, Richard Gunthorpe, John Healy, Hilda Cullinane

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for the Gately family's intentions

Hand in Hand Group Presentation

There will be a small group of 8 or 10 from our local Warwick and Leamington Hand in Hand Group, giving a post communion reflection involving music and signing at the 10.00am Mass this weekend. Liz Weston will be giving a short talk before the second collection. The collection is to assist the group in travelling to Vatican City, to take part in a conference called "Living Fully 2016" from 24th to 26th June.

Newcomers to the Parish

There have been a few new faces noticed at our Sunday Masses in recent months; a very welcome addition to our parish community. If you are new to the parish please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and complete a very simple green parish census form which you will find in the narthex. It will give us a chance to get to know you whilst offering you the opportunity for involvement in activities/groups that may interest you. Many thanks Fr. Bob

Divine Mercy Sunday - 3rd April

This year, as we are in the Year of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday will hold a special significance. The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday. Divine Mercy Devotions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions are from 3pm to 4pm at St. Peter's on Sunday 3rd. St. Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Holy Year of Mercy for the Warwick Deanery parishes.

Recently Deceased

Joachim Da Silva, who lived within our parish, died recently. Our sympathies and prayers go out to his family.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Local Fundraising

Friends of a young local Whitnash man, Matt Bates, are raising money for special treatment for his cancer. If you would like to find out more go to: <http://www.mattbates.co.uk/2016/03/07/not-the-scan-we-wanted-but-theres-still-hope/>

Gift Aid Envelopes

The new tax year starts this coming week and the envelopes for this are in the porch. Please take your named box. Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, if you are a tax payer. Just let Fr. Bob know if you are interested.

NB We have ordered fewer envelopes this year, so some people have been allocated new numbers.

Quiz Night

There is to be a Quiz Night on Saturday 16th April - 7.30pm until 9.30pm. It should be a very entertaining evening! You are invited to bring food for a sharing table and the organisers would welcome donations of raffle prizes.



More information to follow—do put the date in the diary.

Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

After Easter, we will revert to one monthly meeting, on the third Friday of each month, at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. The next occasion will be Friday 15th April. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Next Week—10th April 2016

8.00pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:
Stephen McFadden, Jan Ireson
Adam Borley, David Harwar, Myrna Harwar
Sr. Angela, Mary Hendry

Readers:
Marian Dwyer
Sophia Brain
Anne Bergonzi

3rd April	Hand in Hand group performing after Communion at 10.00am Mass
16th April	Quiz Night
16th April	2nd Collection, Clergy Training Fund
17th April	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting
26th May	7.00pm, Fr. Brian's Celebration Mass, 60th anniversary of priesthood
30th/1st May	April Maintenance Collection
22nd May	Next Children's Mass
11th June	First Communions

Thank You

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve the parish in the role of Special Minister of the Eucharist for the coming year. We are grateful to all our Eucharistic Ministers for their ongoing commitment to supporting the liturgy in this way.

Justice and Peace

Many thanks to all those who came and supported the Good Friday Hunger Lunch which raised approximately £125 in total. Everyone said it was a lovely friendly atmosphere. A fantastic result!



Easter Fun Fund Raising—Some Winners!

The raffle draw: 1st prize Eileen Hiorns, 2nd prize Mrs. Treacy, Third prize David and Myrna Harwar.

The Easter Quiz: Congratulations to Clare Payne, the outright winner!

When we have details of funds raised, we will let you know. Thanks to all who have organised the various activities and to everyone who has supported them

A Celebration for Fr. Brian

It is the 60th anniversary of Fr. Brian's Ordination to the Priesthood on Thursday 26th May and there is to be a Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich at 7.00pm followed by a social in the parish centre. Fr. Brian has sent a general invitation to St. Joseph's parish, and needs to know (for catering, etc.) who is able to come. His contacts are: email fr.bee27@gmail.com or phone: 01905 773258 or letter: Sacred Heart Presbytery, 208 Worcester Road, Droitwich, WR9 8AZ Please let him know by Sunday 8th May if you would like to go.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

Items for the Bulletin

It would be really helpful if any information which you would like to be included in the coming weekend's bulletin could be emailed to :-

Fr. Bob (st.josephs47@outlook.com) and Jan Ireson (janvireson@gmail.com)

Ideally, this would arrive by Friday morning at the latest. Alternatively, a written note could be handed in to Fr. Bob or Jan.

Thank You

In case some of you were away for Easter day itself, and did not see this: Many thanks to all those whose hard work and preparation meant that the Easter Services were celebrated with the church freshly cleaned and beautifully decorated with flowers. Thanks to the musicians and choir, the altar servers, the readers and Eucharistic Ministers whose efforts added to the dignity of the ceremonies and thanks to all those who attended and took part in the special liturgies of the season. Perhaps a special thank you to those who worked in the background to make sure everything went smoothly. A special thanks also to a very generous donation offered towards our flowers.

Many thanks also for your cards, good wishes and for so many generous gifts. A blessed and Happy Eastertide to you all!

Fr. Bob

