

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## Newsletter

7th February 2016

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

In today's Gospel we see Jesus making His own theatre from the natural surroundings of the lake, shore and boat. As the crowd is large, and the viewing and hearing restricted, Jesus decides to make a boat into a stage, and as He sits out from the shore, with the people on the bank, a true theatre is made and Jesus can reach everyone with His stories. The local fishermen get a ringside seat, and even a balcony view of proceedings, and were no doubt impressed by the preacher. But then He impressed them more when He gave them a miraculous sign of who He really was, because He wanted to recruit them into His band of 'players'. Jesus was a carpenter but they were expert fishermen, but now they were utterly amazed; so much so that Simon Peter felt out of his depth to be in the company of this holy man. And he fell on his knees and asked to be left alone. But Jesus gave him new courage and had a new path of life laid out for Simon Peter. Now he was about to enter into a great drama that would lead Peter through joy, deep sorrow and pain. His growing faith

and hope in Jesus would be almost shattered by the crucifixion of the one at the 'centre' of his life. And then, amazingly, he would see the resurrection and eventually become a witness for the risen Christ, preaching that Gospel to the world. We too find ourselves in this company of Jesus, and invited to be preachers of the Gospel. We, too, know only too well how feeble and frail we can be. But we are not asked to rely upon our own strength but to follow the Lord. Jesus' grace is enough for us as we carry this treasure to others. We are part of the drama; let us be a Gospel part of it.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Birthday Wishes for Stephanie Pettle</i> <i>There is a second collection: Pro Life</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Teresa Owen RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Wellbeing of May Collins</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 7th February <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p>
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Ed Murphy RIP</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 8th February Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Joan Cotter RIP</i></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 9th February Feria</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club</p>
<p><b>Today is a day of Fasting and Abstinence</b></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass with distribution of ashes, (School present): People of the Parish</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass with distribution of ashes: Ian Wilshire RIP</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 10th February <b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>10.45-12.45am</b> Art Group</p>
<p>5.30pm <i>Reception of the body of Monica Silk</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Bridie Murphy RIP</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 11th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart: Clarence and Patricia Harwar</i></p> <p>11.00am <i>Requiem Mass for Monica Silk</i> 12.45pm <i>Cremation at Oakley Wood</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>	<p><b>Friday</b> 12th February Friday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>10.00am Lectio Divina, Hall 4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Jim Falvey RIP</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> 13th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Irene Chidzick RIP</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Jessica Naomi Bevan</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Joan Cotter (JQ)</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 14th February <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>1-4.00pm Hall booked</p>
<p>Collections £ 471.16 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 January Maintenance Collection £282.97</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p><b>Last Week</b> <b>31st January</b></p>	<p>Attendance: 293</p> 

# Announcements

## OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Mary Moran.

<b>Woodloes House</b>	Angele Handford
<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn
<b>Clarence House</b>	Winifred Galvin
<b>Eversleigh N. H.</b>	Mollie Benson
<b>Clarendon Manor</b>	Marie Kelly, Mary Craig
<b>Stratford</b>	Monty Jenkinson
<b>RLS Nursing Home</b>	Robbie Burns
<b>Craighaven</b>	Rory O'Rourke

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Dougherty, William Gallagher, Jack Preston, Salvatore Monastero, Leonardo Varisco, Eileen Godfrey, Maria Lazzara, John McEnery, Bridie Murphy, Clarence Harwar, Rev. Wilfred Poultney, John Moran, Ian Wilshire

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

## BAPTISM

**Jessica Naomi Bevan**

14th February, 2016 at 12 Noon

**Baptism Preparation:** In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s should take first responsibility for bringing them up in the faith.



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for the soul of Sue Day who lost her battle with cancer on 22.1.16. May she find eternal peace.*

## Women's World Day of Prayer 2016

This year's WWDP is on Friday 4th March and our local gathering will be at St. Margaret' Church Whitnash. At 10.30am. This year's prayer service will be written by the Christian women of Cuba. More information to follow.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Monica Silk**, Her body will be received into St. Joseph's at 5.30pm this Thursday 11th February and her Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am Friday 12th February followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

**Phil Lane**, another long-standing member of the parish, died recently in Galanos House Southam. His body will be received into church at 5.30pm on Thursday and his Requiem Mass will be at 9.30am on Friday 19th February, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery .

**David Kelly**, son of one of our parishioners Mary Kelly, died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 18th February at 11.15am followed by cremation at Oakley Wood at 12.45pm

**Chrissie Fitzpatrick**, a parishioner, died after prolonged illness. Her Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am on Friday 26th February, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 12.30

Our sympathies and prayers go out to all their families.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## Coffee and Tea after Sunday Mass

We seem to have a viable group of volunteers from this Mass making it worthwhile to run. Interest has been shown in providing facilities on a regular basis. **Please let me know if you could be a part of this group. It would be encouraging in many respects if we were able to keep this social opportunity going, so please give it some thought. The parish would ensure all necessary beverages/edibles were kept in the kitchen, so volunteers would not need to bring anything.** Many thanks to all those who have helped to run this facility for so long.



Fr. Bob

## Novena to the Sacred Heart

It has been decided to incorporate the Novena to the Sacred Heart into our Friday morning Mass in future, beginning this coming Friday 12th February. Except for the period of Lent (when we have Stations of the Cross) our First Friday Mass with the Novena will be in the evening as usual.

## Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting are available to read on the noticeboard in the narthex or at the back of the church and are also available on the website. Please take a few minutes to read through them to keep abreast of what is being discussed and planned in the parish.

Next Week—14th February 2016

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Jill Sheard, Josephine Whittington  
**Pauline Mills**, John Ireson, David Harwar  
Tony Harris, May Murphy

### Readers:

Carol Bowler  
Kate & Ella Graham  
Bernard Bergonzi

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

6/7th Feb	2nd Collection - Pro Life
20/21st Feb	Family Fast Day collection, CAFOD
27/28th Feb	February Maintenance Collection
4th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St. Margaret's
13th March	10.00am next Children's Mass

### Year of Mercy

The Church's 'Year of Mercy' began on 8th December last year and ends on 20th November 2016. There will be various resources including a small "Pilgrim Companion For the Year of Mercy" available in the Narthex. St. Peter's Leamington is our nearest Jubilee Church (there are 16 in the diocese) and further detail about how we may make use of such resource will come in due course.



### Walk With Me (Lent)

Since Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week you will find our delivered stock of 'Walk with me' booklets in the narthex. Please do take one for use during this important preparation period as we journey towards Easter. There is no cost, although a donation may be welcome. Also take a copy to give to relatives, friends or those you may know who might take comfort in it. There is also a good supply of Lent Calendars that the youngsters might appreciate to help reflect upon a daily theme.

### The Little Red Boxes - Missio

Once again, thanks to St. Joseph's' parishioners who keep the little red boxes in their homes and are always so very generous. All the boxes have now been collected and the monies banked - your box will be returned to you shortly, apart from one which was not named. If you do not receive your box and would like it back, please ask June or Lennie or Fr. Bob.

### Our Lady's 7-Day Candle Intention

The lamp hanging next to the statue of Our Lady is blue and contains a large 7-day candle. It seems proper to do this because the altar sanctuary only needs one lamp and a blue lamp would provide a welcome focus to Our Lady's corner on the right. We will need to establish a regular supply of these candles. You might also welcome the opportunity of sponsoring a candle for a week. If you would like to do this then simply write down (clearly) your intention next to the chosen week in the book and drop a donation into the box next to the kneeler. Please also write the intention on the small donation envelopes near the book. You may wish to add your name in brackets or your initials (entirely optional). The intention will then appear in that week's bulletin. (Suggested donation £3/4)

## Parish Centre



### Weekly Events (during normal time)

<b>Monday:</b>	Dancing
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Tuesday Club
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Art /Choir
<b>Thursday:</b>	Music Group / Weightwatchers
<b>Friday:</b>	Karate

### OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT 2016

#### 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.



#### Lectio Divina

With Lent beginning on 10th February, our Scripture Reflection Hour will be held weekly throughout Lent on Fridays at 10.15am in the Hall. The first one will be on 12th February and all will be very welcome.

#### Experiencing God's Love - Five Images of Transformation

This is the title of the Churches Together from Whitnash, Warwick Gates and Bishops Tachbrook's Lent Series this year. Sessions will be held at the Chapter House, St. Margaret's, every Wednesday evening of Lent, starting 17th February until 16th March at 7.30pm. There is a course book, costing £6 and if you are able to come, please sign the form in the porch and your book will be ordered for you. (Orders will be sent off by Rev Richard this Monday) Everyone is welcome.

Dates for local Penitential Services will be printed in due course.

Taking place at St. Peter's Church:

Sunday 20 March Stainer's Crucifixion sung by Diatonic Choir, 2.30pm in the Church

Tuesday 22 March Passion Play by Caramba Theatre Company, in the Church

