

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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Newsletter

18th January 2015

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

Our readings today, both the first reading from Samuel and the Gospel, often make their appearance in gatherings or services for ‘vocation’. They show us how God calls His chosen ones and also how difficult it can be in discerning whether a call is really what it seems to be. Notice how Samuel has no idea, at first, who is calling him but has to rely upon the discernment of the prophet Eli to open his eyes and heart. The vocation call can also be very powerful, as demonstrated in today’s Gospel of John. Andrew was so ‘taken’ by the presence and company of Jesus that he realised the one he was following was the Messiah. He and his brother Simon (Peter) never looked back. But for many of us finding our true vocation can be a tortuous and, indeed, a lifetime’s experience. This is mainly because to follow a calling a degree of faith and openness is continuously required. Whenever and wherever faith exists, doubt also rears its head. It’s unfortunate that, in our particular culture, the term vocation tends to imply (in the minds of most) a religious calling within the Church; whether to priesthood, diaconate or religious life. And this can seem to suggest that everyone else going about their lives and careers are

immune from ‘vocation’. Nothing could be further from the truth. All baptised Christians are called to be ‘priest’, ‘prophet’ and ‘king’. Vocation is truly for us all and can never be over-emphasised.



| Services | This Week | Events |
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| <p>6.30pm Vigil Mass: Bob Rogerson RIP</p> <p>10.00am Mass: Cyril Lamont (Anniv.)</p> <p>5.00pm Mass: Intentions of Mrs. Farrell</p> <p>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> | <p>Sunday 18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 2</p>  | <p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Tuesday Club</p>  <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p> |
| <p>2.15pm School Mass: Well-being of Babs Dunbar</p> <p>7.00pm Novena to Our Lady Mass: Sr. Rita Campbell RIP</p> | <p>Monday 19th January St. Wulstan Feast</p> | <p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p> |
| <p>9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass: Fr. Joe McKenna</p> | <p>Tuesday 20th January Feria</p> | <p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p> |
| <p>7.45pm Service for Christian Unity, Warwick Gates Community Church</p> | <p>Wednesday 21st January St. Agnes Memoria</p> | <p>9.30-11.30am Art Group 7.45pm Whist</p> |
| <p>5.00pm Reception of the body of John McMahon</p> <p>7.00pm Mass: Sr. Margarita Fitzgerald</p> | <p>Thursday 22nd January Feria</p> | <p>Church Cleaning - Team 2 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p> |
| <p>9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass: Patty Desay 1.00pm Funeral Service: John McMahon 2.15pm Burial at Leamington Cemetery 7.00pm Novena to the Sacred Heart</p> | <p>Friday 23rd January Feria</p> | <p>4-6.00pm Karate</p> |
| <p>9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: People of the Parish 10-10.45 Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession 6.30pm Mass: Pauline Jenkins (Birthday)</p> | <p>Saturday 24th January St. Francis de Sales Memoria</p> | <p>9.00-10.30am Slimming World</p> |
| <p>10.00am Children's Mass: Teresa Owen RIP</p> <p>5.00pm Mass: John Gately RIP</p> <p>There will be a second collection next week for the Catholic Education Service</p> | <p>Sunday 25th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 3 Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> | <p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Justice and Peace</p>  <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p> |
| <p>Collections £466.88 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46</p> <p>Many thanks for your donations</p> | <p>Last Week 11th January</p> | <p>Attendance: 268</p>  |

Announcements

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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, Pauline Jenkins, Hugh Williams

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| Warwick Hospital | Margaret Handy |
| The Lawns | Bert Brind |
| Clarence House | Winifred Galvin |
| Eversleigh N. H. | Mollie Benson |
| Clarendon Manor | Mary Jenkinson |
| Stratford | Monty Jenkinson |
| RLS Nursing Home | Bernie & Robbie Burns |

Anniversaries

Patrick Lane, Maureen Rawsthorne, Fr. Joe McKenna, Tom Silk, Tony Cooper, Michael Crowley, Leslie Fishnet, Ian Kirby, Teresa Owen

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Baptism

Maeve Eden Berry

Sunday 1st February 2015 at 12 Noon

Ruben Thomas Edwards

1st March 2015 at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be on Monday 26th January at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room

Crib Offerings

This year, the collection at the crib amounted to £223.51 which is a wonderful result. Thanks to all who contributed. This will be sent off to the Whitnash Children's Centre.

Digital Hymnal Demonstration

Next Saturday, 24th January at 2.00pm. someone will be demonstrating a new digital hymnal for use in church in services/Masses without an organist. We need to appraise it. The more parishioners we have who can help operate such a system the better, so please do come along if you would like to know how to use it. Your presence will help us in coming to a decision about its feasibility.

Recently Deceased

John McMahon, one of our parishioners, died recently after prolonged illness. We offer our sympathies and condolences to all his family.

His body will be received into church at 5.00pm this Thursday 22nd January and his funeral service will be at 1.00pm on Friday 23rd January, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 2.15pm

Don Mason (father of Jackie Rabone) died recently. Jackie and Paul are parishioners of St. Joseph's and we offer our sympathies and condolences to his extended family.

His Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 6th February at 1.00pm followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

May they rest in peace and may the Lord give comfort to all who mourn them

Prisoners of Conscience

Next weekend, the 24th/25th January, the J & P Group have arranged an opportunity for us to sign and send a greetings card to a prisoner of conscience. Each card will cost £1.50. Your effort gives to them the confirmation that they are not forgotten and is an important life-line for them. Please take time as you leave on that weekend to give them your support, if you possibly can.

The Parish Centre Kitchen

In the interests of health and safety, we have had to remove the tea towels from the kitchen. Would all groups using the kitchen, including Sunday morning coffee groups, please bring their own tea towels. Thank you!

200 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the January draw of the 200 Club: Amy Cawood (£50), Collette McSharry (£30) and Esther Cawood (£20).

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 6 March this year.

If you are interested in being involved in the planning for this event, there will be a meeting on Wednesday 21 January at 3pm. Contact Anne Buttrum on 422174 for further information.

Next Week—25th January 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil Paddy Taylor
10.00am **David Harwar**, Adam Borley, Myrna Harwar
5.00pm May Murphy, Sheila Price

Readers:

Jan Ireson
School
Amy Cawood

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| 21st Jan | 7.45pm Service for Christian Unity, Warwick Gates |
| 24th Jan | 11.00am Sacristy Sort-Out |
| 31 Jan/1st Feb | 2nd Collection: Catholic Education Service |
| 14/15th Feb | 2nd Collection: Pro Life |
| 28th Feb | 7.30pm Skittles Evening |
| 1st Mar | 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting HFR |

Week of Christian Unity

During the Week of Christian Unity, the Churches Together in Whitnash, Warwick Gates and Bishops Tachbrook are planning to hold a combined Service for Christian Unity on **Wednesday 21st January at 7.45pm**. It will take place at Warwick Gates Community Church. It is hoped to gather a band of musicians from the different churches for that occasion, as well as those willing to take a part in the readings. Please let Fr. Bob know if you would be interested in being involved in that way.

St. Joseph's School Head Teacher

As many of you will have heard, our school's Head Teacher, Mr. Goggin, has given notice of his early retirement with effect from the end of this academic year. He has been an outstanding dedicated and passionate leader throughout his 17 years at St. Joseph's (deservedly recognised by Ofsted in their inspections). Mr. Goggin will be sorely missed. Please do keep in your prayers St. Joseph's School and the governing body, over the coming weeks and months, as we embark upon the process of finding a successor.

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 will be a form for you to indicate your interest in attending and the number in your party.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

Sacristy Sort-Out

A new year, a new resolution! Recently I floated the idea of a thorough clear-out of the sacristy and the surrounding storage areas. To do this sensitively I do need the help and advice of everyone concerned. **I am hoping to have a working-party on the morning of Saturday 24th January at 11.00am** and it would be especially helpful if any flower arrangers, sacristans, cleaners and any others who have experience of what the organisation of the cupboards involved, and who are free, could come along. There is no point in keeping what we don't need or use so, if you can, please come and help me with the *'big decisions of what to keep and what to throw'*. Many thanks, Fr. Bob

Children's Liturgy and Toddlers

St. Joseph's is fortunate in having a very committed Liturgy Group and pre-school team who help out on Sundays of school term times. It is of great help to parents of children of varying ages, in allowing the youngsters to be introduced to the Gospel in a way and approach that suits their ages. The team welcomes parents of the pre-school children to accompany them into the Holy Family Room. If you would like to join either one of the teams as a regular helper please approach Fr. Bob.

Rosaries

We have been contacted by the Catenian Society, who have been given permission from Archbishop Bernard to contact parishes appealing for Rosaries, those extra sets which lie unused in cupboards or drawers. The Society have been sending rosaries to Aborigines in Australia and to missions in the 3rd world countries in Africa. Soon they will be going to islands in the Pacific. Please have a look at home, and see whether we, as a parish, can help.

