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Newsletter





25th January 2015

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

‘The truth is out there’ as they used to quote after each episode of the “X-Files”. Some of you might remember that American programme years ago. Basically, it was about a couple of FBI investigators trying to get to the bottom of mysterious ‘out-of-this-world’ happenings but it always eluded them. Fiction aside, what cannot be denied is that none of us; no human being who has ever lived (past, present, future) can claim knowledge of ultimate truth. Such a truth would unlock the secrets of our existence. What few of us can deny, however, is that there is an objective truth. The very fact that we share humanity in all its breadth and depth gives the lie to the contemporary clarion call that ultimate ‘truth’ is subjective. Our inability to collectively see the ultimate truth is due to our sin (whether we call it original sin or a fundamental human fracture). In today’s Gospel we see Jesus calling his disciples and these disciples clearly saw a glimpse of a reality they couldn’t turn away from. We could say they were gazing into the one absolute truth. Jesus was acting as a sort of ‘conduit’ allowing anyone, who wished to find God, to ‘see’ the ultimate truth through the Son of God. If we wonder why everyone who ever encountered Jesus did not instantly follow Him then we are left with



the conclusion that we need to actually want to find the source of our being. Maybe the reason we hide is the same reason that would be given by Jonah and Adam.

| Services | This Week | Events |
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| <p>6.30pm Vigil Mass: Pauline Jenkins</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 End of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</p>  | <p>10.05am Children's Liturgy</p> <p>Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Justice and Peace</p>  |
| <p>2.15pm School Mass: Private Intention</p> <p>7.00pm Novena to Our Lady Mass: Alfred and Eva Keating RIP</p> | <p>Monday 26th January Ss. Timothy and Titus Memoria</p> | <p>7.45pm Baptism Preparation Meeting, HFR</p> <p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p> |
| <p>9.10am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass: John McMahon RIP</p> | <p>Tuesday 27th January Feria</p> | <p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p> |
| <p><i>A day for private prayer</i></p> | <p>Wednesday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas Memoria</p> | <p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p> <p>7.45pm Whist</p> |
| <p>7.00pm Mass: Sr. M. Margarita Fitzgerald</p> | <p>Thursday 29th January Feria</p> | <p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group</p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p> |
| <p>9.10am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Private Intention (MM)</p> <p>7.00pm Novena to the Sacred Heart</p> | <p>Friday 30th January Feria</p> | <p>4-6.00pm Karate</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: Patrick McCullough RIP Second Collection: Catholic Education Service</p> | <p>Saturday 31st January St. John Bosco Memoria</p> | <p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p> |
| <p>10.00am Mass: Elias and Manola Saez</p> <p>12 Noon Baptism: Maeve Eden Berry</p> <p>5.00pm Mass: John and Cath Kelly RIP</p> | <p>Sunday 1st February Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 4 Education Day</p> | <p>10.05am Children's Liturgy</p> <p>Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Youth Group</p>  <p>2-4.00pm Hall booked</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p> |
| <p>Collections £487.00</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p> | <p>Last Week 18th January</p> | <p>Attendance: 261</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, 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

Teresa Owen, Kathleen McHugh, Donald Dorgan, Patrick Harwar, Hannah Grimes, Paddy Shanahan, Jeremiah Bowen, Donald Leahy, Tony Talmage, Myranda Lintott

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

Prisoners of Conscience



This 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 church this weekend to give them your support, if you possibly can—there will be Justice and Peace members at both entrances to the church to explain how the system works and what to do!

Recently Deceased

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.

Pauline Jenkins: Pauline died at Myton Hospice on Tuesday 20th January after an illness which she bore with courage, faith and acceptance. Our sympathies and condolences go to Colin her husband, their children and all the extended family. Funeral arrangements will be published as soon as they are available.

Willy Buttigieg died recently. We offer our sympathies and condolences to his family. His Funeral Service will be at St. Joseph's on Thursday 5th February at 9.30am followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 10.30am

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

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!

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, contact Anne Buttrum on 422174 for further information.

LENT COURSE 2015

Building on the success of last year's Lent course, we will again 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.

Next Week—1st February 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Jill Sheard, Josephine Whittington
Adam Borley, Tony Harris, John Ireson
Mary Hendry, Kim Kearns

Readers:

Honor Hynes
Sophie Morton
Carol Bowler

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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 |
| 16-20th Feb | Half term holiday |
| 28th Feb | 7.30pm Skittles Evening |
| 1st Mar | 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting HFR |
| 6th March | Women's World Day of Prayer Service |

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

Sacristy Sort-Out

Thanks to those who came along to give help and advice in sorting out the working sacristy and storage areas. We are making progress!

Many thanks, Fr. Bob

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 |

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.



*If you have been successful in your search, please send your rosaries to: **Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX3 0SP***

Christian Life Community

For some years now there have been three Christian Life Community groups at St Peter's and the members have found belonging to CLC of great benefit to them in living out their Christian lives. We are hoping to be able to set up one or two new CLC groups in the Leamington/Warwick area. An information meeting has been arranged for **Sunday 15th February at 3pm** in the Parish Centre to give anyone interested the opportunity to understand the CLC way of life and how groups function. *A representative will be coming to St. Joseph's on the weekend **7th/8th February** to give a very short explanatory talk after each Mass.*