

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## *Newsletter*

**1st February 2015**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B**

Listening to the Gospel, it can be so easy for us to take comfort from Jesus' life among us; hanging on His promises, His miracles and healings, His concern and care for our fallen condition in all its tragic circumstances. This is the primary reason we read and study the New Testament after all. The Gospels provide us not only with a 'rule of life'; this is a secondary effect. But, primarily, they introduce us to the person of Jesus Christ, calling us to become a real part of Him. It is in this respect that we also come to share in Jesus' continual struggle with the forces of evil. If He isn't actually casting out demons from those possessed He is forever justifying His divine work to those prominent and powerful men who oppose the work of goodness. In other words, the Christ of the Gospels is engaged in a primeval warfare with Satan, nothing less. Fully God and fully human, the Son of God is recognised by demons whenever He encounters the possessed. Jesus did not come into a world that was neutral ground, but one that was occupied by Satan. As such, The Messiah

would have to be involved in a cosmic battle with him.

As members of Christ's mystical body, we have to take our share of this warfare even though we know that Christ's victory is absolute. We battle daily against the temptations to worldly power and self-indulgent licence but we need not be afraid because we know Jesus is with us and has won the victory over Satan and all his works.



Services	This Week	Events
<p><i>Second Collection: Catholic Education Service</i></p> <p>6.30pm Vigil Mass: Patrick McCullough RIP</p> <p>10.00am Mass: Elias and Manola Saez</p> <p>12 Noon Baptism: <b>Maeve Eden Berry</b></p> <p>5.00pm Mass: John and Cath Kelly RIP</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 1st February <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week 4</i> Education Day</p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Youth Group</p>  <p>2-4.00pm Hall booked</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p>
<p>2.15pm School Mass: Private Intention</p> <p>7.00pm Novena to Our Lady Mass: Jim Kelly</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord Feast</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass: Patrick McCullough and Mary and Vinny McGreevy</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 3rd February Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p>
<p>No Mass</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 4th February Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p> <p>7.45pm Whist</p>
<p>9.30am Funeral Service: Willy Buttigieg 10.30am Burial at Leamington Cemetery</p> <p>7.00pm Mass: Teresa Regan</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 5th February St. Agatha Memoria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 1</p> <p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group</p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 13 Golf Lane</p>
<p>No morning Rosary</p> <p>1.00pm Requiem Mass: Donald Mason 2.30pm Cremation at Oakley Wood</p> <p>7.00pm Novena to the Sacred Heart</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> 6th February St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions Memoria <b>First Friday</b></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</p> <p>6.30pm Mass: Mary McGarvey (Anniv.) and deceased members of the Boche and McGarvey families</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> 7th February Memoria Our Lady on Saturday</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p><i>Day of Prayer for the Victims of Trafficking</i></p> <p>10.00am Mass: Ian Wilshire RIP</p> <p>5.00pm Mass: Filippo Castrofillo RIP</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 8th February <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Mike &amp; Co</p> 
<p>Collections £578.71 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p><b>Last Week</b> <b>25th January</b></p>	<p>Attendance: 380</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

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

## Anniversaries

Richard Randall, Linda Stoodley, Peter Joseph Harding, Thomas Shinkwin, William Nicholl, Thomas Jeavons, Mary Ellen McGarvey, William Ahern, Carlton Young, Dennis Dougherty, William Gallagher, Jack Preston

*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

**Marketa Siekierska**

Saturday 7th 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



## Cards for Prisoners of Conscience

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Thanks to all who took part in this year's event to remember people imprisoned for their beliefs, by sending them words of encouragement in a greetings card. The Justice and Peace Group were delighted to announce that almost twice the number of cards were sent this year from St. Joseph's, which is a wonderful result. Thank you!

## 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 this 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.

Pauline's body will be received into St. Joseph's church at 4.00pm on Sunday 15th February and her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 16th February at 1.00pm, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 2.30pm

**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, 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 at the Methodist church.

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](mailto: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.

## Next Week—8th February 2015

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil Stephen McFadden, May Murphy  
10.00am Tony Harris, David Harwar, Pauline Mills  
5.00pm Paddy Close, Sheila Price

### Readers:

June Arran  
Clare Payne  
Anne Kirby

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
28Feb/1stMar	2nd Collection: CAFOD
1st Mar	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting HFR
6th March	Women's World Day of Prayer Service
7/8th Mar	2nd Collection: Cathedral Maintenance

### 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.

### 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. An information meeting has been arranged for **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 next weekend 7th/8th February to give a very short explanatory talk after each Mass.*

## Parish Centre



### Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

### St Joseph's School and Church Easter Fayre. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. We are proposing to hold a brief meeting on Sunday after the 10.00am Mass in the Holy Family Room on 8th February.

If you feel that you would be able to contribute please contact Dawn on 07792939984 or [dawnsavage@aol.com](mailto:dawnsavage@aol.com)

### Catenian Rosary Appeal

Any rosaries you find that are surplus to requirements are going to be shipped to 3rd world countries. Please send them to: **Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX3 0SP**