

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## *Newsletter*





**15th March 2015**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

‘What’s in a word? I expect we’ve heard this question many times and, whilst we can often agree that, usually there may be hardly anything in a word that would alter meaning or understanding, there are certainly others that can be crucial in their impact. One historical example would be the term ‘filioque’ which helped to divide the Church into Catholic and Orthodox in the 11th century. Apart from words that can divide, there are words that can be so over-used that they lose their proper meaning . CREATE is one such word. Only God can create because ‘create’ implies ‘ex-nihilo’ (out of nothing), whereas, our attempts at creating really amounts to ‘rearranging’ the stuff of creation. We are all God’s creatures and, becoming God’s works of art means handing ourselves over to be recreated in Christ, shaped by the Father’s love and given a new life in the Holy Spirit. To allow this to happen, though, we need to recognise that we are not creators in any true sense. When we know ourselves as finally exiled and lost — at the dead end of our own plans and weaknesses,

we can allow Him to recreate us through His love and be healed. Our creation is ongoing and did not cease when we became a zygote. The past tense doesn’t suit our yearning for true life, but ‘ongoing’ does. For us, CREATE should be one of the most powerful words of all.



Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: John McMahon RIP</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: The Moran Family</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b>            15th March  <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>  <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p> 	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Justice and Peace Group  6.00pm Youth Group
2.00pm <i>School Mass: Private Intention</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady</i> <i>Mass: Well being of George Turner</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b>            16th March            Lent Feria</p>	7.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's 8-9.00pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Jim Levingston</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b>            17th March            St. Patrick Feast</p>	<i>No Tuesday Club</i> 7.30pm 'Finding a Voice', St. Margaret's 7.30-9.00pm Marriage Preparation Course
<i>No Service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b>            18th March            Lent Feria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group
7.00pm <i>Mass: Donal O'Rourke RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b>            19th March            St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity</p>	Church Cleaning - Team 2 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 1.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b>            20th March            Lent Feria</p>	10.00am Lenten Scripture Reflections, Hall 4-6.00pm Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b>            21st March            Lent Feria</p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World
10.00am <i>Mass: The Horan Family</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Noel McGivern RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b>            22nd March  <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>  <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Youth Group 
Collections £435.12 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 Cathedral Maintenance £158.87  <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Last Week</b>  <b>8th March</b></p>	Attendance: 249 

# 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, Eddie Hoare.

<b>Heathcote Hospital</b>	Margaret McLaughlin
<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bert Brind, Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
<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

Frank Benson, Joyce Collins, Philip James

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

## Baptism

**Elias O'Driscoll**

Sunday April 26th at 12 Noon

**Caelen Lea Connolly**

Sunday 3rd May at 12 Noon

## Baptism Preparation Meetings

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is on Monday 23rd March at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

## Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our usual Penitential Service will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 7.00pm, when there will be a number of priests present. Details of opportunities in other local parishes will be available next week.

## Flowers for Easter

We would be grateful for any contributions towards the flowers for Easter so that the church can be decorated beautifully to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Please put any offerings into the flower box on the left of the main door. *Thank you!*

## ACTIVITIES DURING LENT 2015 Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 7.00pm. This is a devotion which brings us into the footsteps of the Lord as he journeys to the cross, traditionally an important part of our preparation for the glory of Easter Day.

### Lenten Scripture Reflections

The Lenten Scripture Reflections will take place on the remaining Fridays during Lent: 20th March and 27th March. Each session will take place in the parish hall at 10.00am and all are very welcome.

### Churches Together

We are sharing with the other churches together in Whitnash Warwick Gates & Bishops Tachbrook for this year's Lent course at the Chapter House, St Margaret's Church, on Tuesdays (17 & 24 March) at 7.30pm. The course is around the film 'The King's Speech', entitled "Finding a voice". Please let Pam Howell know if you plan to attend. Pam tel 259466/ email [revpamhowell@gmail.com](mailto:revpamhowell@gmail.com)

***We have some spare books which you may purchase from the sacristy***

### Lent 2015—Proclaim Discussion groups

These sessions are taking place in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, on Thursdays at 1.30pm and Mondays at 7.30pm

## Safeguarding and Documentation

As a parish we need to have our administration and documentation up to date regarding safeguarding. It has, for some time, been established and common practice in all institutions, including churches, for volunteers to complete the relevant forms. In parishes, the areas concerned will include: CHILDREN'S LITURGY, EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY, YOUTH GROUP WORKERS, ADULT ALTAR SERVERS, SACRISTANS AND CATECHISTS. We have already received and filed a good number of these from our teams, but we need to make sure all volunteers have completed their relevant forms. Could any volunteers (from the above areas) who have not yet been given forms please see Fr. Bob or Honor Hynes [safeguarding co-ordinator] so that we can complete the process and make sure that all documentation satisfies established requirements. Be assured that all form completion will be fully explained and shouldn't be time consuming. We will guide you through the task. Very many thanks for your patience and understanding. As you know, we do rely upon our generous teams to allow the parish to function.



## Next Week—22nd March 2015

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

Paddy Taylor, Stephen McFadden  
**Pauline Mills**, David Harwar, Myrna Harwar  
Mary Hendry, Kim Kearns

### Readers:

June Arran  
Clare Payne  
Anne Kirby

29th Mar	11.30am Easter Fayre, Hall
31st Mar	7.00pm Penitential Service
1st April	11.30am Chrism Mass, Cathedral

### EASTER LITURGIES

Time is pressing and we are already approaching our Holy Week liturgy and the Paschal Triduum. This period is the source and summit of the Eucharist we celebrate every week and we are invited to become a part of it in the fullest sense.

There will be soon be leaflets available at the back of church with the times of services for Holy Week and the Triduum - do take one home so that you are aware of everything that is happening.



There will also be **lists** available, so that you may volunteer to take part in these special liturgies, e.g. as a Reader or a participant in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.

**Altar Servers** add enormously to the dignity and solemnity of these important occasions and are a great help to the smooth running of the liturgies. Perhaps parents could encourage our servers, who have a lot of demands on their time, to make a particular commitment to the Easter Triduum, and it would be wonderful to see all our older servers supporting them.



The Easter services are full of extra liturgical symbolism, eg the new fire at the Vigil, and we need **behind the scenes help** to make sure everything goes according to plan. Please volunteer if you can.

Last but not least: our church is always kept beautifully clean and we have a talented team of flower arrangers who ensure that it is fittingly decorated, so it would be a good idea if a small group could offer to **clean the brassware**. There's a list for anyone who is willing to do this.



Please do offer to take a part, especially during the Triduum - The Mass of the Lord's Supper through to Easter Sunday. You will be much appreciated and will help everyone enjoy a wonderful tribute to the Lord.

### Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Named rotas for April, May and June are available for collection from the sacristy. *Thank you!*

## 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
<b>Saturday:</b>	Slimming World
<b>Sunday:</b>	Youth Club

### General Election 2015

Copies of the Bishops' letter are available in the Narthex and can be obtained from the Bishop's Conference website [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk).

### Justice and Peace Group

Organisers of the Night Shelter are very grateful for the generous contributions of food from the parish. Their latest Newsletter is available on the table under the Justice & Peace Notice Board. You may Take a copy, Read it, Return it please

### Pilgrimage Opportunity

There will be a pilgrimage group visiting the Holy Shroud of Turin, arranged by the Friends of Don Orione. The pilgrimage will take place from 18th to the 22nd May. Please contact the Pilgrimage Secretary on 01942 726418 for information.

**Easter Fayre.**  
**11.30am**



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Save the **date!** Sunday 29th March

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. This is very much a joint enterprise, so please volunteer to help if you possibly can. If you feel that you would be able to contribute **please contact Dawn on 07792939984 or [dawnsauvage@aol.com](mailto:dawnsauvage@aol.com)**

### Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Maundy Thursday is the usual day for commissioning new Special Ministers of the Eucharist in addition to the existing ones. These ministers enhance our liturgies and help uphold the dignity and respect for the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider offering your services. Ministers also have the opportunity to take Communion to the sick and the housebound, if they are able to do so. New readers are urgently needed as well for the weekend Masses. Please speak to Fr. Bob if you feel able to help.