

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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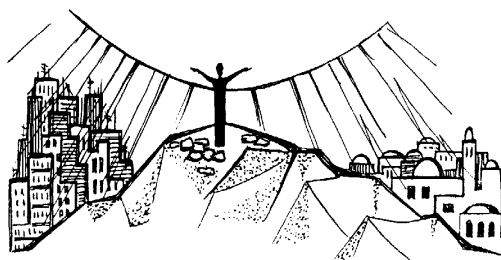


## *Newsletter*

**22nd February 2015**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

“One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” I expect this sounds familiar to you in the context of the Moon landings back in 1969. But let us transfer this analogy to the story of our fall and Redemption. The countless personal decisions of individual people within the complex daily arena of busy lives can seem to us so trivial; not worth thinking about. In fact, we are constantly choosing ‘this or that’ with barely a thought. What is undeniable, however, is that every choice we make has consequences whether we can foresee them or not. It is only when we are faced with our ‘life defining’ decisions that we give due thought to what might follow from them. We might very well ponder how much thought Adam and Eve gave to that ‘defining’ moment of choice in Paradise. Could the consequences have been seen, felt, imagined even? It is a mystery which we will never be able to fathom this side of death. For Adam and Eve, it may have seemed like a ‘small’ attractive step for them, but it was a ‘giant’ leap into the abyss for all humanity. In Mark’s Gospel Jesus spends forty days in the Wilderness where He was tempted by Satan. And such temptations would have been awesome in their manifestation to Jesus; keen, penetrating, and most surely subtle. He may well have



had to make many “small” choices during that time, but each one would be a “Giant” leap for humanity into the arms of Jesus’ Heavenly Father.

Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Lillian Kelly RIP</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Linda Stoodley</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Lacie Cleaver-continued wellbeing</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            22nd February  <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>  <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Kim Pope 
<i>No School Mass</i>  <i>No evening Novena to Our Lady</i>	<p align="center"><b>Monday</b>            23rd February            Lent Feria</p>	7.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's 7.45pm Baptism Preparation Group HFR 8-9.00pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday</b>            24th February            Lent Feria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club 7.30pm 'Finding a Voice', St. Margaret's
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday</b>            25th February            Lent Feria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group 7.45pm Whist
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday</b>            26th February            Lent Feria</p>	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>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>  <i>No Evening Service</i>	<p align="center"><b>Friday</b>            27th February            Lent Feria  <b>Lent Fast Day</b></p>	10.00am Scripture Reflection in the 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 Sacrament of Confession</i>  6.30pm <i>Mass: Jim Ballantine RIP</i> <b>There is a second collection for CAFOD</b>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday</b>            28th February            Lent Feria</p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World  7.30pm Skittles Evening, in the Hall
10.00am <i>Mass: Elaine Rowe</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Ruben Thomas Edwards</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            1st March  <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>  <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Choir Group   6.00pm Parish Council Meeting, HFR 6.00pm Youth Group
Collections £363.70 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 Pro Life collection £227.44  <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p align="center"><b>Last Week</b>            15th February</p>	Attendance: 203 

# 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.

**Kenilworth Grange** Margaret Handy  
**The Lawns** Bert Brind, Bridget Hunt  
John L'Estrange  
**Clarence House** Winifred Galvin  
**Eversleigh N. H.** Mollie Benson  
**Clarendon Manor** Mary Jenkinson  
**Stratford** Monty Jenkinson  
**RLS Nursing Home** Bernie & Robbie Burns

## Anniversaries

Susan Taplin, James Dale, Michael Brogan, Peter Jeffrey, Mary Logan, David Colledge, Thomas Bannon, Thomas Russell, Paddy Sugrue Senior

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

## Baptism

**Ruben Thomas Edwards**  
Sunday 1st March at 12 Noon

**Marketa Siekierska**  
Saturday 7th March 2015 at 12 Noon

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be on Monday 23rd February at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room

## Mitochondria Regulations (GM Babies)

Archbishop Bernard has received information from Lord Alton regarding the next stage of the Parliamentary debate about Mitochondria Regulations. The link below sets out the arguments against these Regulations, and people are asked to write to/ email Peers encouraging them to support Lord Deben's motion requiring both Houses to look again at safety, legal and ethical concerns. The vote will be on 24th February 2015. **LINK:** <http://davidalton.net/2015/02/05/house-of-commons-votes-for-gm-babies-will-the-lords-ask-for-safety-legal-and-ethical-issues-to-be-addressed-90-minutes-for-gm-babies-90-hours-for-foxhunting/>

## Recently Dead

Brian Rowlands, a former parishioner of St. Joseph's, died recently and his funeral will be held during the coming week.

*May he rest in peace and may the Lord give comfort to all who mourn him.*

## Welcome

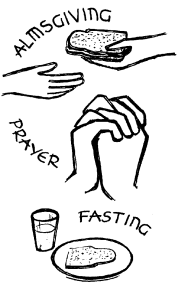
Today we welcome Fr. Stefan from Warwick who will celebrate the 5.00pm Mass for us. We are very grateful to him for being helping us out.

## ACTIVITIES DURING LENT 2015

### Stations of the Cross

We will be holding Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm,

**except this coming Friday, 27th.** 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.



### Lenten Scripture Reflections

The Lenten Scripture Reflections will take place on the following Fridays during Lent: 27th February, 6th March, 13th March, 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 will 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)

**Requested books have now arrived and are ready for collection from the sacristy. Please leave the £4.99p in the box and write your name on the sheet of paper available, when you collect your book.**

### 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

## Next Week—1st March 2015

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

Stephen McFadden, Paddy Taylor  
**Adam Borley**, Pauline Mills, Myrna Harwar  
Tony Harris, Kim Kearns

### Readers:

June Arran  
Kate & Ella Graham  
Anne Bergonzi

28th Feb	7.30pm Skittles Evening
28Feb/1stMar	2nd Collection: CAFOD
1st Mar	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting HFR
6th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service
7/8th Mar	2nd Collection: Cathedral Maintenance
29th Mar	11.00am Easter Fayre

### 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.

### Easter Fayre. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am

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. If you feel that you would be able to contribute please contact Dawn on 07792939984 or dawnsauvage@aol.com



### Christian Life Community

There is now to be a new Christian Life Community group set up for the local area. The first meeting will be on Sunday 1st March at 3.00pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre and arrangements for the future will be decided at that meeting. If you are interested, please phone Margaret Dimambro on 428399

### 200 Club

Collections for March will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 28th Feb/1st March. If you would like to join the 200 Club please have a word with Fr. Bob or Anne Buttrum. It is only £1 per month. The new lottery year starts in April - a great time to join!

## 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

### YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES Garden Design Competition



Youth Group are running a competition to design a small garden area just outside the hall which the Youth Group plan to look after. We would like it to be as attractive as possible and it can be a combination of flowers and vegetables and include space for wildlife. The design needs to reach Youth Group **by 28th February at the latest.** There will be a box in the Holy Family Room in the church for the entries or they can be handed to Fr. Bob. The competition is also open to those at St. Joseph's School in years 4,5 and 6. Full details are available from Amy Cawood amy.cawood@btinternet.com. There is a prize of £25 for the winning design.

### Front Porch/Narthex Library Area

If anyone has any books that could be donated for the Library, where the Youth Group are creating a special area, they would be very gratefully received. They can be for adults to borrow or for children to use during Mass. They should ideally be of a spiritual nature and in reasonable condition. The Youth Group will set up a system for borrowing the books. Thank you!

### Women's World Day of Prayer

This year, Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th March at 10.30am at the Methodist Church and men are welcome! St. Joseph's has been asked to provide two readers at the service (who need to be women) plus one more person to carry a bowl and place it on a table. If you would like to take part please contact Anne Buttrum on 422174.

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

There will be a speaker at each of our Masses **this** week-end, focussing on this year's CAFOD Fast Day, which is next Friday 27th February. Donations will be collected during that weekend's Masses.

Sat. 6.30pm	Mass	Anne Kirby
Sun 10.00am	Mass	Paddy Close
Sun 5.00pm	Mass	Jackie Rabone