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## Newsletter

**25h October 2015**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As Christians we are all called to follow Christ; to answer His call to each one of us. But in all honesty we probably don't see the 'drama' or existential impact of such a following whilst we are living the daily grind of our everyday lives. Day follows night and night follows day and the weeks roll into months and then into years and there may very well be that feeling that we are 'getting along' in our faith or Christian life. We practice, we do our duty, we are most probably conscious (or should be) of our imperfection and need for forgiveness; we make mistakes and try again. In other words, our faith life follows a sort of 'zig zag' path; maybe two steps forward and one step back. There can be many obstacles that get in the way of our discipleship and we are preoccupied with our hopes and anxieties. And of course many of these are like those of the chosen disciples; we are also concerned with our security and whether life is going to be kind to us. However, Mark's account of the



blind beggar Bartimaeus provides us with a model of a true disciple. Although he is blind, he has the inner sight to see who Jesus is and the courage to ask Jesus what he wants. Notice Bartimaeus' first gesture is to throw away his cloak, so he now has nothing but his faith in Jesus to restore his sight. In other words, his reliance on Jesus is total and he realises this. In the "busyness" of our lives our faith may be well disposed, but as true disciples we need to see more clearly, basing the truth of our lives on that of Christ, who is "the way, the truth and the life".

Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Marjorie Parsons RIP</i> <i>October Maintenance Collection</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>4.30pm <i>Reception of body of Teresa Martuccio</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Michael Long RIP</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 25th October <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p> <p>LORD THAT I MAY SEE! </p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Children's Liturgy Group</p> <p>No Youth Group </p>
<p>9.45am <i>Requiem Mass for Teresa Martuccio, followed by burial At Leamington Cemetery</i></p> <p><i>No School Mass - Half Term</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Bridie McCauley Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 26th October Feria</p>	<p>11.30am Justice &amp; Peace Meeting, HFR</p> <p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Shelia Goggin RIP</i></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 27th October Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p> <p>7.30pm Journey in Faith, hall.</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 28th October Ss Simon and Jude</p>	<p><i>No Art Group</i></p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Maria Lazzara RIP</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 29th October Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 2 <i>No Music until Jan 2016</i></p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: James Lochhead</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p><b>Friday</b> 30th October Feria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p> <p>10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Angela Lavelle RIP</i> <i>There is a 2nd Collection for the Johnson Association</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> 31st October Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p> <p></p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Linda Stoodley RIP</i></p> <p>2.15pm <i>Blessing of the Graves</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 1st November <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b> <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Kim Pope </p>
<p>Collections £454.10 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p><b>Last Week</b> <b>18th October</b></p>	<p>Attendance: 237 </p>

# Announcements

## OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, 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, Phil Lane

**Warwick Hospital** Maureen Cowell  
**Coventry Hospital** Angele Handford  
**Heathcote** Elizabeth Gaston, Peggy Egginton

**Kenilworth Grange** Margaret Handy  
**The Lawns** Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange  
Ellen Quinn, May Dorgan,

**Clarence House** Winifred Galvin  
**Eversleigh N. H.** Mollie Benson  
**Clarendon Manor** Mary Jenkinson, Marie Kelly  
Mary Craig

**Stratford** Monty Jenkinson  
**RLS Nursing Home** Bernie & Robbie Burns  
**Craighaven** Rory O'Rourke

## ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Cullen, Patrick Young, Kathleen Murray, Maureen Waring, Jeremiah Buckley

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

**Teresa Martuccio**, a member of our parish, died on the 9th October. We offer our sympathies and condolences to her family. Teresa's body will be received into St. Joseph's church this Sunday 25th October at 4.30pm and her Requiem will be on 26th at 9.45am followed by interment at Leamington Cemetery.

**Ellen Reynolds**, another of our parishioners, died on 14th October after a recent illness. Our sympathies and prayers go out to her family. Ellen's body will be received into St. Joseph's church at 4.30pm on Sunday 8th November and her Requiem will be on Monday 9th November at 9.30am followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## Justice & Peace Group

The parish group will meet on Monday, 26th October at 11.30am in the Holy Family Room. Anyone interested in our future plans will be welcome.

## Blessing of the Graves

This will take place next Sunday, 1st November, at 2.15pm at Leamington Cemetery. As usual, it will begin with a short service and then move on to the blessing of individual graves.

## CONFIRMATION

Our congratulations to all those who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening, and our thanks to Bishop Kenney for visiting the parish for this important milestone in the lives of our children.



These events in the spiritual life of the parish do not just 'happen' and we should thank everyone concerned, especially all those involved with the preparation and rehearsal of the children. We thank especially St. Joseph's School, Carmel who led the musicians, all those young people who took part in the liturgy and the parishioners who ensured that the church was clean and beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion.

*Thank you!*

## Church Maintenance Fund

Work that we plan to make headway with in the near to medium term include redecoration of the external part of the church, repair to the car park surface, repairs to the parish centre roof and replacement of the upper facias of the church clerestory window area. A tree or two may also have to be removed. I recognise that we already have particular second collections through the year, but it is proposed that we hold a collection monthly specifically aimed at sustaining our maintenance fund. I hope you will understand the need for this, considering the ongoing demand for upkeep of the fabric and keeping our wonderful facilities in serviceable condition. Very many thanks for your understanding in this regard.  
Fr. Bob

We are obtaining quotes for **repair** to a substantial part of our **car park** at present.

## Pre-School Liturgy

Some of you will be aware of our pre-school liturgy group. It is a wonderful facility for very young children and they meet in the HFR during the appropriate time in Mass. We really do need help from parents in order to make it a worthwhile. So if anyone can help out it would be most appreciated. Please see Fr. Bob or Sara Goodwin.

## Next Week—1st November

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

Jill Sheard, Jan Ireson  
**Pauline Mills**, Tony Harris, John Ireson  
Sr. Angela, Mary Hendry

### Readers:

Honor Hynes  
Clare Payne  
Anne Bergonzi

25th Oct	October Maintenance Collection
31/1 Nov	2nd Collection, Johnson Association
1st Nov	2.15pm Blessing of the Graves
8th Nov	10.00am Children's Mass
10th Nov	Bags 2 School
14/15th Nov	Special Collection for Refugees
16th Nov	4.30pm Finance Meeting
21/22nd Nov	2nd Coll. Catholic Youth Services
27th Nov	7.00pm Parish Requiem Mass
28/29th Nov	November Maintenance Collection
4th Dec	6-8.00pm Christmas Fete, school.
11th Dec	6.00pm Bingo at School

### Choir

Because, over time, we have lost some members of our choir, we are appealing for those in our parish community (male and female) who might like to offer their voices for the **10.00am Mass** on Sundays. Just turn up on Wednesday practice evenings or introduce yourself to the choir or Fr. Bob at Mass. You would be very welcome. Please do give it some thought. Many Thanks.

### Children's Mass

Our next Children's Mass is scheduled for Sunday 8th November at 10.00am. The ongoing arrangement is that we will have one Children's Mass during each half - term instead of using the last Sunday in each month. Future dates will be published in the list of Diary Events at the top of this page.

### MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Next week we reach November 2015 and there will be a purple box placed at the back of church, into which you can place names of those who you wish to pray for. There are slips of paper next to it for this purpose. At the conclusion to the month, when we celebrate our Requiem Mass, the box will be brought to the altar. This Mass will take place at 7.00pm on Friday 27th November.

### Matchbox Challenge

You may have noticed the basket of matchboxes in the porch! Justice & Peace challenge you to fit as many different items in your box as you can—£1.50 to enter. They are raising money to support The Philippine Community Fund. Have a look at the notice board to find out some more, and start 'thinking small'



### Employment Opportunities at Princethorpe

Details of two non-teaching posts at Princethorpe, to start after Christmas, are on the notice board.

## 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

### CATHOLICISM

#### *Our Journey in Faith*

Continuing each Tuesday at **7.30pm** is our 'faith exploration' programme here at St. Joseph's. It is an opportunity for us to learn more about our faith; what and why we believe. Through a beautifully presented DVD ten-week course, we will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why* while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The programme is presented by Fr. Robert Barron, an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago; an innovative teacher of the Faith who uses the new media to further <sup>WORD</sup> the New Evangelisation. He is also founder of <sup>ON FIRE</sup> Catholic Ministries.

It is hoped that, not only we as parishioners (all ages) may benefit, but also those who are not Catholic and might be interested in learning about the Faith. If you know of anyone who might have an interest **spread the word**. Do come along and enjoy a truly enriching experience. There will be opportunity to ask questions and discuss points if you wish but just come to deepen your insight in a friendly atmosphere. It will suit all! Fr. Barron is able to take the mysteries of Catholic Faith and present them in a manner that all can receive. We'll begin with light refreshment **from** about 7.15pm.

**[Volunteers to help set out tables/make tea/coffee would be VERY welcome.]** Thanks Fr. Bob

We all have questions that concern us about the Faith we try to live, so why not take up the offer.



### Bags 2 School

Please support this successful initiative to raise money for our school. Bags filled with clothes, soft toys, hand-bags, etc (but no bric-a-brac please) can be left in the church porch for collection by 1st November. Alternatively they can be dropped into school on the morning of 3rd November. Thank you!

