

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## *Newsletter*

**3rd May 2015**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

Our faith is riven with imagery and metaphor; particularly evident in the language Jesus uses in the Gospels. Many areas of everyday life, from fishing to business, to farming and vine-growing, are used to show how we are to live if we are to follow Jesus' invitation to life in God's Kingdom. The nature of the vine and its growth is the focus in today's Gospel, and we need to see where we, as branches, stand in relation to the stock plant. Just as a branch receives all its nourishment from the fluids originating from the main plant, so we can only have true life from being firmly joined to the Body of Christ. It will always remain a mystery which is why the Church is referred to as the 'Mystical Body of Christ'. But like all mysteries, their meaning will be revealed to us in the fullness of time. The sacrament of baptism grafts us onto the vine while it is the sacrament of the Eucharist that sustains us with the very substance of Christ's Body and Blood. This is both communal and personal. It is communal because we are one body with Christ as head, but also personal

since we are each uniquely loved and created 'branches' whose "raison d'être" is to bear fruit. It is well worth us remembering this when we, as Church, ask our selves how we are to evangelise and be a real part of mission. Our ideas, plans, schemes and programmes have to flow from the fruit of healthy branches remaining firmly attached to the vine.



IF YOU  
ABIDE IN ME  
YOU WILL BEAR  
MUCH FRUIT —

Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Welfare of Helen Dunbar</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: B. O'Connor</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Caelen Lea Connolly</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Welfare of Eileen Hogg</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> 3rd May <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Justice and Peace Group 
<i>Bank Holiday</i> <b>10.00am</b> <i>Mass: Fr. Alan Holtham RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b> 4th May English Martyrs Feast</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Dancing</i></p>
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Dr. Than Tut RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b> 5th May Easter Feria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club
<i>No service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b> 6th May Easter Feria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group
7.00pm <i>Mass: Intentions of Simon and Meg on their marriage</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b> 7th May Easter Feria</p>	Hall in use for the elections <i>No Music Group</i> <i>No Weight Watchers</i> 1.30pm Evangelii Gaudium meeting, St. Peter's 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 154 Radford Road
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Fr. Joseph McKenna RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b> 8th May Easter Feria</p>	4-6.00pm Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Fr. Archibald Snell RIP</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b> 9th May Easter Feria</p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World
10.00am <i>Mass: George Kajkowski</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Canon Anthony Allport RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> 10th May <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Youth Group  6.00pm Youth Group
Collections £405.83 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 Clergy Training Fund £149.08 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Last Week</b> <b>26th April</b></p>	Attendance: 262 

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# Announcements

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## 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, Eddie Hoare.

<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

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## Anniversaries

John Dorman, Frederick Walters, Jim Harding, Frank Harvey, Maurice Fitzgerald

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

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## Baptism

**Caelen Lea Connolly**  
Sunday 3rd May at 12 Noon

**Thomas Josef McGarvey**  
Saturday 16th May at 12 Noon

**Baptism Preparation Meetings:** By appointment, application form having been completed, these usually take place on the last Monday of the month, at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

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## Sponsorship

One of our parishioners, Marie Banner is doing a sponsored walk around Southam on 12th June to raise money for:

The Stroke Association  
Epilepsy Action  
Mind  
Parkinson's UK

*Marie will be at the back of church with sponsor forms*

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## Safeguarding and Documentation

We need to have our safeguarding administration and documentation up to date. Could any volunteers (from CHILDREN'S LITURGY, EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY, YOUTH GROUP WORKERS, ADULT ALTAR SERVERS, SACRISTANS AND CATECHISTS) 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 all documentation is up to date. Form completion will be fully explained and shouldn't be time consuming. We will guide you through it. Many thanks for your patience and understanding. We do rely upon our generous teams to allow the parish to function.

*This item remains because there are still roles which need to be covered by the Safeguarding forms.*

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## REPAIR WORK TO THE PARISH CENTRE PORCH

We have recently expended a significant amount of money on repairs to this relatively new addition to the Parish Centre. Some roof glass has been replaced and just a little more work remains to be done to that.

More importantly, the outer electric doors have been repaired at great expense. Coming in from outside, the doors are sensor operated **so please do not try to push the doors open**. Exiting from inside, it is necessary to press the metal button, **it is not necessary to pull the doors**.

Used properly, the door system should operate successfully over some considerable time.

*Many thanks*

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## Nepal Earthquake Appeal

CaFod have launched an earthquake appeal for the victims of last week's quake. Anyone who wishes to donate to this fund may use the baskets at the back of church.

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## Next Week—10th May 2015

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
May Murphy, Jill Sheard  
John Ireson, David Harwar, Pauline Mills  
Tony Harris, Sr. Angela

**Readers:**  
Honor Hynes  
Clare Payne  
Anne Bergonzi

16th May	March for Life, Birmingham
6/7th June	200 Club collections
21st June	First Communion
22nd Oct	Confirmations

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### EMPLOYMENT

Director of Education at the Diocesan Education Service: Application pack for download>> <http://www.bdes.org.uk/jobvacancies.html>

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a Deputy Head Teacher from September 2015. Information from the school on 01926427552.

Princethorpe College: Teacher vacancies for Religious Studies and Philosophy & Ethics; and French. Details [www.princethorpe.co.uk](http://www.princethorpe.co.uk)

Crackley Hall School: Full-time Key Stage 2 Class Teacher Details: [www.crackleyhall.co.uk](http://www.crackleyhall.co.uk)

Diocesan Education Service: Vacancies for a Senior Officer for Capital Projects and Place Planning and for an Adviser to Primary Schools Details [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk)

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### The Little Red Boxes

Thanks to all box holders who have brought their boxes in to June and Lennie. Most of you should have received them back by this time. If you have been away, please bring your box in when you come to Mass *as soon as possible*, and pass it to Lennie or June Arran, leaving it in the sacristy if you don't see either of them. It will be collected from there. Don't worry if your box is not filled yet - just bring it in as it is, and ***please make sure your box is named.***

Grateful thanks to all who hold the little red boxes and fill them so generously.

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### Parish Office

If you wish to book the parish centre for an event, you can contact the parish secretary on Mondays and Thursdays, between the hours of 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Either come to the side door and knock, or telephone on 01926 772712.

## 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

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### 200 Club

Congratulations to all the winners of the 200 Club for May: Marian Dwyer (£50), Pat Brash (£30) and Sr Angela (£20).

If you would like to join please speak to either Anne Buttrum (422174) or Fr Bob. The next collection will take place the first weekend of June.

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### Discussion Groups on Evangelii Gaudium

This group restarted on Thursday 30th April by popular request: after 12.30pm Mass (please bring own lunch) at 1.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St. Peter's Parish Centre. For those who cannot attend a daytime group please contact Peter 428399

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### MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Archbishop Bernard Longley has been promoting this march due to take place on 16 May, and personally invited people to join the march. He spoke about this in his homily at the men's Mass at St Chad's cathedral on bank holiday Monday (see the website: <http://marchforlife.co.uk/?p=23190>). Please encourage your friends and family to come along. Keep praying for this day and that many hearts and minds will be touched by the witness we will be giving.

*The aims of March for Life UK are to be a positive witness to the pro-life message amongst the general public, to raise awareness of abortion and the effect that it has on society as a whole, to join various pro-life groups together, celebrate the hard work that they do and encourage people to get involved with the pro-life groups in their own particular area of the country.*

"Life from Conception No Exception."