

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

St. Joseph's Parish

Murcott Road East, Whitnash CV31 2JJ

01926 772712

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Robert Devaney

st.josephs47@outlook.com

Emergency-only contact no: 07591910176



Newsletter

8th March 2015

3rd Sunday of Lent

‘Gentle Jesus, meek and mild.’ I’m sure we remember hearing this description of our Lord and Saviour sometime in our past catechesis. After all, we’ve been taught to become more ‘Christ-like’; to live the Beatitudes and to look forward to all they promise. Yet now, in the early part of John’s Gospel, we meet an angry, violent Jesus who clears out Jerusalem’s Temple with a whip. It’s obviously the same Jesus we’ve followed throughout the Gospel story so we need to see our Redeemer in His totality. Jesus is Son of Man and Son of God and these two natures are manifested in the way He teaches us and draws us to Himself. We should be aware that every action of Jesus the Christ is calculated and has purpose. In the Temple Jesus does not “lose it” as some might assume. There is no irrationality here, but holy zeal and righteous ‘anger’ - both used to teach and inform. It is when we understand that Christ is the ‘Temple’ in the fullest sense that His action is truly seen as not only authoritative but actually essential. Christ has come, not only to point out the inadequacy of the Law, but to show that He IS that law raised to the

highest spiritual level. To the deepest level of His being Jesus is absolute love and absolute forgiveness. But when He walked on earth Jesus would have made use of the common practises to teach us and, when necessary, admonish us.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Margaret Dowling RIP</i> <i>There is a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance.</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: James Ballentine RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Sheila Hepburn RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Tuesday Club</p> 
<p>2.15pm <i>School Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady</i> <i>Mass: Bridget and Bill Thacker</i></p>	<p>Monday 9th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>11.00am Justice & Peace AGM at 73, Kingsley Road, Bishops Tachbrook</p> <p>7.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's</p> <p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Myrtle and Peggy Keating RIP</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 10th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club 7.30pm 'Finding a Voice', St. Margaret's 2-3.00pm + Marriage Preparat- 7.30-9.00pm ion Course</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 11th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Sr. M. Emmanuel O'Sullivan</i></p>	<p>Thursday 12th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group 1.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: In Thanksgiving (D & M)</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>	<p>Friday 13th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Lenten Scripture Reflections, Hall</p> <p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Iris Doreen Geary RIP</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Mass: John McMahon RIP</i></p>	<p>Saturday 14th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 1-4.30pm Hall booked</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: The Moran Family</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Justice and Peace Group</p>  <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p>
<p>Collections £454.62 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 CAFOD Fast Day £707.55</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 1st March</p>	<p>Attendance: 250</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, Eddie Hoare.

Heathcote Hospital	Margaret McLaughlin
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

Margaret Patricia Gallagher, Mary McSharry, Kathleen Farrell, Denis O'Rourke, Helen Werner, Ronald Wildman

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Baptism

Caelen Lea Connolly

Sunday 3rd May 2015 at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation Meetings

These are usually held on the last Monday in any month, at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

Fr. Sebastian Namattathil

We have staying with us Fr. Sebastian, from Kerala, who is in our parish for a few weeks. Fr. Sebastian has cared for parishes in India and will now be spending time gaining insight into the life and workings of a parish within our archdiocese before taking up his role as chaplain to the Keralan community as well as looking after a diocesan parish of his own. He will be resident in the presbytery and is keen to be of service to us, pastorally and in other practical ways. Knowing St. Joseph's parish and your ability to provide a warm welcome, I feel sure Fr. Sebastian will very soon be made to feel at home as he begins to establish himself within our diocese and to share his pastoral experience with us.

ACTIVITIES DURING LENT 2015

Stations of the Cross

We will be holding Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm. 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: 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 at the Chapter House, St Margaret's Church, on Tuesdays (10, 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

We have some spare books which you may purchase 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

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!*

Youth Group Garden Design Competition

Many thanks to all those who entered the Garden Design Competition. The Parish Council had a difficult task to decide which one to choose. They were all interesting, but in the end they decided on a design that would be easier to maintain. The Parish Council short-listed 7 and finally came up with the design by Conor Turner. Congratulations to Conor, the prize of £25 will be presented at the next Youth Group meeting on 15th March.



Next Week—15th March 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Josephine Whittington, Jill Sheard
John Ireson, Tony Harris, Adam Borley
Paddy Close, Shelagh Price

Readers:

Honor Hynes
Sophie Morton
Carol Bowler

7/8th Mar 2nd Collection: Cathedral
Maintenance
29th Mar 11.00am Easter Fayre, Hall

Skittles Evening

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to put on the skittles evening last weekend and to those who came along and supported their efforts. Everyone had a great time - more than 90 people were present and £148 was raised towards our church maintenance fund. Much appreciated.

Easter Fayre. Sunday 29th March 11am

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. **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

200 Club

Congratulations to Rose Gately, Catherine Thurugood and Len Arran for winning the 200 Club draw for March.

If you would like to join in time for the special Easter prize please contact Anne Buttrum (422174) or Fr Bob.

Pilgrimage Opportunity

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

Items for the Bulletin

Thanks to those who are able to send their items for the bulletin by e-mail, it is really helpful. Fr. Bob's address is :

st.josephs47@outlook.com and Jan's **changed e-mail** is:

janvireson@gmail.com -

ideally we would like to receive notices by Thursday night, please!

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday: Dancing
Tuesday: Tuesday Club
Wednesday: Art /Choir
Thursday: Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday: Karate
Saturday: Slimming World
Sunday: Youth Club

YOUTH GROUP

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!

Justice and Peace

J&P AGM to be held on Monday 9th March at 73, Kingsley Road, Bishop Tachbrook at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. But we would be very pleased to meet anyone who has an interest in Justice and Peace and who would be willing to take a small part, or indeed a large part, in the activities of our group.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY—Friday 27th February

Thank You

There was a wonderful response to the CAFOD Fast Day on Friday 27th February, with the collection taking place last weekend. The result was an amazing £707.55 which is significantly higher than the previous Fast Day collections. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

General Election 2015

The Bishops have written a joint letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies are still available in the Narthex and can be obtained with other information, from the Bishop's Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk. Please read the letter and encourage others to do the same.