

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## *Newsletter*

**10th May 2015**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Conversion is a wonderful thing when we realise that what we have been converted to, or won over by, changes our life for the good. On the mundane level politicians may talk of the moment they committed themselves to a particular party or cause. But on the level of faith and belief conversion is, or should be, life changing to our core. Whilst we can agree with this, it is evident that conversion happens for all of us in different ways and at different times of our lives. We don't all have a 'road to Damascus' experience like St. Paul; many people grow into faith slowly with a gradual 'awakening'. We might well wonder when Peter became converted to following Jesus Christ as God. His is an extraordinary story of coming to belief and we know that he experienced much personal struggle. Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles throws light on how true full conversion works. It is easy to imagine that since Peter was the 'First' apostle and leader, with the confidence of the Lord Himself, his knowledge of that early Church's mission would be complete. However, Peter's vision on the rooftop gave him an essential insight into who the Gospel was for; everyone! Not just the Jews. So, even Peter's conversion would be ongoing throughout his life. Let us take up Jesus' wonder-

ful offer in today's Gospel passage when we are invited to be God's friends; a promise and invitation that calls for our daily lifelong 'conversion'.



**AS I HAVE LOVED YOU**

Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</i> 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> 	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Youth Group  6.00pm Youth Group
2.15pm <i>School Mass: Private Intention</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady</i> <i>Mass: Mary J. Dudley</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b>            11th May            Easter Feria</p>	4.30pm Finance Committee 8-9pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Canon Gerard Hanlon RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b>            12th May            Easter Feria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club
<i>No service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b>            13th May            Easter Feria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group
7.00pm <i>Mass: Intentions of MK</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b>            14th May            St. Matthias            Feast</p>	Church Cleaning - Team 2 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 1.30pm Evangelii Gaudium meeting, St. Peter's 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Mrs. McKenna RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b>            15th May            Easter Feria</p>	10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR 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> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Thomas McGarvey</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Fr. Steuart Chancellor RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b>            16th May            Easter Feria</p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 2.00pm Mass for the Sick, St. Peter's 2.00pm March for Life UK, Birmingham
<i>World Communications Day</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Shamey and Eamon Buckley</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Jenny and Darren Allister</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b>            17th May  <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>  <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Youth Group 
Collections £457.58 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 Nepal Earthquake collection (so far) £329.54 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Last Week</b>            3rd May</p>	Attendance: 234 

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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 Curham, Billy Harris, Jennifer Allister, Molly Henderson

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

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## Baptism

**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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## 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. **Due to last week's short notice we will extend our appeal for one more week.**

## Safeguarding and Documentation

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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## Marriage Help and Guidance

RETROUVAILLE is a service provided by the Catholic Church to couples who are experiencing difficulties with their marriage. It has helped many couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This programme can help you too; no group therapy or group work involved. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend on 12th-14th June 2015, please visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or call or text 07887296983.

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## Reading at Mass

We would always welcome new readers who are willing to read at Mass. We are, perhaps, especially in need of help for the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6.30pm: currently there are only two people sharing that role between them. Please give some thought as to whether you could support the liturgy in this way, and speak to Fr. Bob.

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## Technical HELP

We would like to transfer our new set of hymns on CD's to an MP3 format or similar so that we can play them and control things remotely. If anyone in the parish can simply give me advice on how this can be done and the type of inexpensive equipment that would have to be used please see me. At present we use a CD player.

Many thanks Fr. Bob

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## Next Week—17th May 2015

6.30pm Vigil	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Stephen McFadden, Paddy Taylor
10.00am	Tony Harris, Adam Borley, David Harwar
5.00pm	Shelagh Price, Paddy Close

**Readers:**  
June Arran  
Salvatore Monastero  
Mary Cawood

11th May	4.30pm Finance Committee
16th May	March for Life, Birmingham
6/7th June	200 Club collections
7th June	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting
21st June	First Communion
27/28th June	Collection: Peter's Pence
11/12th July	Collection: Apostleship of the Sea
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>

**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. If you have not yet managed to do this, please bring yours in as soon as possible. You can pass it to Lennie or June Arran, or leave it in the sacristy. 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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### Lectio Divina

This quiet reflective look into Sunday's scripture will be on this coming Friday 15th May at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. Newcomers and not-so-newcomers will all be equally welcome. It lasts about an hour and is a very gentle look at what the Lord is saying to us, as individuals.

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### Whitnash Big Tidy Up

The Youth Group are planning to be involved in the Whitnash Big Tidy Up on **Saturday 13th June**. We will meet at Washbourne Fields (off Landor Road) at just before **9.45am**. Please make sure you wear old clothes and gardening gloves if you have them.

We will be helping the local councillors to pick up litter. Bags and other equipment will be provided.

We will finish at Washbourne Close at about 11.00am and then move on to Acre Close at 11.15am. If you are unable to make the first session, perhaps you could join for the second one. This will run from 11.15am-12.30 at Acre Close.

## 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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### MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Archbishop Bernard Longley has been promoting this march due to take place on 16th May, and personally invited people to join the march.

There will be Mass at the cathedral at 10am for those who wish to go, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Pro-life stalls will be from 11-12.15 in the hall, 12.15 -1pm will be live Christian music. 1pm the Archbishop will welcome everyone to the cathedral then the MC's will introduce themselves followed by Gianna's testimony. We will sing a hymn then leave the cathedral at around 2pm and begin the march through the city centre. We arrive at Chamberlain Square where there will be a further short testimony, music & prayer guided by the MCs. People will then disperse & make their own ways to transport etc

*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."

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### Mass for the Sick

There will be a special Mass for the Sick at St Peter's on Saturday 16th May at 2.00pm. This will be followed by tea - until 4.00pm.

It is hoped that residents from Castel Froma will attend and it will be a special event, including St. Peter's choir. All are very welcome.

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### Sr. Miriam

Blessed Miriam was often included in our intercessory prayers while Fr. Brian was at Whitnash - she had been instrumental in establishing the SCJ priests and brothers in Bethlehem and Nazareth and supported their work there. She is to be canonised by Pope Francis on Sunday 17th May. Our first Arab saint—St. Miriam, pray for us.