

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

St. Joseph's Parish

Murcott Road East, Whitnash CV31 2JJ

01926 772712

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Robert Devaney

www.stjosephswhitnash.co.uk

st.josephs47@outlook.com

Emergency-only contact no: 07591910176

St. Joseph's Primary School : Tel. no. 01926 427552



Newsletter

13th March 2016

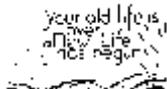
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Last week's readings directed our thoughts towards the importance of MEMORY, in so far as seeing it as a type of 'umbilical cord to the source of our life; God Himself. Memory, of course, can be selective depending upon what images from the past lift us or depress us. The prodigal son in last week's Gospel was saved by his memory as he remembered his father's love. This is the only memory we need to sustain us and give us life in the Spirit. In fact, we can say it is the 'memory' of God's love of us that informs and directs all others. It puts other memories (the destructive, depressive and painful ones) in their proper perspective. And this is reinforced when we consider this Sunday's readings. God, through the prophet Isaiah, calls us not to recall the past but to look and see the new thing God is doing. It is this radical call to move forward and learn to leave the past which is at the heart of the Gospel. This is because it represents the essential movement of repentance, forgiveness and new life. The woman in the Gospel, caught in adultery, had to meet the 'new life' she was offered in Jesus by putting her painful, condemnatory memories into the 'abyss' where they belong. She could then let go of all the mess



that had happened and move on into a differently configured way of living. As Christians we are called, also, to live this life of freedom; of letting go of our sins and leaving our past behind. We allow the 'saving' memory of God's love to annihilate the tormenting 'hob-goblin' memories that ensnare, torture, and inhibit our

true life from flourishing. Jesus lets go of our past sins but we are called to do so as well. We pray to be free to follow Him to new life.

Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: John Kelly RIP (DK)</i> <i>This weekend is our March Maintenance</i> <i>2nd Collection</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Children's Mass: Anselmo Bao</i> (H&MB)</p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Joan Cotter RIP (RG)</i></p>	<p>Sunday 13th March Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	<p>10.05am <i>Children's Liturgy</i> <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p><i>Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Sale after</i> <i>10.00am Mass.</i></p>
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>5.30pm <i>Reception of the body of</i> <i>Donald Rowe</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Geraldine Dryburgh RIP</i> (HU) <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 14th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm <i>Dancing</i></p>
<p><i>No Morning Rosary</i></p> <p>10.30am <i>Requiem Mass: Donald Rowe</i> <i>followed by Cremation at</i> <i>Oakley Wood</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Mass: Joan Cotter RIP</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 15th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm <i>Tuesday Club</i></p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 16th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am <i>Art Group</i> 7.30pm <i>Lent Series, St.</i> <i>Margaret's (Last</i> <i>session)</i></p>
<p>5.30pm <i>Reception of the body of Chris</i> <i>Lane</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Phil Lane RIP (MP)</i></p>	<p>Thursday 17th March St. Patrick Feast</p>	<p>Church Cleaning Team 2 10.45-12.15pm <i>Music Group</i> 7-8.00pm <i>Weight Watchers</i></p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Joan Cotter RIP (MD)</i></p> <p>2.00pm <i>Requiem Mass: Chris Lane</i> <i>followed by cremation at</i> <i>Oakley Wood</i></p> <p>No Stations of the Cross this evening</p>	<p>Friday 18th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>10.00am <i>Lectio Divina, Hall</i> <i>(Last one of Lent)</i></p> <p>4-6.00pm <i>Karate</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Penitential Service,</i> <i>St. Peter's</i></p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Monica Silk (SA)</i></p> <p>10.00am - 10.30am <i>Sacrament of</i> <i>Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: The well being of</i> <i>Con McHugh</i></p>	<p>Saturday 19th March St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity</p>	<p>8.30am <i>Slimming World</i></p> <p>10.30am <i>Slimming World</i></p> <p>10.30-12.30pm <i>Morning of Reflec</i> <i>tion for Eucharistic</i> <i>Ministers, in Church</i></p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Elaine Rowe</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Kieran Long RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p> 	<p>10.05am <i>Children's Liturgy</i> <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>Collections £449.21 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 Cathedral Maintenance £207.02 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 6th March</p>	<p>Attendance: 275</p> 

Announcements

OUR SICK

Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Maureen Cowell

Woodloes House Angele Handford
The Lawns Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn, Rosa Venetico, Mary Behan, John L'Estrange, Pierre de Spa

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

Stratford Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home Robbie Burns
Craighaven Rory O'Rourke
Galanos House Marjorie Smedley

ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Werner, James Downey, Roland Wildman,
Frank Benson, Joyce Collins, Hugh Williams

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation: In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s should take first responsibility for bringing them up in the faith.



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for the Cummins and Fletcher family

Hand in Hand Group Presentation

There will be a small group of 8 or 10 from our local Warwick and Leamington Hand in Hand Group, giving a post communion reflection involving music and signing at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 3rd April. Liz Weston will be giving a short talk before the second collection. The collection is to assist the group in travelling to Vatican City, to take part in a conference called "Living Fully 2016" from 24th to 26th June

RECENTLY DECEASED

Donald Rowe, a parishioner, died in hospital Friday 20th February after a sudden illness. His body will be brought into St. Joseph's at 5.30pm 14th March and his requiem will be on Tuesday 15th March at 10.30am followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Chris Lane, a long-standing and active parishioner died in Warwick Hospital on Saturday 5th March. Her body will be received into church at 5.30pm on Thursday 17th March and her Requiem Mass will be at 2.00pm on Friday followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Our sympathies and prayers go out to all their families.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

New Eucharistic Ministers

Please give some thought about volunteering to serve the parish in this way and speak to Fr. Bob if you are prepared to offer your services.

We particularly need **more Eucharistic Ministers for the 10.00am Mass.**

Morning of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers

On the morning of Saturday 19th March (from 10.30am until 12.30pm) there will be a two hour session of reflection and Eucharistic Adoration for our parish ministers. It will consist of a DVD presentation and opportunity for brief discussion (and future planning) followed by Exposition. Please do take this opportunity if possible since some important issues and concerns can be aired.

Many Thanks

Fr. Bob

If you have volunteered to take on Eucharistic Ministry this Easter, then please do come along on 19th March—you will be very welcome.

Ministers' and Readers' Rotas for April, May and June are ready for collection, named, from the white folder in the Sacristy.

Local Fundraiser

Local Whitnash man, Matt Bates, is raising money for special treatment for his cancer. If you would like to find out more go to: <http://www.matt-bates.co.uk/2016/03/07/not-the-scan-we-wanted-but-theres-still-hope/>

Easter Fun Fund Raising

We have a number of fund raising activities over the Easter period to raise money for new skylights for the Church:



Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Sale- after mass on Sunday 13th March

Easter Quiz - quiz sheets on sale shortly

Easter Raffle Hamper - tickets on sale this weekend

Next Week—20th March 2016 (Palm Sunday)

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Paddy Taylor, Jan Ireson
Myrna Harwar, David Harwar, Tony Harris
Paddy Close, Mary Hendry

Readers:

Carol Bowler
Salvatore Monastero
Bernard Bergonzi

13th March	10.00am next Children's Mass
12/13th March	March Maintenance Collection
13th March	11.15am Easter Egg Raffle/Hunt
22nd March	7.00pm Penitential Service
23rd March	Chrism Mass, Cathedral
25th March	Collection for the Holy Places
3rd April	Hand in Hand group performing after Communion at 10.00am Mass
16th April	Quiz Night

EASTER LITURGIES

Time is pressing and we are already approaching our Holy Week liturgy and the Paschal Triduum. This period is the source and summit of the Eucharist we celebrate every week and we are invited to become a part of it in the fullest sense.

There are leaflets available at the back of church with the times of services for Holy Week and the Triduum - do take one home so that you are aware of everything that is happening, and take extra ones to give away.

There will also be lists available, so that you may volunteer to take part in these special liturgies, e.g. as a Reader or a participant in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.

Altar Servers add enormously to the dignity and solemnity of these important occasions and are a great help to the smooth running of the liturgies. Perhaps parents could encourage our servers, who have a lot of demands on their time, to make a particular commitment to the Easter Triduum, and it would be wonderful to see all our older servers supporting them.



 The Easter services are full of extra liturgical symbolism, eg the new fire at the Vigil, and we need behind the scenes help to make sure everything goes according to plan. Please volunteer if you can.

Last but not least: our church is always kept beautifully clean and we have a talented team  of flower arrangers who ensure that it is fittingly decorated, so it would be a good idea if a small group could offer to clean the brassware. There's a list for anyone who is willing to do this.

 Re the flowers: We would be grateful for any contributions towards flowers for Easter - please put any offerings into the flower box on the left of the main door. *Thank you!*

Please do offer to take a part, especially during the Triduum - The Mass of the Lord's Supper through to Easter Sunday. You will be much appreciated and will help everyone enjoy a wonderful tribute to the Lord.

- ◆ Please could altar servers arrive 30 minutes before the start of the Easter Services (especially the Triduum) to go through the details. *Thank you!*

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT 2016

Stations of the Cross

We have been holding Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm. Stations of the Cross is traditionally an important part of our preparation for the glory of Easter Day.



Lectio Divina

The last of our Lenten Scripture Reflection Hours will be this coming Friday, 18th March, at 10.00am in the hall. All will be very welcome.

Experiencing God's Love

The last meeting of this series will be this coming Wednesday 16th March at St. Margaret's, at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Dates for local Penitential Services are:

St Peter's at 7.00pm on Friday 18th March
St. Mary Immaculate at 7.00pm on Monday 21st March
St. Joseph's at **7.00pm on Tuesday 22nd March**

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available in our parish every Saturday morning following Mass.

Good Friday: HUNGER LUNCH at noon in the hall.

Taking place at St. Peter's Church:

Sunday 20 March Stainer's Crucifixion sung by Diatonic Choir, 2.30pm in the Church

Tuesday 22 March Passion Play by Caramba Theatre Company, in the Church

Newcomers to the Parish

There have been a few new faces noticed at our Sunday Masses in recent months; a very welcome addition to our parish community. If you are new to the parish please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and complete a very simple green parish census form which you will find in the narthex. It will give us a chance to get to know you whilst offering you the opportunity for involvement in activities/groups that may interest you. Many thanks Fr. Bob

Bright yellow sheets, containing our Holy Week and Easter services, are available in the Narthex. Please do take a few and distribute them to anyone who may be interested.