

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## Newsletter

14th February 2016

First Sunday of Lent

We all probably recognise the advantages of living in a high-tech, modern, comfortable society in which the fruits of human progress allow us to imagine what we can achieve in many spheres of life; now and to come. And there's certainly nothing untoward in this way of thinking. However, there needs to be a disposition that follows from this recognition, and it is gratitude. As a modern society we come to expect so much and take so much for granted. This also, sadly, seems to bring about a 'blame culture' which is all too prevalent. In fact, these advantages we enjoy ought to instil a deep sense of thankfulness in us because this has much to commend it. Those unfortunate folk who were caught up in the recent floods would have been acutely aware of how quickly and unexpectedly we can lose the very things that give us security and the benefits of living in a convenience society. Now that our Christian calendar brings us to the season of Lent it is a wonderful opportunity to reconfigure ourselves to thinking about our poverty and vulnerability before the one who brought us into existence. The Lord certainly isn't demanding we punish ourselves, or expecting a fearsome sacrifice or sin-offering for

the sake of it. Rather, He is asking us to 'come back to Him' with our hearts broken, not our garments torn. Lent is the gift that provides us with a chance to deny ourselves or to push ourselves in a realistic, prayerful and loving way; a way that God will supply us if we ask Him. So, maybe it is a good idea to spend some time with Him in gentle prayer to allow God to show us a way of manifesting this act of Lenten love in our everyday lives. Let us give THANKS.



Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Jim Falvey RIP</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Irene Chidzick RIP</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Jessica Naomi Bevan</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Joan Cotter (JQ)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> 14th February <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i>  <i>Coffee and Tea follows the 10.00am Mass in the church hall</i>
<i>No School Mass</i>  7.00pm <i>Mass: Mary Kelly RIP (AC)</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b> 15th February Lent Feria</p>	8-9.00pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Rose Leonard RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b> 16th February Lent Feria</p>	10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club
<i>No Service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b> 17th February Lent Feria</p>	<i>No Art Group</i>  7.30pm Lent Series, St. Margaret's
11.15am <i>Requiem Mass for David Kelly</i> 12.45pm <i>Cremation at Oakley Wood</i>  5.30pm <i>Reception of the body of Phil Lane</i>  7.00pm <i>Mass: Michael McGreevy RIP (Ireland)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b> 18th February Lent Feria</p>	Church Cleaning - Team 2 <i>No Music Group</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
<i>No Novena to the Sacred Heart today</i>  9.30am <i>Requiem Mass for Phil Lane</i> 11.00am <i>Burial at Leamington Cemetery</i>  7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b> 19th February Lent Feria</p>	10.00am Lectio Divina, Hall 4-6.00pm Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Joan Cotter RIP (JQ)</i> 10-10.45am <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i>  <i>CAFOD Lent Fast Day collection</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Michael McGreevy RIP (Ireland)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b> 20th February Lent Feria</p>	8.30am Slimming World  10.30am Slimming World
10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Ian and Jane Kirby RIP</i> <i>The second collection this weekend will be our contribution from Family Fast Day for CAFOD</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> 21st February <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i>
Collections £ 437.78 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 Pro-Life Collection £221.14  <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Last Week</b> 7th February</p>	Attendance: 268 

# 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, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Mary Moran.

<b>Woodloes House</b>	Angele Handford
<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn, Rosa Zantico, Mary Behan
<b>Clarence House</b>	Winifred Galvin
<b>Eversleigh N. H.</b>	Mollie Benson
<b>Clarendon Manor</b>	Marie Kelly, Mary Craig
<b>Stratford</b>	Monty Jenkinson
<b>RLS Nursing Home</b>	Robbie Burns
<b>Craighaven</b>	Rory O'Rourke

## ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Tagert, Maureen Halsey, Edward Sullivan,  
Patrick Flynn, Francis Salters  
*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.

## CAFOD Fast Day - Friday 19th February.

Please take an envelope today for your fast-day offering and bring it back for collection next week. The Government will double your donation!



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle  
burns for Margaret T's private  
intention*

## Novena to the Sacred Heart

We have now begun to incorporate the Novena to the Sacred Heart into our Friday morning Mass whenever this is possible. Except for the period of Lent (when we have Stations of the Cross) our First Friday Mass with the Novena will be in the evening as usual.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Phil Lane.** Phil's body will be received into church at 5.30pm on Thursday 18th February and his Requiem Mass will be at 9.30am on Friday 19th February, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery .

**David Kelly,** David's Requiem Mass will be this Thursday 18th February at 11.15am followed by cremation at Oakley Wood at 12.45pm

**Chrissie Fitzpatrick,** Chrissie's Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am on Friday 26th February, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 12.30

Please also remember Whitnash teenager, Kieren Long, who was tragically killed last weekend.

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

## Coffee and Tea after Sunday Mass

Interest has now been shown in providing facilities on a regular basis. **Please let me know if you could be a part of this group. It would be encouraging in many respects if we were able to keep this social opportunity going, so please give it some thought. The parish would ensure all necessary beverages/edibles were kept in the kitchen, so volunteers would not need to bring anything.** Many thanks to all those who have helped to run this facility for so long. ☕

Fr. Bob

## Womens' World Day of Prayer

The Whitnash branch's service will take place on Friday 4th March 2016 at St. Margaret's Church at 10.30am, with our "Welcome Café" open for coffee and cake etc from 9.45am until 10.30am and again after the service. Please join us for fellowship and chat before we worship together. The service is not just for women: men and children are also very welcome to attend, so everyone please do come along and help us mark this special day. **This year, St Joseph's Year 6 girls will be participating in the service, so please come along and support them if you are able.**

## Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting are available to read on the noticeboard in the narthex or at the back of the church and are also available on the website. Please take a few minutes to read through them to keep abreast of what is being discussed and planned in the parish.

Next Week—21st February 2016

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Stephen McFadden, May Murphy  
**David Harwar,** John Ireson, Adam Borley  
Kim Kearns, Mary Hendry

### Readers:

Alison McCleary  
Sophie Brain  
Anne Bergonzi



6/7th Feb	2nd Collection - Pro Life
20/21st Feb	Family Fast Day collection, CAFOD
27/28th Feb	February Maintenance Collection
4th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St. Margaret's
5/6th March	2nd Collection Cathedral Maintenance
13th March	10.00am next Children's Mass

**Year of Mercy**

The Church's 'Year of Mercy' began on 8th December last year and ends on 20th November 2016. There will be various resources including a small "Pilgrim Companion For the Year of Mercy" available in the Narthex. St. Peter's Leamington is our nearest Jubilee Church (there are 16 in the diocese) and further detail about how we may make use of such resource will come in due course.



**Walk With Me (Lent)**

You will find our delivered stock of 'Walk with me' booklets for Lent in the narthex. Please do take one for use during this important preparation period as we journey towards Easter. There is no cost, although a donation may be welcome. Also take a copy to give to relatives, friends or those you may know who might take comfort in it. There is also a good supply of Lent Calendars that the youngsters might appreciate to help reflect upon a daily theme.

**Our Lady's 7-Day Candle Intention**

The lamp hanging next to the statue of Our Lady is blue and contains a large 7-day candle. It seems proper to do this because the altar sanctuary only needs one lamp and a blue lamp would provide a welcome focus to Our Lady's corner on the right. We will need to establish a regular supply of these candles. You might also welcome the opportunity of sponsoring a candle for a week. If you would like to do this then simply write down (clearly) your intention next to the chosen week in the book and drop a donation into the box next to the kneeler. Please also write the intention on the small donation envelopes near the book. You may wish to add your name in brackets or your initials (entirely optional). The intention will then appear in that week's bulletin. (Suggested donation £3/4)

**Night Shelter**

The 2-page February Newsletter is available on the J&P table in the Narthex and is full of interesting and inspiring news. Please take a copy, and bring it back for someone else to read!

Parish Centre



**Weekly Events (during normal time)**

- Monday:** Dancing
- Tuesday:** Tuesday Club
- Wednesday:** Art /Choir
- Thursday:** Music Group / Weightwatchers
- Friday:** Karate

**OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT 2016  
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.



**Lectio Divina**

With Lent beginning on 10th February, our Scripture Reflection Hour will be held weekly throughout Lent on Fridays at 10.00am in the Hall. All will be very welcome.

**Experiencing God's Love - Five Images of Transformation**

This is the title of the Churches Together from Whitnash, Warwick Gates and Bishops Tachbrook's Lent Series this year. Sessions will be held at the Chapter House, St. Margaret's, every Wednesday evening of Lent, starting 17th February until 16th March at 7.30pm. There is a course book, costing £6. Don't worry if you haven't ordered one, copies will be available at St. Margaret's on the first evening. Everyone is welcome.

Dates for local Penitential Services will be printed in due course. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday morning during Exposition and Adoration

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*

