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Newsletter

17th January 2016

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Although we have begun Year C in regard to our Gospel readings from Luke, this Sunday's Gospel is taken from John. The miracle at the wedding feast at Cana is seen as the first of Jesus' signs, since John's is a Gospel emphasising the signs given by Christ. And the account of the miracle blesses the institution of marriage as God's intention for His creatures. What true marriage signifies points to the relationship between God and us; as the passage from Isaiah wonderfully brings out. In Isaiah the Lord takes joy in us and delights in our being even though we are His erring, exiled and fallen people. It is a divine joy expressed in the language of love, marriage and intimacy and shows the perfection in relationship that we are made for. Such a state hints at our destiny. The problem for us, however, as descendants of Adam and Eve, is how far the daily reality of family life appears from this perfection. The vast majority of us living within family life will know that, at some point, it will be experienced as a challenge, as daily household experience is further complicated by the fractures, diverse choices and more complex family relationships that are increasingly a part of our societies. But rather than seeing God only in our idealised, unreachable perfection, we desperately need to know that the Lord is in our mess and transforming our mistakes, our squabbles, our brokenness and emptiness. This is why we should see our families as "domestic churches" that, with the help of God's grace, become the seedbeds of true holiness.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Ann Flynn (SH)</p> <p><i>Peace Day</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass:</i> People of the Parish</p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass:</i> Jim Falvey (SH)</p>	<p>Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Parish Council Meeting</p>
<p><i>Octave of Christian Unity</i></p> <p>2.15pm <i>School Mass:</i> Fr. Joe McKenna</p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass:</i> The Coombes Family <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 18th January Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass:</i> Raymond Ruby</p> <p>11.00am <i>Requiem Mass:</i> Marianne Malyon <i>Followed by Burial at Leamington Cemetery</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 19th January St. Wulstan Feast</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p> <p>7.30pm <i>Christian Unity Service,</i> <i>Methodist Church</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 20th January Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass:</i> Oliver Storer RIP</p>	<p>Thursday 21st January St. Agnes Memoria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 2</p> <p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group</p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass:</i> Private Intention (LN)</p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 22nd January Feria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p> <p>7.00pm Vocations Group Meeting, Hall</p>
<p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass:</i> Fr. Anthony Sudlow RIP</p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Bob and Stephen Rogerson</p>	<p>Saturday 23rd January Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p> 	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p><i>Racial Justice Day</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Children's Mass:</i> Teresa and Michael Condon</p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass:</i> People of the Parish</p>	<p>Sunday 24th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Irish Music Group entertainment after the Children's Mass in the hall.</p> <p>1.00-4.00pm Hall booked</p>
<p>Collections £404.45</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 10th January</p>	<p>Attendance: 236</p> 

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, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage.

Warwick Hospital	Maureen Cowell
Woodloes House	Angele Handford
Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn, Kathleen Hammond
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Marie Kelly, Mary Craig
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Robbie Burns
Craighaven	Rory O'Rourke

ANNIVERSARIES

Edith Bird, Bob Rogerson, Patrick Lane, Maureen Rawsthorne, Fr. Joe McKenna, Pauline Jenkins, Tom Silk, Tony Cooper, Michael Crowley

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

BAPTISM

Jessica Naomi Bevan

14th February, 2016 at 12 Noon

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.

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting: Monday 25th January at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

Lectio Divina

With Lent beginning on 10th February, Lectio will be held weekly throughout Lent on Fridays at 10.00am in the Hall. The first one will be on 12th February and all will be very welcome.

Fr. Joe McKenna

This week will see the anniversary of Fr. Joe McKenna's death and the school Mass at 2.15pm on Monday will be for his intention. All are welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Marianne Malyon, mother of one of our parishioners Peter Malyon, died on 25th December. Her Requiem is at 11.00am on Tuesday 19th January at St. Joseph's, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

Eva Irvine, another of our parishioners, died last week in Warwick Hospital. Eva's funeral service will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 26th January at St. Joseph's, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Joan Cotter, a long-standing parishioner, died last weekend. Joan's Requiem will be 10.30am on Friday 5th February at St. Joseph's followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Monica Silk, another long-standing parishioner, died in Warwick Hospital on Wednesday, 13th January. Her funeral details will be published when available.

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

Church Maintenance Fund

[Keep checking this box and keep up to date]

Work that we plan to make headway with in the near to medium term include redecoration of the external part of the church, repairs to the parish centre roof and replacement of the upper facias of the church clerestory window area. Our monthly collection is aimed at sustaining the maintenance fund. I hope you will understand the need for this, considering the ongoing demand for upkeep of the fabric and keeping our facilities in serviceable condition. Very many thanks for your understanding in this regard. We hope to re-carpet the sanctuary next week. Fr. Bob



Coffee and Tea after Sunday Mass

We found that the existing rota no longer worked well for providing refreshments after the 10.00am Mass. It seems a shame, but we do really need to have a viable group of volunteers from this Mass making it worthwhile if it is to run. Interest has been shown, by a few, to form a group to provide facilities maybe every two weeks. **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.** A couple have already offered to be a part of a revised team. Many thanks to all those who have helped to run this facility for so long. Fr. Bob



Next Week—**24th January 2016**

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jill Sheard, Josephine Whittington
Tony Harris, David Harwar, Adam Borley
Paddy Close, Shelagh Price

Readers:

Alison McCleary
School
Amy Cawood

17th Jan	Parish Council Meeting
20th Jan	Christian Unity Service (Methodist Church, Whitnash) 7.30pm.
24th January	10.00am next Children's Mass
30/31st Jan	January Maintenance Collection
6/7th Feb	2nd Collection - Pro Life
20/21st Feb	Family Fast Day collection, CAFOD
27/28th Feb	February Maintenance Collection
13th March	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.



USED STAMPS

At this time when we have received more post than usual, please think of leaving your used stamps in the basket in the narthex. They are prepared by David and Myrna Harwar and sent to the Leprosy Mission to raise valuable funds for their important work.

Christian Unity Service

Our local Churches Together Annual Unity Service will be at Whitnash Methodist Church at 7.30pm this coming Wednesday evening, 20th January. St. Joseph's have been invited to participate through presenting four readings. If anyone can come to the service and could volunteer to read just let me know. It would be a great help. Many thanks, Fr. Bob.

200 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the January 200 Club draw—Donal Murphy won £50, Kim Kearns won £30 and Ethan Buttrum won £20. If you would like to join the 200 Club at £1 per month, please speak to Fr. Bob or Anne Buttrum.

Irish Music Group COMHALTAS

The group will be playing after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday 24th in order to help raise funds for the group. Do join us from 11.00am in St. Joseph's Parish Centre and enjoy some traditional music from our youngsters.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

NEWS FROM CAFOD

Cafod are looking for volunteers to join the CAFOD Team to take Global Justice into schools; helping them learn about the world and inspiring them to take action on poverty and injustice with Cafod. Full training and resources will be supplied and travel expenses covered. For further information, please contact CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722 944 or at Birmingham@cafod.org.uk

Scout Group

The 1st Whitnash Scout Group are appealing for boys and girls, aged from 10.5 –14 years. Numbers have dropped to the extent that they may be forced to close in February which would be a great shame if this local institution were to disappear. Contact: John McMahon, scout leader (01926775942) or first.whitnash@ntlworld.com.

The Homeless

This is the worst time of year to be without the basic comforts of home—the baskets in the porch are for tea, coffee and tins of non perishables to be given to those who have nothing. Thank you for all you give, consistently, to those in need.

Little Red Boxes - Missio

A little later than usual, this year, the Little Red Boxes are being called in to be counted and banked: the lifeblood of the missionaries' ability to spread the Gospel throughout the world. A heartfelt thank you to all who hold one of these boxes in their homes. June and Lennie Arran will be collecting the boxes throughout the weekend of 23rd and 24th January (next weekend!) before and after the Masses. If you need to bring your box at another time, or don't see Lennie or June, please leave it in the sacristy and they will collect it from there. Once again, thanks to St. Joseph's' parishioners who are always so very generous.