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Newsletter

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What provides us with the deepest feelings of self esteem and personal worth is the knowledge that we are valued; that we have particular role to fulfil. This role can be within a family setting or related to our work life and ambition. It is when this role or value in the eyes of others is threatened that we can lose that self-worth. In truth, our self esteem is what sustains us psychologically, emotionally and 'spiritually'. It is with this perception in mind that we find today's readings so challenging. Isaiah's depiction of the 'suffering servant' shows us one who is emptying himself of all 'human esteem'; crushed beneath every form of human degradation. But, although he is effectively emptied, he is promised a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. The Suffering Servant foreshadows Christ and His status on the Cross. For it is the crucified that has no power, no pleasure, no wealth and no self-esteem in the 'human' sphere. However, it is precisely by emptying Himself that the true eternal power of God can fill the void and enact the will of the Creator. It is this message that Jesus was giving to the sons of Zebedee, James and John. Their perceived sense of self worth was still rooted in worldly

honour, whereas Jesus emphasised that they would indeed follow Him but His path would involve complete human dereliction; a dereliction that God takes, fills and uses for the building up of His Kingdom. Such a vocation calls to each one of us also but the 'bottom line' of this vocation does not require each of us to be self-sufficient 'stones' but rather compliant 'cells' in the Body of Christ.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p><i>World Mission Day</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Philip Wetz RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Joe & Rose McGreevy</i></p> <p><i>Next weekend will be our church maintenance fund collection</i></p>	<p>Sunday 18th October Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Mike & Co</p>  <p>1-4.00pm Hall booked</p> <p>3.00pm St. Peter's Choir Concert</p>
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>Confirmation Practice 1.30pm—3.00pm</p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 19th October Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Derrick Bowler RIP</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 20th October Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p> <p>7.30pm Journey in Faith, hall.</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p> <p>6.30pm Confirmation Practice</p>	<p>Wednesday 21st October Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Parish Confirmation</i></p>  <p><i>Mass: Anthony Hawkins RIP</i></p>	<p>Thursday 22nd October Feria</p>	<p><i>No Music until Jan 2016</i></p> <p>6-10pm Hall in use for Confirmations</p> <p><i>No Weight Watchers this week</i></p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: John Sears RIP</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 23rd October Feria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p> <p>10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Marjorie Parsons RIP</i></p> <p><i>October Maintenance Collection</i></p>	<p>Saturday 24th October Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p> 	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>4.30pm <i>Reception of body of Teresa Martuccio</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Michael Long RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 25th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass</p> <p><i>No Youth Group</i></p> 
<p>Collections £358.69</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 11th October</p>	<p>Attendance: 210</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, Phil Lane

Warwick Hospital Peggy O'Rourke
Coventry Hospital Angele Handford
Heathcote Elizabeth Gaston
Kenilworth Grange Margaret Handy
The Lawns Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
Ellen Quinn, May Dorgan,
Clarence House Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H. Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor Mary Jenkinson, Marie Kelly
Mary Craig
Stratford Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home Bernie & Robbie Burns
Craighaven Rory O'Rourke

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Vincent, Tess Harding, Teresa Sugrue,
Anthony Hawkins, Sheily Miley

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Martuccio, a member of our parish, died on the 9th October. We offer our sympathies and condolences to her family. Teresa's body will be received into St. Joseph's church on Sunday 25th October at 4.30pm and her Requiem will be on 26th at 9.45am followed by interment at Leamington Cemetery.

Ellen Reynolds, another of our parishioners, died on 14th October after a recent illness. Our sympathies and prayers go out to her family. Ellen's funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

CONFIRMATION

This coming Thursday we welcome Bishop William Kenney who will administer the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be two practices in the church for this: Monday 19th October in the afternoon, and Wednesday 21st October at 6.30pm—**please could parents and sponsors attend this practice.**

Blessing of the Graves

This will take place on Sunday, 1st November, at 2.15pm at Leamington Cemetery. As usual, it will begin with a short service and then move on to the blessing of individual graves.

Church Maintenance Fund

Work that we plan to make headway with in the near to medium term include redecoration of the external part of the church, repair to the car park surface, repairs to the parish centre roof and replacement of the upper facias of the church clerestory window area. A tree or two may also have to be removed. I recognise that we already have particular second collections through the year, but it is proposed that we hold a collection monthly specifically aimed at sustaining our maintenance fund. I hope you will understand the need for this, considering the ongoing demand for upkeep of the fabric and keeping our wonderful facilities in serviceable condition. Very many thanks for your understanding in this regard.
Fr. Bob

We are obtaining quotes for **repair** to a substantial part of our **car park** at present.

Youth Group Ramble

Congratulations to our Youth Group for taking part in a sponsored ramble for BBC Children in Need. It was part of the TV programme Countryfile's contribution to the charity and will go towards supporting disadvantaged children across the country.

It's not too late - the sponsor forms are in the narthex!
We will publish the results of their efforts when they are known.

St. Peter's Choir Concert

On **Sunday 18th October** at 3.00pm in the church. St. Peter's Choir will be joined by the Swan Singers from Kineton in a performance of Faure's Requiem. **Admission is free.** The concert will be followed by teas and coffees in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Pre-School Liturgy

Some of you will be aware of our pre-school liturgy group. It is a wonderful facility for very young children and they meet in the HFR during the appropriate time in Mass. We really do need help from parents in order to make it a worthwhile. So if anyone can help out it would be most appreciated. Please see Fr. Bob or Sara Goodwin.

Next Week—25th October

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil Stephen McFadden, Paddy Taylor
10.00am **Adam Borley**, Pauline Mills, Myrna Harwar
5.00pm Paddy Close, Shelagh Price

Readers:

June Arran
Sophie Morton
Bernard Bergonzi

22nd Oct	7.00pm Confirmations
25th Oct	October Maintenance Collection
10th Nov	Bags 2 School
31/1 Nov	2nd Collection, Johnson Association
1st Nov	2.15pm Blessing of the Graves
8th Nov	10.00am Children's Mass
14/15th Nov	Special Collection for Refugees
16th Nov	4.30pm Finance Meeting
21/22nd Nov	2nd Coll. Catholic Youth Services
28/29th Nov	November Maintenance Collection
4th Dec	6-8.00pm Christmas Fete, school.
11th Dec	6.00pm Bingo at School

Our Website

If there is anyone who would like to be involved in providing material for it, e.g. taking photographs of parish events and milestones (or even just making it more attractive). How about a facility to send and receive tweets? please see Fr. Bob

Choir

Because, over time, we have lost some members of our choir, we are appealing for those in our parish community (male and female) who might like to offer their voices for the 10.00am Mass on Sundays. Just turn up on Wednesday practice evenings or introduce yourself to the choir or Fr. Bob at Mass. You would be very welcome. Please do give it some thought. Many Thanks.

Children's Mass

Our next Children's Mass is scheduled for Sunday 8th November at 10.00am. The ongoing arrangement is that we will have one Children's Mass during each half - term instead of using the last Sunday in each month. Future dates will be published in the list of Diary Events at the top of this page.

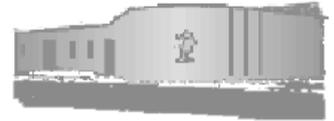
Justice & Peace Group

The parish group will meet on Monday, 26th October at 11.30am in the Holy Family Room. Anyone interested in our future plans will be welcome.

SCJ Sponsored Walk

Now that the monies are gathered in, it is a good time to say a sincere thank you to all those parishioners who walked on the Clent Hills and to those who sponsored them. The SCJ Missions are very grateful for the funds raised on this walk, which is their main fundraising event of the year in this area. The money raised is used to further the wonderful work they do, particularly with families, in India and Thailand. St. Joseph's raised £225. *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
- Sunday:** Youth Club

CATHOLICISM

Our Journey in Faith

Continuing each Tuesday at **7.30pm** is our 'faith exploration' programme here at St. Joseph's. It is an opportunity for us to learn more about our faith; what and why we believe. Through a beautifully presented DVD ten-week course, we will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why* while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The programme is presented by Fr. Robert Barron, an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago; an innovative teacher of the Faith who uses the new media to further the New Evangelisation.

He is also founder of  Catholic Ministries.

It is hoped that, not only we as parishioners (all ages) may benefit, but also those who are not Catholic and might be interested in learning about the Faith. If you know of anyone who might have an interest **spread the word**. Do come along and enjoy a truly enriching experience. There will be opportunity to ask questions and discuss points if you wish but just come to deepen your insight in a friendly atmosphere. It will suit all! Fr. Barron is able to take the mysteries of Catholic Faith and present them in a manner that all can receive. We'll begin with light refreshment **from** about 7.15pm.

[Volunteers to help set out tables/make tea/coffee would be VERY welcome.] Thanks Fr. Bob

We all have questions that concern us about the Faith we try to live,  so why not take up the offer.