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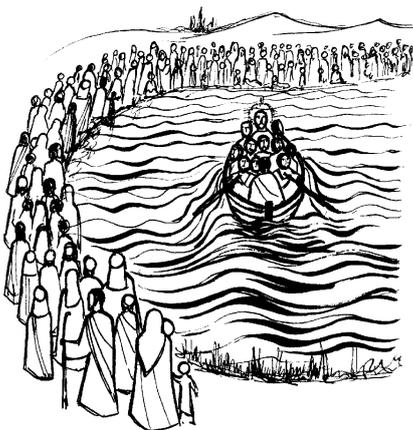


Newsletter

19th July 2015

16th Sunday

Greece seems to loom large in our news stories these days for obvious reasons, but it is only one example of a country or institution needing to be completely reformed and set on a new path. Whatever the causes of a structure's demise, whether on the social, political or macro-economic level, the finger will inevitably point to the human factor. We all know it would have to. God created our universe but fallen humanity is charged with the task of 'looking after it' and haven't we done well????!!! We need to be careful here as to how we view the state of our world. Just as some might view a glass of drink as half empty others would see it as half full. Yes, the world has witnessed appalling chaos and disaster and has peered into the abyss, yet many of its national, economic and political institutions still allow much of the world to function. We haven't yet destroyed ourselves. Sunday's readings show God stripping the stewards, in charge of His people, of their responsibility, through the words of Jeremiah. They have seriously neglected the people in their care so God has to take personal charge. This should remind us that we are in constant need of renewal and reform, not only in our political life but in the vital matter of how we live out our faith. Mark's Gospel shows how God, through Jesus, picks up the task of manifesting the Good News where we



flag and tire. The disciples had worked wonders but were urged by Jesus to rest. Regeneration, renewal, reform and re-learning the Gospel message will always be a part of our earthly pilgrimage. But, unlike countries and institutions of human origin, the Church has Christ behind its constant renewal. His promise holds forever.

Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Nellie Scannell RIP</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Eddie Goggin RIP</i>	<p align="center">Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p> 	No Children's Liturgy until September Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Children's Liturgy Group 
7.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention Novena to Our Lady</i>	<p align="center">Monday 20th July Feria</p>	<p align="center"><i>No Dancing until 7th September</i></p>
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Jim Goggin(In Thanks - Giving)</i>	<p align="center">Tuesday 21st July Feria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club
<p align="center"><i>No Service</i></p>	<p align="center">Wednesday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene Memoria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group <i>last until September</i>
7.00pm <i>Mass: In Thanksgiving – 55th Anniversary (Colette & Sal)</i>	<p align="center">Thursday 23rd July St. Bridget Feast</p>	Church Cleaning - Team 1 <i>No Music until 3rd September</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Nellie Scannell RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p align="center">Friday 24th July Feria</p>	4-6.00pm Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Private Intention</i> <i>There will be an appeal by the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit at all Masses</i>	<p align="center">Saturday 25th July St. James</p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World
<p align="center"><i>Day for Life</i></p> 10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Eddie Goggin RIP</i>	<p align="center">Sunday 26th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Kim Pope 
Collections £394.88 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 Apostleship of the Sea £181.21 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p align="center">Last Week 12th July</p>	Attendance: 217 

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, 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, Phil Lane

University Hospital	Bert Brind
Heathcote	Shane Grogan,
Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Mary Jenkinson, Marie Kelly
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Bernie & Robbie Burns

Anniversaries

Pamela Elkins, Peter Healy, Michael Mangan, Barry Whitlock

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 which is normally 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 need to be practising.

Recently Deceased

Eddie Goggin, who died in early July. Many of you attended a Requiem Mass which was held on Friday 10th here at St. Joseph's and his funeral was held in Ireland on Thursday. Eddie was a very active and supportive parishioner before he and his wife moved to Bidford in his later years, to be closer to their family. We offer our sympathies and condolences to his wife and family.

May he rest in peace and may the Lord give comfort to those who mourn him

Safeguarding and Documentation

For volunteers within the church, could those 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. 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.

Our Website

The new website for St. Joseph's has now been published and has a new look. It is intended to develop the site and to include more information and links etc. If there anyone who would like to be involved in providing material for it, e.g. taking photographs of parish events and milestones? Please see Fr. Bob

Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, or our Scripture Reflection Hour, usually takes place on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. **However, there will be no meeting in August.** The next occasion will be Friday 18th September. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Holiday Time

We are already into the holiday period, with familiar faces absent and then re-appearing in the congregation! Hopefully everyone who is fortunate enough to get away will be blessed with good weather and an opportunity to relax and recharge their energies. If you should plan to be away when one of your duties is scheduled, perhaps you could arrange for this to be covered by someone else. This helps everything to run smoothly even when there are fewer people here. Thank you so much.

Next Week—26th July 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil	Jan Ireson, Paddy Taylor
10.00am	John Ireson , Adam Borley, David Harwar
5.00pm	Paddy Close, Shelagh Price

Readers:

Alison & Matthew McCleary
Sophia Brain
Amy Cawood

25/26th July	Appeal by Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit
26th Sept	The Circus, St. Joseph's School
22nd Oct	Confirmations

Youth Group Garden

We are making good progress with clearing the area that will become the Youth Group Garden. We are almost at the stage of preparing to plant. If anyone has any plants they could donate, we would be very grateful. To meet our design brief we are only planting yellow, red, pink and purple plants. From a practical point of view, we would prefer plants needing little care and thriving on poor soil. Please contact Amy Cawood 0 1 9 2 6 8 8 6 6 8 0 or email: Youthgroup.st.josephs@gmail.com

Mission Appeal

Sister Simone (SSpS) from the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit will be in the parish during next weekend 25th/26th July. It is the annual mission appeal. Sister Simone will be explaining the work her order is involved in as well as providing a broad overview of the state of missionary work around the world. There will be a second collection in support of the mission's work.

200Club

Congratulations to the winners of the July 200 Club – Catherine Thurugood (£50), Tony Cotter (£30) and George Adamson (£20). If you would like to join the 200 Club at £1 per month please speak to Fr Bob or Anne Buttrum.

NB We won't be asking for subscriptions at the beginning of August, but look out in the bulletin for the names of the winners!

End of Term

As the Summer term came to an end on Friday, let us thank all the staff and children of our schools for their hard work and achievements during the year, and wish them a happy and peaceful holiday, so that they can come back refreshed for the new academic year, in September.

Perhaps we could keep St. Joseph's School in our prayers at this time, as we look towards the future, welcoming new staff and our new Headteacher, Mrs. Julia Wallace. Welcome!

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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE

Oh to be young in summertime! 24-28 July: Summer Camp is being held at Alton Castle for those aged 12-17.

For more information please email beccy.roseman@bcys.co.uk

Also, if you check the church noticeboard you will find a programme of events organised by the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service (Kenelm Trust). These run right through from the summer to December.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

The Summer Fete: This was a great success with congratulations due to the organisers. With various monies still to be counted and finalised, we do not yet have a final total to date. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work. Well done!

The Circus is Coming! This will be at the school, booked for Saturday 26th September with two shows in the day. You can email suzanne@vallins.net to buy tickets and they will be available at some point during the summer holidays here at church. Date to be confirmed.



Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to our St. Joseph's Youth Group. Last weekend they reached their 5th birthday and enjoyed an end of term party to celebrate. We are very fortunate at St. Joseph's to have a committed and enthusiastic team of Youth Leaders who work hard to ensure that our young people have interesting and exciting opportunities to get together within a caring environment. Our youngsters have become a valuable force within the parish - we are grateful!