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## Newsletter

**2nd August 2015**

**18th Sunday**

I think we can all agree that prayer is difficult for much of the time. In the general everyday 'busyness' of our lives, putting aside time for talking with God can prove problematic to say the least. A great deal of will power is needed in order to 'tear' ourselves away from whatever we may be engrossed in. A myriad of justifiable excuses can be found for applying ourselves to the practical and materially productive aspects of our day. All of us, in our hearts, know we really do need to spend that valuable 'time out' with the Lord but it often doesn't seem attractive in the full light of our self-sufficiency. It is only when we experience those times of terror, fear, deep profound loss or life-changing bereavement that we throw ourselves down before God and beg for help. This is prayer at its most acute and effective because, in such moments, we really do not know what to pray for. And this brings us to the 'crux' of what prayer is truly about. Jesus is blunt about what motivates his large

number of followers; that they yearn only for the bread of this world (having witnessed His miracle of the loaves and fish). Jesus' mission is to educate the people to long for what truly lasts; the real 'bread' from heaven, and so this is what they should be praying for. In other words, when we pray for the things (bread) that will sustain us beyond and above the mundane our prayer will always be answered. This is because God never refuses to provide for us the essential requirements for our eternal good, which may or may not include the particular 'goods' we might think we need. Throwing ourselves down before

God in genuine humility and poverty of spirit is a good start.



Services	This Week	Events	
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Eddie Goggin RIP</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention FC</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            2nd August  <b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p> 	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Choir Group  <i>No Youth Group until 13th September</i>	
1.30pm <i>Funeral of Bert Brind, Oakley Wood</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: Eddie Goggin, RIP Novena to Our Lady</i>	<p align="center"><b>Monday</b>            3rd August            Feria</p>	<p align="right"><i>No Dancing until 7th September</i></p>	
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Margaret and Gordon Felthouse</i>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday</b>            4th August            St. John Mary Vianney Memoria</p>	10.00am	Tuesday Club
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday</b>            5th August            Feria</p>	<p align="right"><i>No Art until September</i></p>	
7.00pm <i>Mass: Special Intention (W)</i>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday</b>            6th August            Transfiguration of the Lord Feast</p>	Church Cleaning - Team 2  7-8.00pm	<p align="right"><i>No Music until 3rd September</i></p> Weight Watchers
<i>No Morning Rosary</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: For the well being of James Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p align="center"><b>Friday</b>            7th August            Feria</p>	<b>5-6.00pm</b>	Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Bridget, Michael &amp; Paddy Murphy</i>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday</b>            8th August            St. Dominic Memoria</p>	8.30am 10.30am	Slimming World Slimming World
10.00am <i>Mass: George Kajkowski RIP</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Roisin Blair</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            9th August  <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Tuesday Club  <i>No Youth Group until 13th September</i>	
Collections £348.50 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit £376.97 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p align="center"><b>Last Week</b>            26th July</p>	Attendance: 201 	

# 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

<b>Heathcote</b>	Shane Grogan,
<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn, May Dorgan, Peggy O'Rourke
<b>Clarence House</b>	Winifred Galvin
<b>Eversleigh N. H.</b>	Mollie Benson
<b>Clarendon Manor</b>	Mary Jenkinson, Marie Kelly
<b>Stratford</b>	Monty Jenkinson
<b>RLS Nursing Home</b>	Bernie & Robbie Burns

## Anniversaries

Mary Russell, William Kelly, Ronald Jones, George Kajkowski, Columba Kidd, Luke Bogue, Frank Pare

*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

### *Bert Brind*

Bert Brind had been part of our community resident at The Lawns for four years. Ministers of the Eucharist visited him regularly and occasionally he attended parish events. Towards the end of June he was admitted to the University Hospital in Coventry and he died there last week. His funeral will take place on 3rd August at 1.30pm at Oakley Wood. We offer our condolences to his extended family.

*May he rest in Peace  
and may the Lord comfort all who mourn him*

## Welcome

Next weekend, we will welcome Fr. Stefan from Warwick, who will celebrate the 5.00pm Mass on Sunday.

## 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. At present we are receiving references.

*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 is 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—9th August 2015

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

Stephen McFadden, May Murphy  
**David Harwar**, John Ireson, Adam Borley  
Kim Kearns, Paddy Close

### Readers:

Carol Bowler  
Clare Payne  
Anne Kirby

18th Sept 10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR  
26th Sept The Circus, St. Joseph's School  
22nd Oct Confirmations

### ASSISTED SUICIDE

Archbishop Peter Smith has drawn our attention to the Bill attempting to Legalise Assisted Suicide in England and Wales, to be debated in the House of Commons on 11th September, 2015. This bill will have a free vote, so it is vital that as many as possible make contact with their MP in good time before this debate. Our MP's name is Chris White, address House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. There are sample letters in the narthex to help those who are writing.

Sources of information: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide)

and [www.bioethics.org.uk](http://www.bioethics.org.uk)

As Archbishop Smith points out - what is needed is more and better palliative care, not assistance with suicide. Please take some sort of action on this very important issue for our Christian society.

### Parish Bingo Night

Plans are afoot to hold a Bingo Night on Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Tea and Coffee will be provided but please bring something for the supper table and your own drink if you wish. Do put the date in your diary **Saturday 12th September: £3 for a book of tickets—cash prizes!** It would be good to have some extra novelty prizes; please bring something along if you can. **It is in aid of our parish maintenance fund so do think about taking part.** It should be fun. More detail to come closer to the time.

### 200 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the August 200 Club draw:

Anne Coombes (£50), Andy Brown (£30) and Kim Kearns (£20). If you would like to join the 200 Club at £1 a month please speak to Fr. Bob or Anne Buttrum.

## 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

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 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](mailto: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.



### Thank You

We have received a letter from Dee Dunne-Thomas, who presented the work of the Aid to the Church in Need so powerfully at the end of June. She thanks everyone for their kind welcome and support both for ACN and herself. The final total for donations was £1095.00 and for sale of goods, £245.50. An extra £214.48 can be added to this total because of Gift Aid. **\*\* making £1,554.98 (total)** *Thank you for the support which you always give so generously - please have a look at the posters in the porch expressing the gratitude of ACN.*

### Annual Rosary Rally

This will take place at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire on Sunday 23rd August, led by Fr. John Martin, beginning with Mass at 3.00pm.

### Harvington Hall

This year's annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 6th September, starting with Mass at 3.00pm. Please take a chair! Principal celebrant is Bishop Robert Byrne.