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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

In today's Gospel we meet a lady who was certainly not for turning. She was a woman who wouldn't change her mind, but, incredibly, seems to have successfully encouraged Jesus to change his. Jesus and his apostles have moved towards pagan territory in the north of the country, close to modern-day Lebanon. A woman from the district approaches Jesus, crying aloud. She is a Canaanite, seen as a pagan, an outsider, and as ritually unclean. Yet she proves to be one of the most attractive characters in the Gospel. Her anxious cries are for her little daughter who is sick. She has heard about Jesus' extraordinary ability to heal sick people. Could it be that he would be able to help her? Jesus appears to rebuff her, to insult her, explaining that his mission is "to the lost sheep of the House of Israel": it's not right, he says, to throw the children's food to the house-dogs. She refuses to be discouraged and on her knees before him, reminds him that even house-dogs eat the leftovers. Jesus is moved by her persistence, her love for her daughter, her sense of humour - but above all by her faith, her conviction that Jesus could and would help her. Followers of Jesus must know that his love is for everyone. There are no

Fr. Andrew Franklin, who is coming from Christ the King parish in Coventry, is to be the new Parish Priest of St. Joseph's. Fr. Andy will be joining the parish in September and I know that you will give him a warm welcome and great support in his ministry here. As a parish, we are grateful for his willingness to come and serve the Church in Whitnash. For my part, I would like to thank you all for your kind words and warm wishes at this time.
Fr. Bob

Little Red Boxes: Primarily this is an opportunity to thank parishioners who hold the Mission collecting boxes in their homes. Your generosity enables so much good work to be done in the Missions and is appreciated enormously. It is usual at this time of year to collect all the boxes in to be emptied. This year, it is really important to have every box back, even if it is not full or has very little in it, because the old £1 coins will soon be out of commission and worthless. **Please bring them in at any time before 10th September.** If you think you've got one hidden away somewhere, perhaps you could search it out! June and Lennie will be happy to take them from you, if you see them, otherwise you can leave them in the sacristy and they will be collected. Thank you!

200 Club: The September collection will be after all Masses on 3rd September.

Lectio Divina: The next Scripture Reflection Hour will be on the third Friday of September ie 15th, at 10.00am in

the Holy Family Room. Everyone is welcome to this gentle meditation on the coming Sunday's Gospel reading.

Harvington Pilgrimage - Sunday 3rd September

Coach starts at St Peter's Leamington leaving at **10.15am** and then leaves St Francis Kenilworth at **10.30am**. Tours of Harvington Hall have been booked (at no extra cost) at 12.20pm and 12.45pm. Mass with Bishop Robert Byrne is at 3pm. Bring a chair and a packed lunch. Coach leaves Harvington Hall at **5.30pm**.

To book your place on the coach and a tour phone either Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 or Peter Shiels 01926 853494 (for Kenilworth). Please pay in cash on the day, maximum £15@ (may be less), under 16 free.

CAFOD's campaign on ClimateChange:

CAFOD is asking the World Bank to give more support through their Energy Fund for children's education in poor countries by the provision of renewable energy. This would transform lives for children, so they don't have to depend on unreliable, dangerous and unhealthy energy sources. **You can support this initiative by signing a campaign card on the table in the Narthex and leave it in the box. Thank you.**

Notification of Marriage:

Alexander Richard Higham and Luisa Francesca Carpanini in Northern Italy (26/08/2017 at 3.00pm local time)

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Mary Darby, Brendan Patterson

**Heathcote Hospital
The Lawns**

Lena La Spisa, Mario Fasi
Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

**Clarence House
Clarendon Manor
Castle Brook
Galanos House**

Winifred Galvin
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK 27.8.17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Anne Bergonzi	Ted Forde, Kim Kearns, Adam Borley
5.30pm	Honor Hynes	Paddy Close, Julia Leask, May Murphy



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for John Doyle: his recovery and well-being

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19 August VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Geoffrey Lawson Anita Rose Betty O'Halloran	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 20 August <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	In Thanksgiving (McV) People of the Parish Geraldine Quinn Noel McGrath	SP: Holy Hour & Exposition 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 21 August <i>Psalter Week 4</i> <i>St Pius X</i>	SP OL OL SJ	10.00 am 12.00 pm 5.00 pm 7.30 pm	Christopher Davison <u>Requiem:</u> Mary Woolley <u>Reception:</u> Sarah O'Rourke No Mass today	
Tuesday 22 August <i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Private Intention <u>Requiem:</u> Sarah O'Rourke Ann Ashmore Wall	Rosary: SJ 9.10am SP Noon
Wednesday 23 August <i>St John Wall</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	James, Margaret, Thomas and Mary O'Rourke Iris Celenski	Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 24 August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	SP SP SJ	12.30 pm 5.00 pm 7.30 pm	Roisin Croke <u>Reception:</u> Nora Quirke No Mass today	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 25 August <i>Feria</i>	OL SJ SP SJ	12.00 pm 12.30 pm 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Deceased members of the Burns Family <u>Requiem:</u> Robert Gibbons <u>Requiem:</u> Nora Quirke Giuseppe La Russa	Rosary: SP: Noon SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 26 August <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i> VIGIL	SJ SP SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Sarah Louise Cary Denis Dineen Sr J Conception <u>Nuptial Mass:</u> Sohail Audhali & Louise Zuzarte Thomas Ryan Sarah Cary Ted Cunningham	SJ : Morning Prayer 9.15am Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00-10.30am Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 27 August <i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Micael Murphy (M&D) Paddy Dunbar Patrick Thornton Edward Heffernan Roisin & Tommy Blair Peter Watts	SP: Holy Hour & Exposition 3.00-4.00pm

Welcome: Our thanks to Fr. Stefan, who will say both Sunday Masses here this weekend.

The Gift: Life in the Spirit Seminars;

The CaFE series, The Gift, will be running on Wednesday afternoons 1.15-2.45pm starting **September 13th over 6 weeks** in Lillington (28 Cubbington Road, CV32 7AB). The course is an inspiring and practical way to encounter the Holy Spirit and to be empowered to share your faith. Each week we will watch a 30 minute DVD presentation and spend time reflecting on the teaching in small groups. There are daily scripture readings which accompany the course and it is an opportunity to meet others from the Church. For more details and to join the course please contact Caroline Graham on 01926 2 5 7 1 2 3 / Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk

For more information go to: www.thegiftofthespirit.org

SVP Annual Mass: This will be on Saturday 23rd September at 12 noon in the Cathedral, followed by a gathering in the Grimshaw Room with light refreshments, and then a talk in the Cathedral by Ann Widdecomb, entitled "Forgotten Behind Walls." All are welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert Gibbons: Robert died at Warwick Hospital on Friday 21st July and we offer our sympathies and condolences to his wife Joan and his two children. His Requiem Mass will be held at St. Joseph's on Friday 25th August at 12.30pm followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Minnie Stack: Minnie has been a long-time and very active parishioner of St. Joseph's, most recently running the Piety Shop for many years. She died on Monday 7th August in Warwick Hospital. We offer our sympathies and condolences to her husband Mike and the extended family. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 29th August at 11.00am. followed by burial at Oscott cemetery

Anniversaries

Gill Titcomb, Colin Dowling, Guiseppa Lazzara,

Cameron Smart

May they rest in peace

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun:	2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance
Mon:	8.00pm Dancing
Tues:	10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed:	No Art Group
Thurs:	No Music Group until 14th Sept 7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri:	Hall booked until 5.00pm 5.30pm Karate
Sat:	7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World

LAST WEEK 13.8.17

Offertory Collection:
£393.09
Many thanks.

2nd Collection:
None

Attendance
222

