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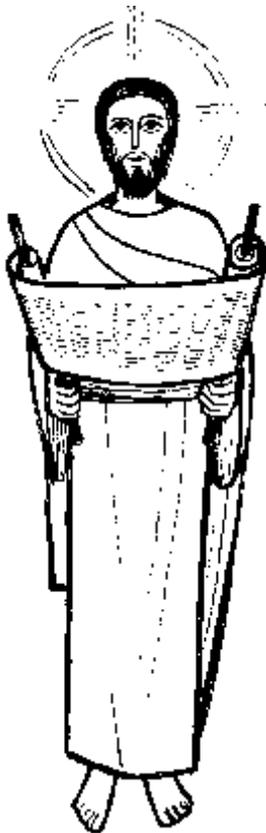


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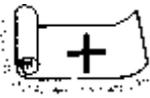
24th January 2016

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

It is an interesting fact that, in our present age, there is far more accumulated knowledge stored than at any other time in human history, but at the same time, our personal and collective memories are perhaps the weakest of all time. Why is this? Well, nowadays encyclopaedic knowledge is stored not only in vast libraries of books, but also electronically in a variety of media. We live in unprecedented times in terms of technological progress yet our ability to remember our own history as a people or traditions is found wanting. After all, whatever we wish to know we can refer to the internet. A brief search on Google will provide us with virtually anything we wish to know. When we read Nehemiah in today's word we



see a great crowd of listeners intently hanging on every word Ezra the priest is saying. They listened for about six hours! And were ecstatic at hearing the Law that was handed to their forbears. The point is, these people had only their memories to sustain them in their knowledge of God's will and enabling them to hand this to their children. Before books their memories were all they had. There are some today who would find six minutes challenging to sit and listen to a preacher, but for six hours our ancestors stood to learn and understand the laws and precepts by which they were to live. Whilst our world today has access to almost 'boundless' knowledge, should we ask ourselves how much we know of our faith through immersing ourselves in the Gospels and the Eucharistic liturgy of our weekly Mass?

Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Bob and Stephen Rogerson</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> Cyril Lamont, RIP</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><i>End of Octave of Christian Unity</i></p> <p>2.15pm <i>School Mass:</i> People of Parish</p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass:</i> Sally Lalor RIP <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 25th January Conversion of St. Paul Feast</p>	<p>7.45pm Baptism Preparation Meeting, HFR</p> <p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass:</i> Alfred and Eva Keating</p> <p>10.30am <i>Funeral Service for Eva Irvine Followed by Cremation at Oakley Wood</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 26th January Ss Timothy and Titus Memoria</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 27th January Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass:</i> Intentions of Susan</p>	<p>Thursday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas Memoria</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> Mr. Mattison RIP</p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 29th January Feria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass:</i> Bernie Burns RIP</p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Pauline Jenkins RIP</p> <p><i>This weekend we have the January Maintenance Collection</i></p>	<p>Saturday 30th January Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p> 	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p> <p>1-4.00pm Hall booked</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass:</i> Margaret & Charles Buckley RIP</p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass:</i> Well-being of Larry Martin</p>	<p>Sunday 31st January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p>
<p>Collections £414.50</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 17th January</p>	<p>Attendance: 224</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.

Woodloes House	Angele Handford
Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn
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

Leslie Fishnet, Ian Kirby, Teresa Owen, Kathleen McHugh, Donald Dorgan, Patricia Harwar, Hannah Grimes, Paddy Shanahan, Jeremiah Bowen, Donald Leahy, Tony Talmage

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2016

This year's WWDP is on Friday 4th March and our local gathering will be at St. Margaret' Church Whitnash. At 10.30am. This year's prayer service will be written by the Christian women of Cuba. More information to follow.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eva Irvine, one of our parishioners, died recently 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 recently. Joan's Requiem will be 10.30am on Friday 5th February at St. Joseph's followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Monica Silk, Her body will be received into St. Joseph's at 5.30pm on Thursday 11th February and her Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am Friday 12th February followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Phil Lane, another long-standing member of the parish, died last Thursday in Galanos House Southam.

David Kelly, son of one of our parishioners Mary Kelly, died last Tuesday.

Our sympathies and prayers go out to all their families.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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 few 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

200 Club

The team will be collecting at all Masses next weekend, 30/31 January. In addition, at the Children's Mass this weekend, there will be an opportunity to join the 200 Club— I will be available to organise that.

I'm also happy to collect money after Mass if anyone wants to pay their subscription.

Without more support we may have to consider reducing the prizes as the church is only making £50 per month after all the prizes are paid out. We take roughly £150 per month and pay out £100.

People can pay by standing order (my preferred method) which would be only £3 every 3 months and they stand a chance of winning £50, £30 or £20 every month.

Thanks. Anne

Next Week—31st January 2016

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Stephen McFadden, May Murphy
Adam Borley, Pauline Mills, Myrna Harwar
Kim Kearns, Mary Hendry

Readers:

June Arran
Salvatore Monastero
Helen & Jake Monastero



24th January	10.00am 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
4th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St. Margaret's
13th March	10.00am next 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.

Irish Music Group COMHALTAS

The group will be playing after the 10.00am Mass today, 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.

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 life-blood 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 (this 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.

NB Please ensure that your box is named before you hand it over!

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

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

Our Lady's 7-Day Candle Intention

You may have noticed that one of the sanctuary lamps has been hung next to the statue of Our Lady. It is blue and contains a large 7-day candle. It seems proper to do this because the altar sanctuary only needs one lamp and a blue lamp would provide a welcome focus to Our Lady's corner on the right. We will need to establish a regular supply of these candles. You might also welcome the opportunity of sponsoring a candle for a week. If you would like to do this then simply write down (clearly) your intention next to the chosen week in the book and drop a donation into the box next to the kneeler. Please also write the intention on the small donation envelopes near the book. You may wish to add your name in brackets or your initials (entirely optional). The intention will then appear in that week's bulletin. (*Suggested donation £3/4*)

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.

Crib Offering

Thanks to everyone who made donations to the Crib Offering this year. The magnificent sum raised was just in excess of £400 which is amazingly generous. This will contribute to the welfare of children in need in Whitnash. Grateful thanks to everyone.