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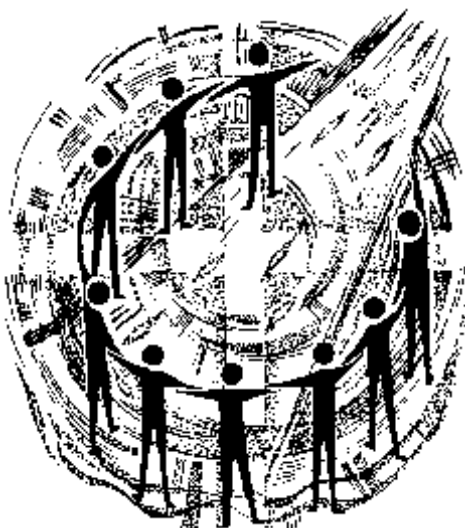
Newsletter



24th April 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Probably the strongest form of flattery is imitation. If you want to feel good about yourself then start a fashion—whether it is clothes or habits or a way of life—get your friends to copy you and you might feel flattered. Personalities and stars do it all the time. From politics to manufacturing and marketing, there seems to be a culture of imitation, and in terms of our faith, WE have to be even more careful; especially in how we relate to Jesus. Sometimes we hear Christians asking: “What would Jesus do in this situation?” “How would Jesus think or behave?” The truth is, we don’t know! And that’s always the case with hypothetical questions. It is so pointless and meaningless trying to apply them to Jesus Christ. We can’t imitate Him—it’s impossible for us (at least in the way we’ve been discussing). Our readings today should help us try to make sense of OUR imitation of Christ and how different it is to that of a satirist or mimic. The new commandment Jesus gives us is to become a real part of Him—His Body—to let Him become part of us. All created things (including us) bear the marks of God the creator. They are like

footprints of God proclaiming He’s passed this way. Since Jesus is God, we need to allow Him into our hearts; letting Jesus complete our image so that it reflects the unseen God. It may seem a strange way of looking at it, but we COULD see Jesus as the ‘mimic’- Jesus as the ‘star’ because Jesus takes our unique , individual personalities and imprints them on His own life. As Genesis states: “Let us make humankind in our own image according to our likeness.”



Services	This Week	Events	
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Mary Queally RIP</i> Special Second Collection for the Catholic Church of the Ukraine</p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: James and Elizabeth Byrne (Anniversary)</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: May Kiernan RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 24th April Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	<p>10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>	
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>5.30pm <i>Reception of the body of Marion Moran</i></p> <p><i>No Novena to Our Lady this evening</i></p>	<p>Monday 25th April St. Mark Feast</p>	<p>7.45pm</p> <p>8-9.00pm</p>	<p>Baptism Preparation Meeting, HFR</p> <p>Dancing</p>
<p><i>No morning Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Requiem Mass: Marion Moran followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 26th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10.30am</p>	<p>Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 27th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am</p>	<p>Art Group</p>
<p>9.30am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i></p>	<p>Thursday 28th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 1 10.45-12.15pm 7-8.00pm</p>	<p>Music Group Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i></p>	<p>Friday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena Feast <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i></p>	<p>10-12 noon 4-6.00pm</p>	<p>Children's Dancing Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 10-10.45am <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Chris Lane RIP (LM)</i> <i>Maintenance Collection for April</i></p>	<p>Saturday 30th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>8.30am 10.30am</p>	<p>Slimming World Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Don Rowe RIP (D&M)</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Recovery from Illness of Marta</i></p>	<p>Sunday 1st May Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	<p>10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>	
<p>Collections £490.08 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 Clergy Training Fund £113.55</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 17th April</p>	<p>Attendance: 242</p>	

Announcements

OUR SICK

Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Maureen Cowell

Warwick Hospital Rory O'Rourke
Woodside Angele Handford
The Lawns Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn,
Rosa Venetico,
John L'Estrange, Pierre de
Spa, Kathleen Hammond,
Mary Cracknall

Clarence House Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H. Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, John
Cotter
Stratford Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home Robbie Burns
Galanos House Marjorie Smedley, Frances
Lovell

ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Maltby, Ernest Ransby, Leslie Rofe, Dr. Lilian
Fogerty-Doye

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle
burns for the Intentions of
Eileen Godfrey*

Baptism

Amelia Chambers

8th May, 2016 at 12 Noon

Baptism: 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.

Baptism Preparation Meeting:

Monday 25th April at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

Recently Deceased

Marion Moran died last Sunday, 17th April, in Warwick Hospital. We offer our condolences to her family. Her body will be received into church on Monday 25th April at 5.30pm and her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 26th April, at 9.30am, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Welcome

This week, we welcome Fr. Stefan who will preside over the reception into church of Marion Moran on Monday evening, and on Tuesday morning, Canon Stewart will celebrate her Requiem Mass.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES - URGENT APPEAL

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX OF ENVELOPES: IF YOU HAVE NUMBERS 28 OR 74 PLEASE CONTACT FR. BOB OR BRIAN MALONE (613693)

Otherwise, please take your named box. Perhaps you would consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, if you are a tax payer. Just let Fr. Bob know if you are interested.

NB We have ordered fewer envelopes this year, so some people have been allocated new numbers.

Special Request from Pope Francis

Today's Special Collection

Pope Francis, in concern for the people of the Ukraine, has asked that a special collection be taken in all of the Catholic churches in Europe on the weekend of 23rd/24th April. The Holy Father expresses his faith that all will respond generously to his initiative. We will be taking the collection during the masses this weekend.

The Need For Prayer

As our three local parishes begin to plan for and implement the changes to the number of Masses and their timing, we must pray earnestly for help in how we work together during the next few months. We are forming a new community in essence (The CPL). Pastorally, and in terms of our ministry, there will be many challenges lying ahead. We will all be asked to 'give and take' with regard to issues that may affect us individually, but the thrust of the Gospel message will always encourage us to think of new ways of spreading the Good News.

Next Week—1st May 2016

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Josephine Whittington, Jill Sheard
Tony Harris, John Ireson, David Harwar
Paddy Close, Sr. Angela

Readers:

Carol Bowler
Salvatore Monastero
Bernard Bergonzi

30th/1st May	April Maintenance Collection
7th May	2nd Coll: Catholic Communications
26th May	7.00pm, Fr. Brian's Celebration Mass, 60th anniversary of priesthood
28th May	May Maintenance Collection
22nd May	Next Children's Mass
11th June	First Holy Communions

A Celebration for Fr. Brian

It is the 60th anniversary of Fr. Brian's Ordination to the Priesthood on Thursday 26th May and there is to be a Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich at 7.00pm followed by a social in the parish centre. Fr. Brian has sent a general invitation to St. Joseph's parish, and needs to know (for catering, etc.) who is able to come. His contacts are: email fr.bee27@gmail.com or phone: 01905 773258 or letter: *Sacred Heart Presbytery, 208 Worcester Road, Droitwich, WR9 8AZ* Please let him know by Sunday 8th May if you would like to go.

The cost for those travelling by coach is £6 each, to be paid by 8th May. This can be given to Hazel or Fr. Bob after Mass, or put through the letter box. Or come and see Hazel on Mon. or Thu evenings. Please use an envelope labelled with your name and contact no

Many Thanks

A Day for Liturgy Readers

St. Peter's is in the process of organising a Deanery Readers' Day for Saturday 10th September from 10.30am - 4.00pm. There will be more information to follow, but please save the date - it is important that we have time for reflection and spiritual input in this Ministry that we have agreed to undertake.

Quiz Night

Thanks to everyone who supported our Quiz Night last weekend - it was a very enjoyable and challenging evening! Particular thanks to those who worked so hard to organise the event and to those who donated some wonderful prizes. The evening raised £113.50. A really good result!

Pilgrimage to Rome 4th—12th October

This pilgrimage was advertised earlier in the year. If anyone is interested, please ring Carol Bowler on 01926 881274 - the cost (full board) is £779

Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

The next Lectio Divina, Scripture Reflection Hour, will take place on 20th May, the third Friday of the month., at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

Items for the Bulletin

It would be really helpful if any information which you would like to be included in the coming weekend's bulletin could be emailed to :-

Fr. Bob (st.josephs47@outlook.com) and
Jan Ireson (janvireson@gmail.com)

Ideally, this would arrive by Friday morning at the latest. Alternatively, a written note could be handed in to Fr. Bob or Jan. *Thanks to all who feed information to the parish through the bulletin.*

March for Life UK

Life from Conception – no Exception: The annual March for Life UK will take in Birmingham on 14 May between 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. The march aims to help bring an end to the greatest violation of human rights in history. Every year an estimated 43 million babies are killed by abortion. For full itinerary see marchforlife.co.uk or call 07885 505116.

200 Club - An Update

The number of parishioners taking part in the 200 Club has gradually reduced over time. The 200 Club supplements the Building Fund and due to the decline in profits you will have noticed that Fr. Bob has recently introduced 2nd collections to make up the shortfall. In order to help the Building Fund further, we have reluctantly decided to drop the monthly 3rd prize of £20. The 200 Club is required to pay out half the contributions in prizes, but over the last year we have been paying out nearly three-quarters. We will continue to pay the £50 and £30 prizes for the next few months as well as the additional prizes at Easter and Christmas and will review it again later in the year. It would be lovely if more parishioners would join in and to make it easier for you, it is possible to pay by regular standing order rather than cash. It only costs £1 per month for each number and if you are interested in joining, please contact Anne Buttrum or Fr. Bob.