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Newsletter

26th July 2015

17th Sunday

‘If something looks too good to be true then it probably isn’t true’ as the saying goes. And we’d probably agree with such sentiments because we have long grown out of the naivety of youth. Most of us do look ‘gift horses’ in the mouth and who can blame us? Unfortunately, especially so for us Christians, we are in danger of allowing such a self-defensive way of thinking to influence our lives of faith. This would be a great shame; in fact, put even stronger, it could be construed as heresy. And this is because our whole religion, belief and faith structure is founded on nothing other than pure, undeserved and unconditional GIFT. If we define God as absolute love then He is absolute gift also. The two readings we hear this weekend clearly demonstrate God’s overwhelming generosity. Whether it is one hundred folk in the story of Elisha or five thousand fed by Jesus on the mount, the love and generosity of God is plain to see. In both cases, we note, the miracles were unexpected. The disciples didn’t expect to all get fed and Elisha’s servant had doubts. But since faith has been given to us so generously, then our response to how God will answer our prayers must also reciprocate such generous hope and longing. A missionary priest once told us how, when in South America, he was called to anoint two children, dangerously ill. Not expecting them to survive, he anointed them and left. A number of years later when returning to the village he was greeted by two healthy happy young men who seemed to know him. Their parents explained how he had blessed them in childhood and he remembered. The priest gave thanks for the ‘God of Surprises’. Though having doubted, his prayer was answered.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>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 this weekend and a second collection</i></p> <p><i>Day for Life</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Eddie Goggin RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 26th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	<p>No Children's Liturgy until September Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Kim Pope</p> 
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Mrs. P. Delaney Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 27th July Feria</p>	<p><i>No Dancing until 7th September</i></p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 28th July Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 29th July St. Martha Memoria</p>	<p><i>No Art until September</i></p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Patrick Moran RIP</i></p>	<p>Thursday 30th July Feria</p>	<p><i>No Music until 3rd September</i></p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Ed Murphy RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 31st July St. Ignatius of Loyola Memoria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Special Intention (K)</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Eddie Goggin RIP</i></p>	<p>Saturday 1st August St. Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri Memoria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p><i>Day for Life</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention FC</i></p>	<p>Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	<p>Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Choir Group</p>  <p><i>No Youth Group until 13th September</i></p>
<p>Collections £417.95 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 19th July</p>	<p>Attendance: 209</p> 

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

Warwick Hospital Peggy O'Rourke
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

Glen Hales, Marion Poultney, Patrick Moran, Jimmy Crowley, Yvonne Leahy, Eugene Mellon

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

This weekend, we welcome Sister Simone (SSpS) from the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit who will be visiting the parish. She will be presenting 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.

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—2nd August 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil Jill Sheard, Josephine Whittington
10.00am **Myrna Harwar**, Pauline Mills, Tony Harris
5.00pm Sr. Angela, Mary Hendry

Readers:

Marian Dwyer
Sophie Morton
Helen & Jake Monastero

25/26th July	Appeal by Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit
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

and 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.

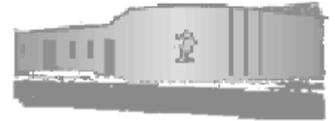
Youth Group Garden

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 o r e m a i l : Youthgroup.st.josephs@gmail.com

The Oscotian

As you will be aware, St. Mary's College, Oscott is our diocesan seminary in Birmingham, which also trains students for the priesthood from other dioceses. There are a number of copies of the 'Oscotian' journal produced by the students in the narthex. It is an interesting read. Do please take one. They are free.

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 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. 

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.*

**This just shows how much difference signing up for Gift Aid makes to any collection.