

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## Newsletter

**28th February 2016**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Many people find that trying to understand the Old Testament is not easy. It seems to lack a coherence that we long to discover. It is also comprised of so many 'books' and types of literature that it barely seems to hold together as one source of faith. Yet it is a vital and constituent body of tradition which remains part of our ancestry. The most important fact we must bear in mind, however, if we are to understand it is to realise that it is based upon the history of a primitive people over a couple of thousand years. And a constituent part of that understanding is knowing, through faith, that we in 2016 are a real part of that history. God communicates with Moses and insists on two things. Firstly, He is the God of all our ancestors (the one who cannot be named — "I am who I am") and secondly, all our trust, without reservation, has to be placed in Him in the belief that God will 'fight' for us in all our battles with evil. We need humility for this depth of faith to take root within us, otherwise we find ourselves relying upon our own power and devices imagining our selves as self-sufficient. Essentially, the Old Testament is about educating a people to see their utter dependence on God and their role as 'light for the nations'. Jesus, in the New Covenant, takes over this role as He embodies God's people, as we are adopted in Him as 'sons'. Jesus' warning to those who questioned Him about the untimely deaths of their 'countrymen' was that they needed to repent; to turn to God completely and genuinely believe that their creator was capable of looking after them. Do we really believe that God has our best interests at heart and will provide all the assistance necessary in our lives? This is where both Old and New Testaments concur.



Services	This Week	Events
<p><i>This weekend is our February Maintenance Collection</i></p> <p>6.30pm Vigil Mass: Zena Godwin</p> <p>10.00am Mass: Elias and Manola Saez</p> <p>5.00pm Mass: Manolo Manteiga</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 28th February <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Tea and Coffee in Church Hall after 10.00 am Mass</p>
<p>2.15pm <i>School Mass:</i> People of the Parish</p> <p>7.00pm Mass: Patrick Moran (MH) <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 29th February Lent Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>7.00pm Mass: Joan Cotter RIP (H&amp;T)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 1st March St. David Feast</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 2nd March St. Chad Feast <i>Patron of the Diocese</i></p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group 7.30pm Lent Series, St. Margaret's</p>
<p>7.00pm Mass: Wellbeing of Mary Moran</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 3rd March Lent Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 1 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 13 Golf Lane</p>
<p>9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass: Tommy Smollum</p> <p>10.30am <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i> <i>St. Margaret's</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>	<p><b>Friday</b> 4th March Lent Feria <i>First Friday</i></p>	<p>10.00am Lectio Divina, Hall 4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: Myrtle and Peggy Keating 10-10.45am <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>12-1.00pm <i>Exposition. Adoration and Confession. Part of 24hours throughout the Deanery</i></p> <p>6.30pm Vigil Mass: John Kelly RIP (DK) <i>2nd Collection: Cathedral Maintenance</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> 5th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p> <p><i>200 Club subscriptions will be collected this weekend</i></p>
<p>10.00am Mass: Joan Cotter RIP (H&amp;HB) 4.00pm <i>Reception of the body of Peggy O'Rourke</i> 5.00pm Mass: Phil Lane RIP (KC)</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 6th March <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>Collections £ 406.37 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 CAFOD Fast Day Collection £837.94</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p><b>Last Week</b> <b>21st February</b></p>	<p>Attendance: 230</p> 

# Announcements

## OUR SICK

Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Mary Moran.

<b>Warwick Hospital</b>	Marie Kelly, John L'Estrange
<b>Woodloes House</b>	Angele Handford
<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn, Rosa Zantico, Mary Behan
<b>Clarence House</b>	Winifred Galvin
<b>Eversleigh N. H.</b>	Mollie Benson
<b>Clarendon Manor</b>	Mary Craig
<b>Stratford</b>	Monty Jenkinson
<b>RLS Nursing Home</b>	Robbie Burns
<b>Craighaven</b>	Rory O'Rourke
<b>Galanos House</b>	Marjorie Smedley

## ANNIVERSARIES

Paddy Sugrue, Cath Canning, Henry Griffin, John Ryan, Catherine Lane, Esther Rainbow, James Michael Kelly

*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.



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day Candle burns for the Keating and Harwar Intentions*

## Mass times and Intentions

I thought that it might be suitable time to mention that whilst every effort is made to accommodate Mass intentions on dates requested, there are occasions when they may have to be moved. This will occur when, say, a funeral/Requiem is required on that day. Over the last few months a steep rise in the number of intentions received has meant that a preferred day/time has not been possible. I do ask you to bear with me in this matter and I **do sincerely apologise** if I have been unable to inform the donors of the change of date. Fr. Bob

## RECENTLY DECEASED

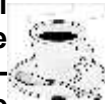
**Peggy O'Rourke**, who died on 15th February. Her body will be brought into St. Joseph's at 4.00pm Sunday 6th March and her Requiem will be on the 7th at 11.00am, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

**Donald Rowe**, a parishioner, died in hospital Friday 20th February after a sudden illness. His body will be received into St. Joseph's at 5.30pm on Monday 14th March. His Requiem will be at 10.30am on 15th, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

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

Interest has now been shown in providing facilities on a regular basis. **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. The parish would ensure all necessary beverages/edibles were kept in the kitchen, so volunteers would not need to bring anything.** Many thanks Fr. Bob



## Womens' World Day of Prayer

The Whitnash branch's service will take place on Friday 4th March 2016 at St. Margaret's Church at 10.30am, with our "Welcome Café" open for coffee and cake etc from 9.45am until 10.30am and again after the service. Please join us for fellowship and chat before we worship together. The service is not just for women: men and children are also very welcome to attend, so everyone please do come along and help us mark this special day. **This year, St Joseph's Year 6 girls will be participating in the service, so please come along and support them if you are able. Also, the organisers would be very grateful for any donations of cakes/cookies for the event. If anyone can help with this please contact Anne Buttrum on 422174 to let her know.**

## Goodbye

It is with sadness that we will say goodbye to Sr. Mary Clare at the end of February. Sister has been part of our parish life for four years now and we wish her well and thank her for the many ways in which she enriched our community, as she rejoins the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul at Selly Park.

Next Week—6th March, 2016

## Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil	Jill Sheard, Josephine Whittington
10.00am	<b>Tony Harris</b> , David Harwar, Adam Borley
5.00pm	Sr. Angela, Kim Kearns

## Readers:

Marian Dwyer  
Clare Payne  
Helen & Jake Monastero

27/28th Feb	February Maintenance Collection
4th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St. Margaret's
5/6th March	2nd Collection Cathedral Maintenance
13th March	10.00am next Children's Mass
12/13th March	March Maintenance Collection
22nd March	7.00pm Penitential Service
16th April	Quiz Night

### Hand In Hand

The Hand-in-Hand group of adults have been invited to take part in a conference from 24 to 26 June in Vatican City called 'Living Fully 2016'. We need to raise up to £5,000 for their travel and conference costs. If you can help please drop any donations (clearly marked 'Hand-in-Hand Rome trip') into the box in the narthex, they will be gratefully received. Or they may be handed to St. Peter's presbytery. Contact Mary Holden (420045) or Julia Fitzsimons (735275) for more information. Thank you.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Maundy Thursday is traditionally the time of induction for new Ministers of the Eucharist and we have a particular need for Ministers who are able to take communion to the sick. Each person would only be required to take on one, or a maximum of two communicants to visit regularly. A DBS check would be necessary, but this is simple and non intrusive. Please give it some thought through Lent, and let Fr. Bob know if you are able to volunteer.

We particularly need **more Eucharistic Ministers for the 10.00am Mass.**

### Easter Fun Fund Raising

We have a number of fund raising activities over the Easter period to raise money for new skylights for the Church:

**Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Sale**- after mass on Sunday 13th March



**Easter Quiz** - quiz sheets on sale shortly

**Easter Raffle Hamper** - tickets on sale from 12th March



**Donations for the hamper and cake sale would be warmly welcomed. Hamper donations by 6th March and cake donations by 12th March, please.**

## Parish Centre



### Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

### OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT 2016 Stations of the Cross

We will be holding Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm. Stations of the Cross is a devotion which brings us right into the footsteps of the Lord as he journeys to the cross. It is traditionally an important part of our preparation for the glory of Easter Day.



### Lectio Divina

Our Scripture Reflection Hour will be held weekly throughout Lent on Fridays at 10.00am in the Hall. All will be very welcome.

### Experiencing God's Love - Five Images of Transformation

This is the title of the Churches Together from Whitnash, Warwick Gates and Bishops Tachbrook's Lent Series this year. Sessions will be held at the Chapter House, St. Margaret's, every Wednesday evening of Lent until 16th March, at 7.30pm. There is a course book, costing £6. Ordered books are available at St. Margaret's on Wednesday and there are extra copies for newcomers. Everyone is welcome.

**Dates for local Penitential Services are:**

*St Peter's* at 7.00pm on Friday 18th March

*St. Mary Immaculate* at 7.00pm on Monday 21st March

*St. Joseph's* at 7.00pm on Tuesday 22nd March

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday morning during Exposition and Adoration

Good Friday: HUNGER LUNCH at noon in the hall.

### 200 Club

Congratulations to Donal Murphy, Charlie McMahon and Orla McFadden, who were the winners of February's 200Club draw.

The next 200 Club subscription collection will take place on the first weekend in March.

### Justice and Peace Group

There will be a meeting at 4pm in the HFR on Monday 7th March to enable planning for the coming year. Everyone welcome. Do come and have your say.