

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## Newsletter

29th May 2016

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Very often, we are not good at receiving gifts. That's not to say, of course, that we don't enjoy them at Christmas or birthdays, but saying thank you in the correct way can be awkward and can lack sensitivity. This is even more pronounced when we receive a gift that isn't recognised immediately as such. Apart from the material aspect of particular tangible gifts, there are those that are less clearly defined. Someone can offer to take us to a favourite place or arrange a treat. So this leads us on to differentiating between a gift, recognised as such by all concerned, and an offer of time or help and assistance when the need arises (or not). This is not easy. It's a confused area but which does become easier to understand if we look at our lives and everything that happens to us through the eyes of faith. In a 'perfect' world there would be no need for gifts because everything and anything all of us might need would 'seamlessly' be provided and shared out by those around us who (again in a perfect state of grace) would recognise our need as it arose. In such a wonderful state 'gifts' as we understand them would be superfluous, ceasing to have



any meaning. We would be appreciating and giving thanks for each other naturally. We can't imagine saying "thank you for that pullover or those chocolates, it was very thoughtful of you!" The only true gift we ever need in our present state is Jesus Christ, who has left us Himself in sacrament. The Eucharist is THE gift that clears our way to that gift-less community where everyone will be gift to each other. *Corpus Christi* is the food that sustains us on that way.

Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Sue Day RIP</i> <i>May Maintenance Collection</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Maria and Josefa Rodriguez</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: John Cotter (Archer family)</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            29th May  <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>  <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p> 	10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass <i>200 Club will be collecting after all the Masses</i>
<i>No School Mass - Bank Holiday</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: Marion Moran (KG) Novena to Our Lady</i>	<p align="center"><b>Monday</b>            30th May            Feria</p>	<i>No Dancing</i>
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Gerard McAuley (AM)</i>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday</b>            31st May            Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<i>No Tuesday Club</i>
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday</b>            1st June            St. Justin Memoria</p>	<i>No Art Group</i>
7.00pm <i>Mass: America Vazquez</i>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday</b>            2nd June            Feria</p>	<i>No Music Group</i> <i>No SCJ Meeting</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
<i>No morning Rosary</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: Mena and family (M&amp;D) Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p align="center"><b>Friday</b>            3rd June            The Sacred Heart of Jesus            Solemnity  <b>First Friday</b></p>	<b>First Friday visitation of the sick</b> <i>No Children's Dancing</i> 4-6.00pm Karate 7.00pm SCJ, Olton Friary
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Marion Moran RIP (TA) and People of the Parish</i> 10-10.45am <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: John and Julia Sheehan Anniversary</i>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday</b>            4th June            Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> 	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 11.00am Divine Mercy Pilgrimage, Walsingham
10.00am <i>Mass: Charles Buckley RIP and Eamon Buckley Anniversary</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Bill Savage RIP</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            5th June  <b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass
Collections £531.18 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p align="center"><b>Last Week</b>            22nd May</p>	Attendance: 398 

# 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 Maureen Cowell, Suzannah King

**Warwick Hospital** Rory O'Rourke  
**Woodside** Angele Handford  
**The Lawns** Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn, Rosa Venetico, Mary Behan, John L'Estrange, Pierre de Spa, Kathleen Hammond, Colleen Scott, Keith Jones  
**Clarence House** Winifred Galvin  
**Eversleigh N. H.** Mollie Benson  
**Clarendon Manor Stratford** Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Monty Jenkinson  
**RLS Nursing Home** Robbie Burns  
**Galanos House** Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

## ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Taylor, Daniel O'Driscoll, Arthur Broughton, Michael Joseph Murphy, John Thurlough, Stephen McGrath, Patrick Connolle

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Sope, for a healthy delivery*

## Baptism

**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.

## Our Repository

As you are aware, First Communions will be celebrated here on the 11th June, as they are already being celebrated in many parishes. Our Repository has a good stock of cards and gifts for this, and many other occasions in our Catholic life. Please go and browse when you come to Mass.

## Our Catholic Parish of Leamington NEW MASS TIMES EFFECTIVE FROM THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JULY

There are to be two Masses in each of the three parishes

**St. Joseph's:** 8.00am Sunday  
5.30pm Sunday

**St. Peter's:** 5.00pm Saturday  
11.30am Sunday

**Our Lady's:** 12.30pm Saturday  
9.30am Sunday  
(with Children's Liturgy)

We have a month left before this new Mass Schedule begins. We are looking for new teams to fulfil various functions - **welcoming, collectors, eucharistic ministers, readers and church openers/sacristans** to name but a few, and these teams will be built by parishioners from across the three sites., in order to support and augment the existing teams we currently have. We are already taking small steps to begin this process and you will be asked over the next few weeks to make decisions and indicate what role/s you would like to accept in relation to which Mass you choose to attend. These decisions will, no doubt, be the first of many while we work through the process of becoming one new parish. One of the things we will need to be thinking about is how we can help those who need transport to get to Mass. Please have patience while we work towards finding answers to the many questions— we are moving one step at a time and trying to make sound decisions for the future.

***This weekend Myrna, as part of our three parish coordinators team, has kindly displayed lists in the narthex for parishioners to volunteer as Eucharistic ministers and readers for any of the Masses they might be attending across the three churches. Please do take a look at the options; your assistance would be most welcome and provide us with encouragement. Any training needed would be available.***

## Flowers for First Communion

We would be grateful for any donations towards our church flowers for the event of First Communions— please use the wall box by the entrance to the church.

## Next Week—5th June 2016

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
May Murphy, Stephen McFadden  
**John Ireson**, David Harwar, Myrna Harwar  
Tony Harris, Sr. Angela

**Readers:**  
Carol Bowler  
Alison McCleary  
Bernard Bergonzi

28th May	May Maintenance Collection
7th June	7.00pm Rota Co-ordinators' Meeting HFR
11th June	First Holy Communions
11th June	10.30am Book Fair and Plant Sale, St. Peter's
17th June	10.15am Lectio Divina, Narthex
10th Sept	10-4.00pm Deanery Readers Day

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**A Celebration for Fr. Brian  
Thursday 26th May**

Our congratulations, warm wishes and prayers to Fr. Brian on his 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. It was a wonderful turn-out. *Deo Gratias!*

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**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.

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**St Anthony's Catholic Primary School**, rated "outstanding" by Ofsted, is looking for a KS2 Class Teacher to join in September this year. It is a full-time, permanent position. Visits are warmly welcomed and encouraged by appointment with the Headteacher, Mrs Jane McSharry. To obtain an application pack or to arrange a visit, please call 01926 428800.

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**Whitnash Youth Club**

Our local Youth Club is welcoming new members. Every Tuesday Evening:

6.15pm to 7.30pm — £1

6.15pm to 8pm — £1.50

At Whitnash Community Centre, Acre Close, Whitnash  
For more information please contact: Judy on 01926 312428

A place to meet every Tuesday.

Pool, music, table tennis, video games, tuck shop, organised activities, and much more.

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**Book Fair**

There will be a Book Fair, with CD's, Plants and Cakes at the Dormer Conference centre, Dormer Place. Saturday 11th June from 10.30am until 12 Noon.

Proceeds go to the *Saturday Friendship Group* (the local homeless project in Leamington)

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

## 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

### 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](mailto:st.josephs47@outlook.com)) and

Jan Ireson ([janvireson@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

**From JULY we shall be endeavouring to combine our bulletins into ONE. This will be no easy task and will require website 'knowhow'. Any offers of help welcome!**

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### Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This is an opportunity to celebrate the Year of Mercy with Mary, Mother of Mercy on Saturday 4 June at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, 11.00 am - 5.00 pm. Led by Mgr. Keith Barltrop and Marian Fathers. Programme includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic procession, Exposition and Devotion to the Divine Mercy. For more information and coach booking, please contact Marian Fathers, Divine Mercy Apostolate on 020 8998 0925 or email: [info@divinemercury.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercury.org.uk)

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### Walking Through the Night

Lorna Knowles and her fellow walkers would like to thank those who sponsored their efforts recently. Now is the time to pay up! Well done to all those who walked through the night to raise sponsorship and awareness for breast cancer.

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### 200 Club

The team will be collecting subscriptions at all Masses this weekend - 28th/29th May

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### Justice and Peace Group

The Phillippine Community Fund, which the parish supports, no longer require tooth-paste tubes. They still use metal ring pulls off cans to create jewellery and purses and are very grateful for those collected at St. Joseph's. Please continue to place them in the basket on the J & P table in the narthex.