

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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# Newsletter

**5th July 2015**

**14th Sunday**

We've heard of the motto: "He who dares wins" from the elite special service the SAS. "fortune favours the bold" (from the Ancient Greek soldier and historian Thucydides) also expresses the same sentiment. The point being that we will only achieve success in some particular endeavour if we approach the task with unwavering courage and determination. Easier said than done, we might very well ponder, and, fully aware of our human limitations, it wouldn't take us long to realise that most of us would have to 'step out of our skins' to take on certain things in life that may face us. We are talking here about the things that petrify us! Let us consider here the poor prophet Ezekiel in this Sunday's first reading. As he is approached by God's spirit he falls on his face in fear (who wouldn't?) but the Spirit lifts him up and explains what he is to do. It would be the equivalent of us being asked to enter the roughest, toughest, drug-infested club in the seediest side of a violent city and explaining (in no uncertain terms) how the clients of the joint were disobeying the law of God! We would have to be high ourselves or mad to do it. Ezekiel could not have carried out the Lord's command unless that same Spirit had lifted him up and filled Ezekiel with superhuman courage. And, of course, this is the mark of our faith for all of us. In the course of our lives we will be asked by God to perform feats that would ordinarily terrify us but we know He will equip us. And as Mark's Gospel reminds us, often the most difficult, awkward and off-putting tasks we have to fulfil are those amongst and involving those most familiar to us. Let us pray for strength and boldness in proclaiming our faith.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Fr. James (Anniversary of Ordination)</i> <i>There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Tommy Blair</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Brendan and Paddy Taylor</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 5th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 2</p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Youth Group</p>  <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p>
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Ed Dutton and the family</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 6th July Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Joe Godwin's 51st birthday</i></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 7th July Feria</p>	<p><i>No Tuesday Club</i></p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 8th July Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention (ED)</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 9th July Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 2 <i>No Music</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Leaving Mass for Jim Goggin</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p><b>Friday</b> 10th July Feria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention (FW)</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</i> 6.30pm <i>Holy Hour, St. Peter's</i> <i>There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> 11th July St. Benedict Feast</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Don Sullivan</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Joe and Rose McGreevy</i> <i>There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 12th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 3</p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Mike &amp; Co</p>  <p>6.00pm Youth Group 5th Birthday. Last meeting until 13th September</p>
<p>Collections £360.66 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 ACN total collection pending this week's returns <i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p><b>Last Week</b> 28th June</p>	<p>Attendance: 227</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

<b>University Hospital</b>	Bert Brind
<b>Heathcote</b>	Shane Grogan,
<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
<b>Clarence House</b>	Winifred Galvin
<b>Eversleigh N. H.</b>	Mollie Benson
<b>Clarendon Manor</b>	Mary Jenkinson, Marie Kelly
<b>Stratford</b>	Monty Jenkinson
<b>RLS Nursing Home</b>	Bernie & Robbie Burns

## Anniversaries

Sheila Healy, Robert Bellerby, James Connolly,  
Norah Colledge

*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 practicing.

## Thanksgiving Mass Mr. Jim Goggin

This will take place at 9.30am on this coming Friday 10th July here in the church and will be in thanksgiving for the wonderful service given by Mr. Goggin in his time as Headteacher of our parish school. It has been outstanding in every way. We will also pray that this new chapter in his life will be as fruitful and fulfilling and we wish him well for the future. **Everyone is welcome to join governors and staff for tea and coffee which will be available in the school hall after Mass.**

## 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.

*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 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, takes place on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. The next occasion will be Friday 17th July. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

## Youth Group 5th birthday party!

The current Youth Group are celebrating their 5th birthday this year with a party on Sunday 12th July, 6.00pm -8.00pm.

We would like as many of you as possible to join us - youth group members, their parents and family, younger and older members of the parish, Parish Councillors and other Parish Groups. There will be refreshments, but we will need to make a small charge to cover costs.

At the event, we would also like to talk to as many of you as possible about the future of the Youth Group. What does it mean for St Joseph's Parish to have a Youth Group? What does your child get out of it? What do parents value about the Youth Group? What about the young people themselves and future Youth Group members? We'd love to hear from you. Maria Bracken from BCYS will be here to help with the discussions.

Please email [youthgroup.st.josephs@gmail.com](mailto:youthgroup.st.josephs@gmail.com) if you would like to come along or contact Amy Cawood 01926 886680 - you can leave a message. We need to know numbers for catering purposes.

## Next Week—12th July 2015

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil Paddy Taylor, Jill Sheard  
10.00am **Adam Borley**, John Ireson, David Harwar  
5.00pm Tony Harris, Sr. Angela

### Readers:

June Arran  
Alison & Cameron McCleary  
Bernard Bergonzi

4/5th July	Collection: Peter's Pence
10th July	9.30 am Thanksgiving Mass for Mr. Goggin (St. Joseph's Church)
11th July	6.30pm Holy Hour, St. Peter's
11/12th July	Collection: Apostleship of the Sea
17th July	End of term
17th July	10.00am Lectio Divina
26th Sept	The Circus, St. Joseph's School
22nd Oct	Confirmations

### 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 01926 886680 or email:

[Youthgroup.st.josephs@gmail.com](mailto:Youthgroup.st.josephs@gmail.com)

### HOLY HOUR

St. Peter's are holding a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday 11 July at 6.30pm to coincide with a National Catholic Evangelisation event. We are all invited. The inspiration is Pope Francis and his Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium in which he writes: "I wish to encourage the faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come."

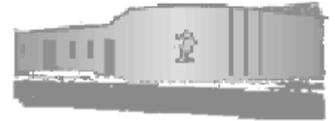
### 200 Club

The 200 Club team will be collecting at all Masses this weekend for July and August. There will not be a collection at the beginning of August.

### Apostleship of the Sea

Next week is Sea Sunday and our second collection provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. There are some envelopes at the back of church for those who wish to 'gift-aid'. This apostleship is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Britain. Please give generously.

## 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
<b>Sunday:</b>	Youth Club

### NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE

**Oh to be young in summertime! 24-28 July: Summer Camp** is being held at Alton Castle for those aged 12-17. For more information please email [b e c c y . r o s e m a n @ b c y s . c o . u k](mailto:b e c c y . r o s e m a n @ b c y s . c o . u k)

### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

#### The Summer Fete

Thanks to all who contributed in any way, those who helped and those who came along and supported. As always, it was a very enjoyable and successful event. More on the financial rewards when the figures are available!



**The Circus is Coming!** This will be at the school, booked for Saturday 26th September - 2 shows in the day. Tickets will be available at the Fete .



### Aid to the Church in Need

Thank you all for your very generous response to the powerful presentation by Dee Thomas on behalf of ACN last week. Many who were unable to be there have expressed a wish to contribute during this week and so the result of the collection will be published next weekend.

### MISSIO

Many thanks to all those who have brought in RED mission boxes. It has helped greatly in our national campaign to seek out those boxes that have lain in homes and communities throughout England and Wales.