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Today in the readings of Mass we are reminded of a number of themes. The prophet Isaiah calls us to a change of heart and to repentance. St Paul in his letter to the Philippians is facing his own imminent death, but yet he wants to die, as human death unites him with Christ his saviour. For St Paul, all that matters is the glorification of Christ. In the Gospel we are reminded of the parable of the workers in the vineyard. We can relate easily to the unfairness of those who only work one hour receiving the same wage as those who have worked the whole day. The message however is that 'the first shall be last and the last shall be first'. The generous nature of God is not limited to time or space, it goes beyond them. Gods kindness continues to surprise those who have eyes to see. We are called to both repentance and kindness so that God may be glorified. On that theme of kindness I would like to thank all of you for the kindness you have shown to me in my first week here at St Josephs. I have had the opportunity to celebrate Mass both here in our Church and at St Josephs school. I have also visited Warwick Hospital and had the opportunity to familiarise myself with the local area including a meal at the 'Hungry Horse'. I would also like to thank Fr Bob for his kind welcome to me and for all his hard work over the last few years. We wish him well in his new parish in Stafford.

With every blessing for the week ahead, Fr Andrew

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Mary Darby, Brendan Patterson, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa

The Lawns
Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

Clarence House
Clarendon Manor
Castle Brook
Galanos House
Winifred Galvin
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

**Sunday 24th September 2017
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

Fr Andrew Franklin
A brief introduction!
Born in Chester on 13th May 1977.
Grew up in North Wales.
Attended the local Catholic primary and secondary schools.
Studied for the priesthood at Oscott College, Birmingham.
Ordained 3rd July 2004.
Favourite food; Anything as long as its not salmon!
Favourite drink; Diet Pepsi.
Hobbies; Golf and supporting Manchester United.
Currently studying Canon Law at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.
Anything else...please ask!!

A Priest in Need of Information! It is wonderful to see so many parishioners taking responsibility for all the various jobs which, together, enable the parish to function. Please make yourselves known to me—it's not boastful to do this, it helps me, as Parish Priest, to develop a picture of what is happening. My thanks to all those who contribute in any way to the smooth running of the parish.

200 Club: The next collection will take place after all Masses on 1st October.

If you have moved house or changed phone number since joining the 200 Club, please can you check we have the right contact details for you.

Little Red Boxes: All is gathered in and this is a final thank you to all who support the Missions in this way.

SCJ Annual Sponsored Walk: It has long been a tradition in this parish to support

the SCJ's main fundraising event of the year. This year's walk takes place this coming Saturday 30th September at 1.30pm at Sandwell Park. Please have a look at the paperwork in the narthex and do sign up for an enjoyable afternoon's gentle exercise! There will be car spaces available for anyone without transport who would like to do the walk. Please meet up in the church car park at 12 noon on Saturday.

CAFOD campaign to World Bank re renewal energy. Thanks to the 25 parishioners who completed a card to support the CAFOD campaign. If anyone took a card home but didn't return it, they can complete the card and post it, postage free.

A Call to Action Conference in Birmingham: Sat. 21st October: 10.30 – 4.30 at the Quaker Meeting House in Bull St. (close to Snow Hill Station). Title "An Ancient Solution to a Contemporary Problem" - explaining the idea of locally ordained community leaders, and exploring how the shortage of priests in Ireland is impacting both priests and laity.

The Leprosy Mission: Myrna has received a lovely message of thanks from the mission, do have a look at it on the J & P notice board.

NEXT WEEK 1.10.17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Sophia Brain	Adam Borley, Tony Harris, Pauline Mills
5.30pm	Honor Hynes	Sr. Angela, Julia Fan, Paddy Close



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Peter A. Watts RIP

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Saturday 23 September VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	David Grayling's Intentions Nora Quirke Sheila Insua Margaret Gabbutt	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 24 September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Nora Quirke Chris McCarthy & Deceased members of the McGarvey Family Mary McMahan Mike Pettipher Cristina, Duarte & Amancio Pinto, & Onorio P. Soares Joe & Rose McGreevy Mrs Maguire & Sue	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 25 September <i>Psalter Week 1</i> <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Daphne French People of the Parish	SJ: Mass with Novena to Our Lady
Tuesday 26 September <i>Ss Cosmos & Damian</i>	Sch SP SJ	9.15 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Mass, St Patrick's School Sr Josepha-Roswitha Dreckmann Intentions of Michael McGarvey {NB: note new time}	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	SP OL SP	10.00 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Funeral Service: John Wilson Geoffrey Maddocks Gerry Quinn	Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 28 September <i>Feria</i>	SJ Sch SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm	Special Intention {NB: note new time} Mass, Our Lady & St Teresa's School Angela	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 29 September <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Bernard Bergonzi Kevin Yorke Aoife, Josef, Zsuzanna Wukics	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ: 9.10am; SP: Noon
Saturday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Special Intention Mr & Mrs Feeley Sarah O'Rourke Ellen Barrow Nora Quirke	SJ: 9.15am Morning Prayer Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45am Exposition:
Sunday 1 October <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Sarah O'Rourke Betty Shehan (MS) Nora Quirke Patrick O'Mullane Margaret Gabbutt Miceal Murphy (AA&F) Ellen Talbot (A)	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

THANK YOU: Fr. Bob wrote a kind and generous reflection of his experience here in the parish and **his thanks for that, in last week's** bulletin. He has asked that we include his thanks again for your kindness, support and comforting words on his leaving, and the wonderful Sunday Evening Farewell. We certainly let him know how much we have valued his time with us! He has sent a card to the parish—do have a look at it in the Narthex.

Contact Details for Fr. Bob: Going forwards, there is a new email address to use if you want to contact Fr. Bob, as he will no longer be using the current one **for St. Joseph's.** st.annes.patricks@gmail.com

Narthex: **Thanks to Hazel's** initiation, the church narthex has been tidied and rearranged recently. The idea is to create a space **that should minimise 'clutter'** and enable notices etc to be seen more clearly. There is a tendency in many churches to leave and forget about notices and periodicals so that the porch area can begin to lose its freshness. Hopefully in future we can keep notices up to date and provide a useful space where information and important leaflets are easily found. *The Library area, which has largely been unused, has now been cleared. The books will be retained until the end of October so that anyone who donated books and would like to have them back, can contact Hazel on 772712 Monday and Thursday evenings 5-7.00pm or Wednesdays 10-2.00pm and arrange to collect them.*

Baptism
Benjamin Austin Thomas
Sunday 1st October at 12 Noon

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: **2nd Coll: Fr. Hudson's Society**
 Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
 Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
 Wed: 9.30am Art Group
 Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team 2
 10.45-12.15pm Music Group
 7.00pm Weight Watchers
 Fri: 5.30pm Karate
 Sat: 7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World
 Sun: 12 Noon: Baptism Benjamin Thomas

LAST WEEK
17.9.17

Offertory Collection:
£753.68
Many thanks.

2nd Collection:
Catholic Evangelisation £220.05

Attendance 
615

Anniversaries
Mary Alice McGarvey, Mary Smith, John Beamish
May they rest in peace