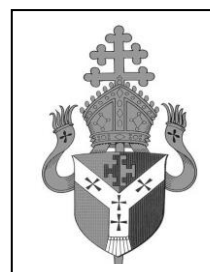




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**Notices for the Week beginning the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A February 19 2017**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Year of Matthew	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	feria	10 a.m.
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	feria	7.30 a.m.
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	The Chair of St Peter	12 noon
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	St Polycarp	12 noon
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	feria	10 a.m.
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	feria	10 a.m.
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b>Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.

<b><u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</u></b>	Saturday	10.30 - 11 a.m.
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**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<i>Leviticus 9:1-18</i>	By making Israel his People God made them holy, different from the rest of the world. This holiness is to be shown by their behaviour, loving as God loves.
The Psalm	The psalmist thanks God for deliverance from some danger and sees the whole history of God's care for his People mirrored in his own personal experience.
1 Corinthians 3:16-23	Paul sees the divisions in the Church of Corinth as a desecration of the Temple of God that they had become through Baptism.
Matthew 5:38-49	In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus brings out the true spirit of the commandments, which are designed to make us holy by imitating God's love for all his creatures, even when they turn against him.

**COFFEE MORNING** Do come to the hall after Mass for coffee and a chat. The Fair-trade stall will also be open.

**PARISH MEETING** Advance notice: Wednesday, March 29, 7 p.m. The accounts will have been presented the week before together with an indication of work to be done. The meeting will enable further discussion about the physical and spiritual fabric of the parish. It would be helpful if Fr Stewart were notified beforehand of specific items for discussion.

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS** March 5 – Cathedral maintenance. March 12 – CAFOD (from the previous Friday's Lent Fast Day).

**THE BIG PICTURE** *You, the Bible & God's big plan*:- a 12 week inspirational Bible course and DVD which gives a step by step journey through salvation history. Starts Thursday, **February 23**, 1.30 p.m. St Peter's Parish Centre, Leamington for Warwick/Leamington/Whitnash and surrounding area. Other parishioners are invited to start their own home/parish group. See the trailer at [www.thebigpicturecourse.org](http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org)  
 Local contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk) **Is there a demand for running this course here and at a different day/time?? Fr Stewart would be very happy to organize.**

**BIBLE STUDY** Monday at 7.15 p.m.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** **Friday, March 3, at St Mary Immaculate Church.** The order of service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. There will be two services, one at **11 a.m. and**

the other at **7 p.m.** This is so that more people can come. There is a perception that this is a women's only service which is incorrect. All are welcome. No barriers on gender or age. Tea/coffee and cake will be served half an hour before each service, so at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

**STANDING FOR CHRIST** The Christian Institute is holding a meeting at the Saltisford Church, Albert Street, on **Tuesday, March 7 at 8 p.m.** to encourage Christians to be confident and effective in standing for Christ in the public square. A team of Institute staff will speak about concerns facing Christians today. See leaflets for more details.

**ROAD CLOSURE** On Sunday, March 5, (the first Sunday of Lent) the road through the village will be closed because of the half-Marathon. We shall have a Vigil Mass at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, and an 8.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March. All cars will need to be gone by 9.30 a.m.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Saturday, May 27, to Friday, June 2. Coach: from £439.00 and Air: from £745.00. The pastoral theme for 2017 is "The Almighty has done great things for me!", because the fundamental idea at the heart of a pilgrimage is that we are sick and in need. For details see booking forms at the back of church or contact [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

### **PAUSE FOR HOPE, ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF PRAYER, SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2017**

Almost twenty years ago Professor Ray Donnelly, a Liverpool cancer surgeon, was exploring ways in which to respond to the spiritual needs of those people who are affected by cancer. A group of like-minded people came together and devised an ecumenical service, PAUSE for HOPE, which has been held annually ever since, alternating between Liverpool's two cathedrals. It has since spread to Chester, Manchester, Glasgow, the Isle of Man and various other centres throughout the country. On Sunday, March 19, at 3 p.m. Birmingham's first PAUSE for HOPE service will be held in St Chad's Cathedral. The Archbishop, together with the Bishop of Aston, Bishop Anne Hollinghurst, and a group of local people will be leading the prayers, music and readings. All are welcome and invited to join the congregation. Further details can be obtained from either the Pause for Hope website: [www.pauseforhope.org.uk](http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk) or from: [kenvance@jesuits.net](mailto:kenvance@jesuits.net) who can provide posters and fliers.

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK** *The Chair of Peter*: celebrated since the 4<sup>th</sup> century, this feast is a sign of the unity of the Church. The cathedra (chair) of the ex cathedra pronouncements stands for the teaching role of the Pope. High up in the apse of St Peter's in Rome is a wooden throne that tradition claims was used by the Apostle St Peter. The relic is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and executed between 1647 and 1653. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity". *St Polycarp (2<sup>nd</sup> cent.)*: bishop of Smyrna (modern Izmir) was a disciple of the apostle John. The account of his trial and martyrdom is one of the earliest authentic examples of its kind.

**SAME SEX MARRIAGE???** The Department for Communities and Local Government has issued a letter to a C4M supporter. It says: "*Dame Louise is a supporter of the right to gay marriage now enshrined in law, however she does respect and understand the Catholic Church's long-held view that marriage is between a man and a woman, even if that is not her own view.*" The letter continues: "*She is not threatening the right of the Church or individuals of faith to hold that view, or to include it in teaching it as a fundamental tenet of faith. That is indeed an important aspect of a shared British value of freedom of religious expression.*"

**DEEPER** **March 21, 22 & 23** at Castle Hill Baptist church. Rev Dr Richard Briggs will explore the Book of Daniel and 21st century discipleship. If you cannot manage all 3 days come to the ones you can.

**WARWICK DEANERY** Just for information. The deanery comprises the parishes of Hampton-on-the-Hill (St Charles Borromeo – PP. Canon Edward Stewart), Baddesley Clinton (St Francis of Assisi - PP Fr John Sharp, who is also diocesan archivist), Balsall Common (Blessed Robert Grissold – PP Fr Frank Smith), Kenilworth (St Francis of Assisi and St Augustine - PP. Fr Kevin Hooper with Fr David Bazan living in the parish), Leamington, (St Peter - PP Fr John Cross with Fr Noel Breslin as assistant and with Fr Chris Greaney, retired, living in the parish), Lillington (Our Lady - PP emeritus Fr Lawrence Crowe in residence), Southam (Our Lady and St Wulstan - PP: Fr Bernard Garratt), Stratford-on-Avon (St Gregory and Our Lady Queen of Peace - PP. Dom Alexander Austin O.S.B.), Wappenbury (St Anne - PP Fr Teddy O'Brien MSC) (with Princethorpe), Warwick (St Mary Immaculate – Fr Patrick Mileham, chaplain to Trinity School and Myton Hospice), Whitnash (St Joseph - PP Fr Bob Devaney, chaplain to Warwick Hospital and



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Heathcote Hospital) and Wootton Wawen (Our Lady & St Benedict - Fr. Damian Jekwu Nwankwo) (with Henley-in-Arden, using the C of E Church of St Nicholas).

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** Princethorpe Foundation – Press & PR Officer; PA to Bursar; Sixth Form Administrator (part-time/job share); Nursery assistant. [www.princethorpe.co.uk/employment-opportunities](http://www.princethorpe.co.uk/employment-opportunities).

**LEAVING A LASTING GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH** *"The Diocese has made a new leaflet available to all 227 parishes to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. At the back of church you will find copies of the new leaflet. Please do take one and consider whether you, or someone you know, may wish to support the Church in this way. Thank you and God bless."*

**DIAMOND JUBILEE** On April 6 Fr Stewart will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination. The village hall is not available for a reception on that day so there will be evening Mass on Friday, April 7 (the day of his first Mass), followed by a reception in the village hall (Old School Lane). It is proposed to invite people to bring a plate of food and some more information on this will be forthcoming.

**DEANERY WEBSITE** [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk).

**MODERN WORKS OF MERCY** Say to somebody: "You belong"; "I am listening to you"; "I say nice things about you"; "I'll go along with you"; "I'll share with you"; "I'll visit you"; "I'll pray for you". (Pope Francis)

**HOME - THE ART OF DYING WELL** See [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org) A new website offering a helping hand to those grappling with issues surrounding death and dying. Based on Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. *"..... mindful of the struggle that so many people (including Mass-going Catholics) have in speaking about death, this is something that people can be directed to for use in their own time. Dying well means different things to us all. Death is an individual experience, but a community of accompaniment on the journey can help us to prepare by bringing consolation and spiritual peace"*.

**PRAYERS ON THE MOVE COMES TO BIRMINGHAM** Wouldn't it be great if commuters on public transport in Birmingham could look up at the advertising posters and see beautiful, calming prayers on their journeys to work? Could you donate just £9.21, the cost of one bus ad, poster to see this become a reality? Visit [www.prayersonthemove/donate](http://www.prayersonthemove/donate) to see the video and support the campaign.

**KNOCK SHRINE** See poster for details of 6 day pilgrimages to the shrine of Our Lady at Knock from this October. [www.gotrouvaille.com](http://www.gotrouvaille.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO LISBON AND FATIMA** July 9-14 2017 led by Archbishop Longley. Price £649. This Pilgrimage is open to priests, deacons, religious and the lay faithful. **The cost of this Pilgrimage holds till the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.** For further details, or to book a place on this Pilgrimage, contact Fr. Cecil Rogerson on 01384 274520, or at [see.tee.roger@gmail.com](mailto:see.tee.roger@gmail.com) The structure and content of the Pilgrimage will be a valuable aid to anyone wishing to celebrate the Centenary Year of the Apparitions in 2017. It will also be helpful in enabling an informed observance of the event in whatever way is possible at the time. Connecting with St. Anthony and St. Bernard will also be of great benefit. Going on pilgrimage to Fatima has helped many in developing their relationship with Our Lady in a ways they did not expect.

**POPE FRANCIS' ADVICE FOR FAMILIES** *"The love of friendship unifies all aspects of marital life and helps family members to grow constantly. This love must be freely and generously expressed in words and acts. In the family three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: 'Please', 'Thank you' and 'Sorry' – three essential words! When we are not selfish and can say: 'Thank you'; when someone realizes that he or she did something wrong and is able to say 'Sorry', our families experience peace and*

joy. Let us not be stingy about using these words but keep repeating them day after day" (Amoris Laetitia n. 133)

### **REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

*Merciful Father, God of all nations, we come before you as the people you have chosen as your own. You led your people from slavery to freedom and accompanied them throughout the traumatic journey. Your Son, Jesus, was born far from his family's home and they sought safety in another place soon after his birth. Hear our pleas for the people who have left their homeland amid tragedy, war and circumstances not of their making. You know each one by name and the secrets of their hearts, the pride in their heritage, the richness of their story. We ask your blessing on those who show hospitality to migrants and refugees on our behalf. Open our hearts that we never suffer indifference. May our prayers and words be accompanied by deeds that make a difference. Change the hearts of those who make dangerous journeys necessary, and those who exploit the desperate. As we cherish life, so may we be Christlike in our efforts to welcome the stranger, to love our neighbour, so that when we reach our longed for homeland, we may find in you then the welcome that we have offered others now. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**GREEN ELECTRICITY** Thanks to a new alliance between IFM and Churchmarketplace, over 3200 parishes in 16 dioceses in England and Wales (including St Charles) are now buying 'green' electricity together from renewable sources, doing their bit to look after our common home, in harmony with the Pope's call to care for the environment (Laudato Si). At the same time we are getting competitive prices.

**ST MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL** The recent Diocesan Inspection team (religious OFSTED) commented upon outstanding teaching, learning, monitoring and leadership. The pupils were described as "confident and secure" and "eager and attentive". They noted too that staff were "enthusiastic and dedicated", demonstrating "unswerving commitment". Older pupils were described as "dedicated at looking after their younger peers" and this coupled with "high expectations" and "opportunity for every pupil" means that the school continues to go from strength to strength. Very strong exam results underline the excellence of the school. Year 6 SATS results this year were over 20% higher than National Averages, whilst Year 1 and 2 also surpassed the National profile! Full details of these are on the school's website at: [stmaryimmaculateschool.co.uk](http://stmaryimmaculateschool.co.uk). What is more, an impressive 25% of Year 6 passed their 11+ exam and are looking forward to beginning grammar school in September.

**CATECHIST TRAINING** Any volunteers to do the Catechist's course at Maryvale to help with our sacramental programmes next year?

**NUCLEAR WEAPONS** A statement from the Catholic Bishops' Conference: *"We recognise the grave responsibility for national security that rests with our government and our parliament. We know that those charged with making the decision on whether to renew the UK's nuclear weapons programme will reflect seriously on whether their possession acts as an effective deterrent. We ask them to reflect too on the view that the use of nuclear weapons can never be morally justified as their use would cause the mass deaths of innocent civilians and does not fit within the Just War tradition. Such use could never be a proportionate response" and "Parliament now has an opportunity to reinforce the extension and implementation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to which the UK is a signatory, and which obliges all who possess nuclear weapons to work towards their elimination. We pray that the decision taken by Parliament will include the intention and the steps to achieve that undertaking: the complete elimination of these weapons".* When Pope Francis addressed the United Nations, he concluded: *"An ethics and a law based on the threat of mutual destruction – and possibly the destruction of all mankind – are self-contradictory... There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the non-proliferation Treaty, in light and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons."*

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF LEAMINGTON** The three churches of Leamington, Whitnash and Lillington will be run, in effect, as one parish with three priests. The new week-end Mass times are from now on: Saturday: 12.30 Vigil Mass at Our Lady's and 5 p.m. at St Peter's. Sunday: 8 a.m. at St Joseph's, 9.30 at Our Lady's, 11.30 at St Peter's and 5.30 p.m. at St Joseph's.

**DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** Some of you may have noticed Jennifer Russell's prayerful devotional/illustrated books at the back of church. To see or order see: [www.jarussell-be-inspired.com](http://www.jarussell-be-inspired.com)



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**DROUGHT IN ETHIOPIA** Message from CAFOD: "Ethiopia has experienced two failed rainy seasons, made worse by one of the strongest El Niño weather patterns recorded. Farmers are losing their crops, water sources are drying up, and families are struggling to feed themselves and their animals. **How you can help.** "Whatever anyone is able to give; £5, £20 or £100, they must know that they are saving lives." **£16** can buy 100kg of maize to feed a family of five for a month; **£35** provides a monthly food basket containing wheat, cooking oil and pulses; **£83** can provide 100kg of wheat seeds for farmers to sow".

**THE JOY OF LOVE** This latest document from the Pope is his response to the two recent Synods on the Family. As he says, it is a long document and is not meant to be read at one session. We must beware of press interpretations, as it will require careful reading and guided interpretation. It seems to be stressing individual and personal conscience rather than Canon Law, at the same time not changing Church teaching. It may lead to a change of practice rather than a change of teaching. We need to pray for divine guidance in its implementation. There is a copy at the back of church £4.95. It is available from [www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) but is also available on the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

**THE DIOCESAN INTRANET** <https://intranet.birminghamdiocese.org.uk> You will also be able to find letters from the archbishop on the parish website ([www.stcharles-borromeo.org.uk](http://www.stcharles-borromeo.org.uk)) as well as the diocesan website.

**DEANERY WEBSITE** [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk). This is back on track.

**BRUSHSTROKES** Community Project has launched a new project in partnership with Father Hudson's Care and Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham. As the refugee crisis continues, groups that support asylum seekers and refugees face an increasing demand for services. In 2014, Brushstrokes saw an unprecedented demand for their support and with more people fleeing countries that are being ravaged by war and oppression, this demand is expected to increase throughout 2016. Teresa Clements, Project Manager, and Sandra Tittel, Outreach Coordinator, have worked out a programme of training to help other parishes develop services to support refugees and asylum seekers locally. Drawing on their broad experience, they will visit parishes to provide training, workshops, mentoring and support to other organizations, helping them to develop their services. The training will raise awareness about issues faced by refugees and asylum seekers and provide advice on how to engage newcomers. It will cover befriending skills to support refugees through the difficult transition phase of adapting to life in the UK, mentoring for volunteer teachers on delivering English lessons and will advise parishes on providing practical resources. An added benefit from the workshops will be the opportunities to meet and share good practice with other groups who are working to reach the same goals. A long-term aim of the project is to develop a support network of parishes across the Archdiocese. If you would like to get involved in the project please speak to the receptionist at Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434000 or contact Teresa Clements by emailing [teresa@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk](mailto:teresa@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk) or on mobile 07464 497417.

**OFSTED** Ofsted inspectors applying the British values test in schools have already shown hostility towards traditional marriage supporters. In some cases, failure to support same-sex marriage has been used as the litmus test for deciding if a school is promoting extremism. See [c4m.org.uk](http://c4m.org.uk)

**RED BOXES** Many thanks to all boxholders.

**KENELM YOUTH TRUST** See poster for youth events 2017 calendar.

**CAFOD** Join our Team taking Global Justice into Schools! Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD? CAFOD Birmingham is looking for volunteers in your area to work with children and young people

in Catholic schools to help them learn about the world, and to inspire them to take action on poverty and injustice with CAFOD. Full training and resources will be supplied and travel expenses covered. For further information, please contact CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722 944 or at [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk).

**COMECE** the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community, has a new website, launched at the end of October. ([www.comece.eu](http://www.comece.eu)).

**ASCENT MOVEMENT** Life Ascending, formerly Ascent Movement, seeks to bring together men and women who are looking to enrich their later years and, through the bond of friendship and prayer, they are encouraged to reach out to others. The work of Life Ascending is endorsed by Cardinal Nichols. The movement has produced free leaflets which are available from their National Secretary, Mrs Ryde, on 020 8202 4930 and further information can be found at [www.ascendmovement.org.uk](http://www.ascendmovement.org.uk).

**WORKS OF MERCY** Corporal Works: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. Spiritual Works: admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray the living and the dead

**INDULGENCES** What are they? When we sin, there are two effects. Firstly, we offend God and secondly we inflict damage on ourselves in some way. In Confession we obtain God's forgiveness but the consequences of sin remain. That is what is meant when we speak of the temporal punishment due to sin. If we do not "pay this penalty", by extra good works and prayers in this life, Purgatory will do the rest. Indulgences are a way of wiping out these consequences. A plenary indulgence frees one from **all** temporal punishment due to sin. This gift can also be gained for other people, living or dead.

**INDULGENCES - THE CHURCH'S SPIRITUAL TREASURY.** Indulgences will be a big part of this Year of Jubilee and so it will be well to rehearse the teaching of the Church on this matter. Since the Church is the Body of Christ with each of us its members, whatever one does affects the others. So every good action, especially those of the saints, builds up a sort of spiritual treasury into which we are privileged to dip. The Church specifies the means of access. In the early centuries the penitential system was mainly concerned with serious sins (murder, apostasy, adultery etc.) and the penances were rather severe and could have included things that could take time, such as a pilgrimage. This would have taken x number of days. So when prayers began to be substituted for such penances, the idea arose that they would be the equivalent of the number of days the pilgrimage, for example, would have taken. That is why the old prayer books used to indicate the number of days that the indulgence was worth

**JOHN PAUL II AWARD** This award is specifically for young people who have completed their GCSE's and who are ready to commit time to help in the Parish. This could involve reading at Mass, cleaning, helping at the children's liturgy etc. etc. They would also record hours of service in some sort of social action, which could be anything from being a volunteer coach for a sports team, fund-raising or even being a handmaid (or the male equivalent) at Lourdes. This award is a great way to recognize the achievement of committed young people and also to encourage and support young people on the fringes to engage more deeply in parish life and as a disciple of Jesus. <http://www.bcys.co.uk>

**LAUDATO SI ANIMATION** Watch CAFOD'S animation for young people on Pope Francis' encyclical. [news@cafod.net](mailto:news@cafod.net) also <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Lz7dmn1eM> for everyone and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOgF2Kgel6k> for children.

**WEBSITES FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE** [catholicfamily.org.uk](http://catholicfamily.org.uk) (a rich resource for all church documents on the subject) [homeisaholyplace.org.uk](http://homeisaholyplace.org.uk) [familias-ew.org.uk](http://familias-ew.org.uk) [cedar.uk.net](http://cedar.uk.net) [marriagecare.org.uk](http://marriagecare.org.uk)

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** Mrs Suzie Vogiaridis is our Parish representative. Her responsibility is to ensure the safety on Parish premises of children and vulnerable adults. It is also her duty to ensure that all who have any significant regular contact with children or vulnerable adults go through the proper application process. Her name and 'contact details will appear on the notice-board.

**GALLOWS HILL DEVELOPMENT** Traditionally this was the site of the martyrdom of the Warwick Martyrs in 1595 (Blessed William Freeman) and 1604 (Blessed John Sugar and Blessed Robert Grissold). Fr Stewart met with the developers last week and they have indicated that, if the development goes through,



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they are prepared to “dedicate” a green area and are open to erecting some suitable “monument”, subject, of course, to cost, design and the need to avoid giving offence to anybody.

**FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH** *What are they*? (1) You shall attend Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation and abstain from work or activities that offend against the character of the day. (2) You shall receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year. (3) You shall receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. (4) You shall observe the prescribed seasons of fasting and days of abstinence (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday). (5) You shall contribute to the material support of the Church. ***What is the purpose of the precepts of the Church, and how binding are they?*** The "Five Precepts of the Church" with their minimum requirements are supposed to remind us that one cannot be a Christian without making a moral effort, without participating personally in the sacramental life of the Church, and without union with her in solidarity. They are obligatory for every Catholic Christian. (YOUCAT questions 345-346).

**MISERICORDIAE VULTUS THE FACE OF MERCY** From the beginning of his Pontificate, Pope Francis has made it his priority to carry God's mercy to the whole world. In this new document, the Holy Father calls us to reflect upon the mystery of mercy, especially the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and place a renewed emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that the witness of believers might grow ever stronger. [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org) 0207 640 0042 [orders@ctsbooks.org](mailto:orders@ctsbooks.org)

**TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL** *is seeking the views of the parishioners of the Warwick Deanery. For the questionnaire, see [www.trinity-school.org.uk](http://www.trinity-school.org.uk) and follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BL6VKXQ> or access it via [Twitter@catholictrinity](https://twitter.com/catholictrinity). Trinity is YOUR local Catholic school and your views are very important. Trinity School regularly talks to students, parents/guardians (current and prospective) and the wider public to ensure that it is doing the best it can for the people it serves. We want to be sure that our work and our vision are aligned with our community's needs.*

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM/THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL** In this “exhortation” (a response to the deliberations of the synod of bishops on the New Evangelization) Pope Francis says: 1. The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come. see [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

**ASSISTED SUICIDE** ([www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide)). Another excellent resource for information: [www.bioethics.org.uk](http://www.bioethics.org.uk) (the website of the Anscombe Bioethics centre).

**THANKS** to donations of wool from here and elsewhere. 1000 hats for seamen have been knitted by the St Peter's group and distributed at all UK ports over the last 2 years. Donations of wool are always welcome in the box at back of church. See article in “Catholic Today”

**CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP SUPPLY SERVICE** is recruiting teachers and support staff to work within Catholic Schools. E: [info@cpss.org.uk](mailto:info@cpss.org.uk) or [www.cpss.org.uk](http://www.cpss.org.uk)

**LITTLE ANGELS PRE SCHOOL** (rated Good by Ofsted) at St Mary Immaculate Primary School. There are places available. See leaflets at the back of church.

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP VACANCIES** in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese are now advertised on the Diocesan Education Service website at: [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk)

**KINGDOM REVELATOR** – a new catholic magazine for teenagers. For free download of previous issues see [www.sehion.net/home/magazine](http://www.sehion.net/home/magazine).

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicssingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicssingles.org.uk) for more information.

**WHAT ARE CREEDS?** Creeds are brief formulas of faith that make it possible for all believers to make a common profession. Brief formulas of this kind can be found already in the letters of St. Paul. The early Christian Apostles' Creed has a special dignity, because it is thought to be a summary of the faith of the apostles. The Nicene Creed is highly esteemed because it resulted from the great councils of the Church when Christendom was still undivided (Nicaea, 325; Constantinople, 381) and is to this day the common basis for the Christian in the East and the West. (YOUCAT question 26).

**How did the creeds come about?** The creeds go back to Jesus, who commanded his disciples to baptize. In doing so, they were to require of the people seeking Baptism the profession of a definite faith, namely, faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Trinity). The original cell from which all later creeds grew is the profession of faith in Jesus the Lord and in his missionary mandate. He told his apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). All the creeds of the Church are elaborations of the faith in this Triune God. Each of them begins with a profession of faith in the Father, the Creator and preserver of the world, then refers to the Son, through whom the world and we ourselves have found redemption, and concludes with a profession of faith in the Holy Spirit, who is the presence of God in the Church and in the world. (YOUCAT question 27)

**VOLUNTEER GUIDES WANTED** by St Mary's Collegiate Church in Warwick to inform visitors about the church and its history. If you are interested and could spare a couple of hours a week, please contact the Parish Office on 01926 403940.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

**CATHOLICS IN HEALTHCARE WEBSITE** [catholicsinhealthcareblog@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsinhealthcareblog@gmail.com)

**COALITION FOR MARRIAGE** [www.admin@c4m.org.uk](http://www.admin@c4m.org.uk) An Interesting and useful website/email address for updates on the situation with videos and arguments in favour of the traditional definition of marriage and suggestions about what can still be done.

**HEALING ON THE STREETS (HOTS) OF WARWICK** On second Saturdays a group of church people under the auspices of Churches Together in Warwick has been setting up "shop" in the Market Place and asking passers-by if they would like to be "prayed over" for their own problems or on behalf of others.

**ST CHAD'S SANCTUARY** See [www.stchad'ssanctuary.com](http://www.stchad'ssanctuary.com) for what they are doing for the destitute and especially for refugees from Iran, Sudan, Eritrea and now Syria.

**S.V.P. VISITS AT WARWICK HOSPITAL.** Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Mary Immaculate visit the sick in Warwick Hospital every week. If you have a relative or friend or know of anyone who is in hospital and might appreciate a visit, please contact the SVP on 01926-493549. Of course, Fr Bob Devaney, the Chaplain, visits regularly. Fr Stewart, of course, likes to visit parishioners in hospital.

**PUBLIC EVENING PRAYER AT OSCOTT COLLEGE** Most Sundays 6.30 p.m. during term-time.

**MARYVALE INFORMATION** Maryvale offers a comprehensive range of courses, providing gradual levels of formal achievement, with programmes, Certificates and Diplomas in Scripture, the Catholic Faith, Catechist Formation, Marriage and Family, Evangelisation and Ministry, and many other topics central to the life and mission of the Church. See leaflets **at** back of church.

**CTS RACK** A selection of pamphlets from the Catholic Truth Society are available at the back of church. The CTS provides a wide variety of literature on religious subjects.

**PARISH CEMETERY** John Yarnold is responsible for the management of the cemetery and queries about purchase of plots etc. should be addressed to him. His number is on the notice-board outside church.

**CATENIAN BURSARY FUND** is to help young Catholics, aged 16-25, undertaking community-based projects in UK or abroad, including assisting pilgrims in Lourdes. Projects should involve Christian





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principles and benefit others but there is no preferred voluntary activity. Grants towards travel and living costs but not intended to cover all costs fully. See notice board or contact Alex Mellon, (01926 843000).

**VERBUM DOMINI** – the Word of God in the life and mission of the church. An exhortation from the Holy Father, an excellent resource for deepening our understanding of Scripture. Copies are on sale at £2.00.

**CARDINAL NEWMAN EXHIBITION** See notice-board for details of the exhibition at the Birmingham Oratory, week-ends 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. or join a Day Pilgrimage with guided tour.

**GAP YEAR ???** Alton Castle offers 18+ young people or under-24 graduates a rewarding year working with children, studying for a Degree in Youth Ministry, Higher Diploma in Youth Ministry or Registered Practitioner Qualification in Outdoor Activities. See poster and leaflets at back of church.