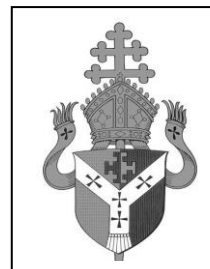




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Notices for the Week beginning the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord December 25 2016

SUNDAY	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.
MONDAY	St Stephen	12 noon
TUESDAY	St John, the apostle	10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	Holy Innocents	12 noon
THURSDAY	St Thomas Becket	12 noon
FRIDAY	Holy Family	10 a.m.
SATURDAY	7 th day of Christmas	10 a.m.
SUNDAY	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	Saturday	10.30 - 11 a.m.
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Isaiah 52:7-10	The prophet announces the good tidings of the return of the Jews from exile and the return of the Lord to Jerusalem, with the promise of salvation for all.
The Psalm	A song of rejoicing at the wonderful works of God.
Hebrews 1:1-6	The whole history of God's dealings with his people in the past prepared the way for the coming of the Son.
John 1:1-18	John's Gospel does not tell of the infancy of Jesus but of his eternal existence as the Word of God, now made flesh in order to make us sons and daughters of God.

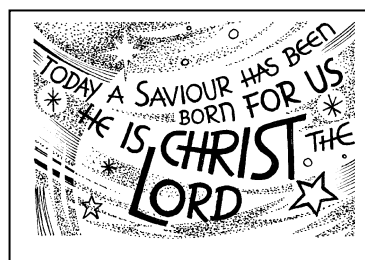
CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS Many thanks to all who did such a good job on polishing all the brass and cleaning the church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE See lists at the back of church, giving names, addresses and history of the prisoners. Please note the instructions about the sort of card and the sort of greetings. Wrong words can endanger the prisoner!

Father Stewart wishes you and your families
 a very happy and blessed Christmas

CRIB APPEAL There will be two boxes by the Crib, one for the work of the Friends of the Holy Land and the other, as suggested by the Archbishop, for the work of "Origins" (see his letter or Fr Hudson's Care).

"Some say, that ever 'gainst that season comes
 Wherein the Saviour's birth is celebrated,
 The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
 And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad;
 The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
 no fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm;
 So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."
 (Hamlet Act 1 Scene 1)



PASTORAL LETTER You can find a copy of the recent letter on the diocesan website <https://intranet.birminghamdiocese.org.uk> See also Fr Hudson's Care www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES 514 boxes were brought to St Paul's collection point in Warwick and taken to Coventry, where 20,904 had been gathered. They will go to the Middle East and to Serbia. It has been suggested that it would be a good idea for people to start building up boxes throughout the year.

BIBLE STUDY Meeting again Monday, January 9 2017.

RED BOXES Many thanks to the organizer and box-holders and supporters. Missio exists because 40% of the worldwide Catholic Church is too poor to support itself. Missio plays a crucial role supporting the local Church overseas and sharing the light of Christ by training priests, building churches and combating injustice, disease, poverty and exploitation in 157 countries.

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE Open Morning on Thursday, January 12 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
Entrance exams Saturday, January 21. See notice board.

FLAME 2017 The Catholic National Youth event for Years 9-13 at Wembley Arena on Saturday, March 17. Tickets and transport email maria.bracken@kenelmouthrust.org.uk Last year 10,000 young people went.

CHRISTIAN AID BARN DANCE Saturday, February 4, 2017 7.30 p.m. – 10.15 p.m. St. Nicholas Church.

PARISH CENSUS AND DATA PROTECTION ACT Thanks to those who have already completed and returned the census forms. In order to comply with this Act we need to state that the purpose of asking you to complete a form is to update the parish register and also to enable us to contact you directly. If you have not completed a form there are blank forms at the back of the church.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED In line with the UK Government commitment to offer safe haven to Syrian refugee families, WDC will soon welcome some refugees. BUT accommodation is needed to house them adequately and the local churches have been asked to assist. The immediate need (for occupation from January) is for 2-3 bed-roomed houses or larger flats the area, furnished or non-furnished. Rent will be paid and underwritten by WDC including a void period of up to 2 months before the families arrive. Can you help? Or do you know of other private landlords with a heart to do so? If you want to find out more, please speak to Peter Burns at Castle Hill Baptist Church (thepastor@warwickbaptists.org.uk) and/or contact Mark Lingard, Private Sector Housing Manager at WDC on 01926 456410 or housing.advice@warwickdc.gov.uk

HOME - THE ART OF DYING WELL See 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 to see the video and support the campaign.

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".

KNOCK SHRINE See poster for details of 6 day pilgrimages to the shrine of Our Lady at Knock from this October. www.gotrouvaille.com

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PILGRIMAGE TO LISBON AND FATIMA July 9-14 2017 led by Archbishop Longley. Price £649.



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This Pilgrimage is open to priests, deacons, religious and the lay faithful. **The cost of this Pilgrimage holds till the 30th 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 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. *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

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) as well as the diocesan website.

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 but is also available on the Vatican website www.vatican.va

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DEANERY WEBSITE 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



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the receptionist at Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434000 or contact Teresa Clements by emailing 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

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.

COMECE the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community, has a new website, launched at the end of October. (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.

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 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 (a rich resource for all church documents on the subject) homeisaholyplace.org.uk familias-ew.org.uk cedar.uk.net 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, 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 0207 640 0042 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 and follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BL6VKXQ> or access it via [@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

ASSISTED SUICIDE (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide). Another excellent resource for information: 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"



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CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP SUPPLY SERVICE is recruiting teachers and support staff to work within Catholic Schools. E: info@cpss.org.uk or 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

KINGDOM REVELATOR – a new catholic magazine for teenagers. For free download of previous issues see 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.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.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

CATHOLICS IN HEALTHCARE WEBSITE catholicsinhealthcareblog@gmail.com

COALITION FOR MARRIAGE 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 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 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.