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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

THE QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING PARISH MASS TIMES:

Thank you for taking the questionnaire and giving it consideration. Can I encourage you to complete it, putting it into the box provided in the narthex, as soon as possible, please. Your feedback is important for us all.

Confirmation:

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of mation last Thursday. Let us continue to hold them in our prayers as they grow in the formation of their faith.



End of the School Year: As our schools break up for the long summer holiday, we wish all the staff and pupils a very happy time of rest and an opportunity to re-charge their batteries for September. We wish the best to all those awaiting exam results and hope that their efforts will achieve their expectations. We thank all the staff of our schools for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Mayor's Civic Service: This is to be held at St. Margaret's Church **today at 3.00pm.** Fr. Bob will be taking part and it would be good if parishioners were able attend and support the event.

Justice and Peace Strawberries and Cream Garden Party:

Thanks to all who supported this parish event yesterday, those who organised it and those who came along early to help set up and those who came along to support the parish community. Perhaps we should say a special thank you for the strawberries!

Youth Worker: The three parishes working together have appointed Erin Doughty who will initially be working with the 11-14 year age group and will extend that age range over the three year period. It is an exciting time for our young people and we wish her well in her work. Those who signed pledges will already have received a request to send this in.

Holidays: It is now the usual time for many people to take a holiday. For those fortunate enough to do so, we wish them a blessed time of peace and refreshment. If you happen to be away when one of your duties is scheduled, please could you arrange for someone else to cover it? Thank you.

St. Joseph's PTFA Summer Fayre—Thanks to all who supported the school Summer Fayre in any way - contributions to the stalls, helping set up or take down and especially being there to support our parish school. It was a really good day, with lots going on for people to enjoy. Thank you all very much. We will let you know the financial reward when we have the final figures.

Piety shop

There is now a list in the shop to allow parishioners to order/ indicate what they would like in regard to resources. People may especially like to order things for Christmas. Do come in and have a look.

In Jesus' day farmers in that part of the world walked up and down the field throwing seeds out as far as they could. It was only natural that some seed fell at the edge of the path, some landed on rocks and others among thorns. But other seed landed in rich soil where it produced a good crop. Jesus uses this normal farming activity to explain, once again, the nature of His word and how He is received. Also, it is one of the few parables that Jesus explains in detail. To His disciples He explains the analogy of seed representing the word of God and where the seed lands indicating the listener's reception of the word. The great point of the parable is that the word of God produces a bumper crop because it is so powerful. To farmers at the time, a yield of seven per cent would have well satisfied them so when Jesus talks of a harvest of thirty per cent they would have been amazed. We might be tempted to think that we belong among the seed that fell on the edge or the rocks or among weeds, but Jesus did not relate this parable to discourage us but to encourage us and to give us great hope. It emphasised that there is no limit to what God's grace can do in us, and, and what goodness and fruit God can produce.

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, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mary Darby.

**Heathcote Hospital
The Lawns**

Lena La Spisa
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

NEXT WEEK 23.7.17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am		
5.30pm		



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Helen and Mark

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15 July VIGIL	OL	12.30 pm	Mary Heenev Ernesta Franca Guerrini	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
	SP	5.00 pm	Annie McHale People of the Parish	
Sunday 16 July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	SJ	8.00 am	Janette Cleary	SP: 3.00pm, Exposition
	OL	9.30 am	Anthony Kilbane	
	SP	11.30 am	Anne Hornsby	
	SJ	5.30 pm	Joe & Rose McGreevy	
Monday 17 July <i>Psalter Wk 3</i> <i>Blessed John Sugar, Priest, and Robert Grissold</i>	SP	10.00 am	Eilish & Michael McGillicuddy	SJ Mass with Novena to Our Lady
	SJ	7.00 pm	David Harwar	
Tuesday 18 July <i>Feria</i>	Sch	9.15 am	Mass at St Patrick's School	Rosary: SJ 9.10am Rosary: SP Noon
	SJ	9.30 am	Colette's Intentions	
	SP	12.30 pm	Joyce Thomas	
	Sch	2.00pm	Leavers' Mass St. Joseph's School David Harwar (ET)	
Wednesday 19 July <i>Feria</i>	OL	12.00 pm	Dorothy Crowe	Rosary: SP Noon
	SP	12.30 pm	Alexis Lim Kah Dee	
Thursday 20 July <i>Feria</i>	OL	10.00 am	Our Lady & St Teresa School Mass	Rosary: SP Noon
	SP	12.30 pm	Helen, Royce & Thomas Patrick	
	SJ	7.00 pm	David Harwar (FC)	
Friday 21 July <i>Feria</i>	Sch	9.15 am	Mass at St Anthony's School	Rosary: SP: Noon SJ Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart
	SJ	9.30 am	Jerry Noonan	
	SP	9.30 am	St Peter's School Mass	
	OL	12.00 pm	Michael Dowling	
	SP	12.30 pm	Francis	
Saturday 22 July <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>	SJ	9.30 am	People of the Parish Private Intention (McV family)	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
	SP	10.00 am	Christine, Terry, Terena & Calum Tam	
	OL	12.30 pm	Gerry Quinn	
VIGIL	SP	5.00 pm	Fr Nicholas Austin SJ	
Sunday 23 July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	SJ	8.00 am	Richard Bunt	SP: 3.00pm, Exposition
	OL	9.30 am	Laura, Matt, Emily & Grace	
	SP	11.30 am	Margie Dunbar	
	SJ	5.30 pm	David Harwar (Cotter)	

Dear Parishioners, as the saying goes, it is that time of year again. Not just the time of strawberries and Wimbledon but the time when the archdiocese has to make serious and often 'painful' decisions that enable the pastoral life of the local Church to function. With this in mind I am informing you that I have been asked to move to Stafford in order to look after two parishes. After careful and prayerful thought I was assured that St. Joseph's will receive another parish priest. Thankfully, the move does not have to be immediate and it was suggested to me that a reasonable period of notice be provided to let the situation 'sink in' and enable a degree of preparedness during the summer months. The Mass schedule review is also under way. So, I aim to be moving in mid-September. Please be assured of my prayers and thoughts during this time, and do please pray for me. I shall provide more information as I receive it.

Fr. Bob

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon: 8.00pm Dancing (last until 4th Sept)
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team 1
No Music Group until 14th Sept
 7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30 , 9.30 + 11.30am Slimming World
Sun: 2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance

Anniversaries

James Connolly, Norah Colledge, Clare Mather, Ian Fitzpatrick, Tom Beirne, Henry Kelly
May they rest in peace

Baptism

12 Noon, Sunday 23rd July 2017
Molly Elizabeth Poppy Greene

LAST WEEK 9.7.17

Offertory Collection: £499.27
 Many thanks.

2nd Collection:
 £146.75
 Attendance
 224

