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Sunday 17th September 2017

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

I hope you will forgive the absence of our usual reflection on the Sunday's readings today but I thought it would be a unique opportunity for me to offer you all a deeply felt sad goodbye. I remember our spiritual director at the Beda College once telling us how the life of a secular priest and that of a monk differ. A monk takes a vow of stability whilst a priest gives a promise of 'instability'. In other words, we are supposed to go where we're sent. In our contemporary age of 'self-determination' this is easier said than done, and most of us value and probably prefer to be 'rooted'. So, whilst I am leaving my 'comfort zone', I do still have a country; and am part of a nation. I feel humble to be able to appreciate nationhood when seeing so many around our world who are seriously and existentially displaced. It's something we should never take for granted. Food for thought. I would like to take this opportunity to thank one and all of you in St. Joseph's for the wonderful help and support you have given me over the last three and a half years. Despite the rupture you have all experienced over the last year you have always shown immense understanding. I truly feel for you all and pray that the Mass situation will be resolved. I have truly enjoyed my involvement with St. Joseph's School and its link with the parish. May the Lord Bless you all and may you experience His peace and love in your lives.

This is Fr. Bob's last Sunday in the parish after which Fr. Andy Franklin will assume his role as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's. On this special day we have Masses at 8.00am, 10.00am and 5.30pm, and after the last Mass there will be a celebration in the hall for Fr. Bob to which you are all invited.

We would be grateful for any donations of cakes and biscuits: these should be brought to the hall by 4.30pm today, please.

Welcome: Let us prepare to welcome our incoming Parish Priest, Fr. Andy, and thank him for his 'yes' to taking on the role of caring for the parish of St. Joseph's and the needs of the parishioners into the future.

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.

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The Leprosy Mission: Thanks to all those who support this work with postage stamps and post cards. Myrna has received a lovely message of thanks from the mission, do have a look at it on the J & P notice board.

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: Thanks to those who have brought their boxes in for counting. All the boxes which were named have

now been handed back. Unfortunately, there is one unnamed box remaining: if you have not received your box, please talk to June and Lennie or leave a note giving your name and address for them in the sacristy.

Once again, thanks to all who hold Missio boxes in their homes.

Maryvale Institute offers a range of part-time, distant learning courses e.g. in Catechesis, Parish Mission & Ministry & Healthcare Chaplaincy, among others. These are designed to enable adults to continue their own faith formation and equip themselves for collaborative ministry with the clergy in their Parishes. For more information, come along to an informal meeting in the Flint Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, **21st September at 7.30pm**

Are you hearing me? A small hearing aid was found in church two weeks ago. Please see Fr. Bob if you think it might be yours.

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 on 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.

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

**Heathcote Hospital
The Lawns**

Lena La Spisa
Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

**Clarence House
Clarendon Manor**

Winifred Galvin
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont

Castle Brook

Angele Handford, Christina Kelly

Galanos House

Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK 24.9.17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Anne Bergonzi	Jill Sheard, Sr. Angela, Katherine Wimpenny
5.30pm	Amy Cawood	Mary Hendry, Hilary Callow, Tony Harris



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day
candle burns for
Linda Scott: Anniversary
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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17th September Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 4</i> 2 nd Collection: Catholic Evangelisation	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.30pm School Mass	Robert Gibbons (MH) + Ray Handford (2 nd anniv) Celebrant's Intentions Sa'ra & Kla'ra Korda's RIP
Monday 18 th September <i>Feria</i>	7.00pm Mass with Novena to Our Lady	Private Intention
Tuesday 19 th September <i>Feria</i>	9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Private Intention
Wednesday 20 th September <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions Memoria</i>	No service	
Thursday 21 st September <i>St. Matthew Feast</i>	7.00pm Mass	Private Intention
Friday 22 nd September <i>Feria</i>	9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Saturday 23 rd September <i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina Memoria</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.00-10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 24th September Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i> 2 nd Collection: Fr. Hudson's Society	8.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Nora Quirke + Chris McCarthy & deceased members of McGarvey family Joe and Rose McGreevy + Mrs. Maguire & Sue

SVP Annual Mass: Saturday 23rd September at 12 noon, St. Chad's Cathedral. Followed by refreshments and then a talk by Ann Widdecomb entitled "Forgotten behind Walls".

POSTERS: Please have a look at the new posters in the narthex:

VARIETY CONCERT in Aid of Helping Hands: Sat 23rd Sept, Baptist Church 7.30pm

CRAFT FAIR: Saturday 7th Oct 11-2pm Radford Rd Church.

A Call to Action Conference in Birmingham: Sat. 21st October: 10.30 – 4.30. 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.

Narthex

You will have noticed how the church narthex has been tidied and rearranged of late. 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. Many thanks to Hazel for initiating this project.

Baptism
Benjamin Austin Thomas
 Sunday 1st October at 12 Noon

Anniversaries

Mary Teresa Curran, Leslie Newton, Peter Hales, Ray Handford, Bernard Bergonzi, Jane Kirby, William Ryan, Nora Harris, Salvatore Lazzara

May they rest in peace

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 2nd Coll: Catholic Evangelisation Celebration in the hall after 5.30 Mass

Mon: 8.00pm Dancing

Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club

Wed: 9.30am Art Group

Thurs: 10.45-12.15pm Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers

Fri: 5.30pm Karate

Sat: 7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World

Sun: 2nd Coll: Fr. Hudson's Society

LAST WEEK 10.9.17

Offertory Collection:
£362.54
Many thanks.

2nd Collection:
None

Attendance
256

