

Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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5th Sunday of Lent (Year A, Psalter Week 1) Sunday 2nd April 2017

Sat 1 st	Vigil of Sunday	6.30 pm	Pro Populo
Sun 2 nd	5 th Sunday of Lent	8.30 am	Renée Hudd
		10.30 am	Canon Edward Stewart
Mon 3 rd	Lent Feria	10 am	Rosemary Mellor
Tues 4 th	Lent Feria (<i>St. Isidore</i>)	10 am 1.30pm	Special intention Funeral Service David William Nevin
Wed 5 th	Lent Feria (<i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i>)	12 noon	Deceased of Dunworth family
Thur 6 th	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Fri 7 th	Lent Feria (<i>St. John Baptiste de la Salle</i>)	6.30 pm 7 pm	Patrick Joseph Byrne <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 8 th	Lent Feria	10 am	David William Nevin
	Vigil for Sunday	6.30 pm	Wilfred & Vera Hardwick
Sun 9 th	Palm Sunday	8.30 am	Pat Miagge
		10.30 am	Pro Populo

Confession

Saturday 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. There will be extra confessions at the start of Holy Week but no Penance Service here this year. Open confession by appointment.

Warwick Deanery Services' of Reconciliation

Tuesday 4th April 7pm St Joseph's Whitnash
Friday 7th April 7pm Stratford upon Avon and Wootton Wawen
Monday 10 April 7pm St Francis Of Assisi Kenilworth
Tuesday 11th April All Day St Peter's Leamington Spa

Offertory Envelopes

There are still a few sets of envelopes to pick up. You will need them next week. If you see one for someone living nearby, why not deliver it on the way home.

Mass offering envelopes

There are new envelopes at the back of church, Apologies if you want a certain date and either there's no Mass on that date or someone else has already asked for it. The Mass will be celebrated on the next available date.

Last Week's Offertory

Last week's offertory came to £603.37 (of which £305.00 was gift aid).

Readers

This week - Liz Weston, Suzanne Stock and Mark Booth
Next week -. Andrew Houston, Philip Batt and Claire McLarnon

Congratulations to Canon Edward Stewart who celebrates the Diamond Jubilee (60th Anniversary) of his Ordination to the priesthood on 6th April.

Counters - Group 4 this weekend please. Next week Group 1.

Sick and Housebound

Your prayers are asked for all the sick in the Parish at home or in the hospitals/ hospice and especially for Steve Amos, June Amos, Reine-Marie Bates, Philip Batt, Len Briggs, Elizabeth Coleman, Mary Crony, Barbara Cullinan, Eugene Devoti, Anne Downes, Edith Durkin, John Fitzpatrick, Wendy Fitzpatrick, Peter Harrison, Mary Houston, Barbara Ivings, Christina Kelly, Vera Maguire, Miss McLaughlin, Sheila Millard, Florence Murphy, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Rebecca Power, Mrs Richardson, Sarah Stewart, Betty Walters and Esther Webb.

Warwick Foodbank

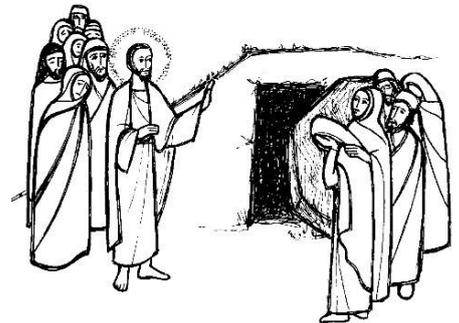
Thank you for the amazing response to the appeal for donations for the Foodbank. The box will be emptied regularly and will remain at the back of Church until 8th/9th April.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com Call for flight info.

The Word This Week - *I am the resurrection and the life*

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds - what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.



Warwick Hospital

Please ring 07591910176 if you wish for a priest to visit someone in Warwick Hospital.

Friday 14th April (Good Friday) - Way of the Cross and Service

We still need 2 volunteers - another marshal and someone to be the drummer. Please meet outside St. Mary Immaculate church at **11.45 a.m.** We will process with other churches to Market Square for a service at 12.15 p.m. Please invite your family and friends to join you too.

Vocations to the Priesthood

On Wednesday 5 April 2017 a major vocations event will take place at the National Motorcycle Museum near Birmingham. Each secondary school has been encouraged to identify and invite several young men to this important occasion with the aim of fostering a culture of vocational discernment and to encourage a new generation of future priests. Archbishop Bernard has given his full support to this vocations event and invites you all to give your prayerful support in your churches, religious houses and schools of our Archdiocese.

If there is anyone who would like to attend this event (or you know anyone you would like to nominate), please contact the Vocations Office in Birmingham (address details available from the newsletter website address). And please too could all parishioners pray for the success of this event. Please pray for an increase in vocations and in particular for all those young men who will be attending the event.

Parish Magazine

The Easter edition of the parish magazine is now out. If you haven't got a copy, do pick one up from the back of church. If you don't get one delivered and live within the parish boundary, please fill in one of the forms at the back of church so we can get our delivery list up to date.

Divine Mercy - Sunday 23rd April

Divine Mercy Devotions, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, are from 3pm to 4pm in St Peter Apostle Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. For parking please use St Peter's multi storey car park.



Parish Web Site

Make sure you check the parish web site (www.stmary-immaculate.org.uk) as there are often several news items which can't be fitted onto this sheet.

Fatima Centenary 1917/2017 - Celebration Event

This will be taking place on Saturday 13th May at St Peter Apostle church Leamington Spa which is a pilgrimage church in the archdiocese for the Centenary Year. Please come and bring a friend. A packed lunch will be needed. For details see the Easter parish magazine and the poster on our parish noticeboard or on our archdiocese website (www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

Crackley Hall School

There will be an open evening at Crackley Hall School, Kenilworth on Tuesday 9th May from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. This is a mixed Catholic independent day school for children between 4 and 11

Tiny Tots & Toddlers

Our toddler group meets from 10.00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday for babies and toddlers from 0-4 and their parents. Whether you are a regular or you've never been before, we hope to see you there for a cuppa, a chat and a play. We meet at St Mary Immaculate School, Wathen Road, Warwick, CV34 5BG. For more info: Chrissie - 07941 843711, or just come along.

Children's Liturgy

Bringing the Word of God to our children in a way that they can understand and learn from is, I'm sure we'd all agree, such an important part of our role as the Church. The team who run the Children's Liturgy at our 10:30 mass enjoy sharing God's word. Unfortunately over the last year many of our team have had to stop for one reason or another. Therefore if we want the Liturgy to continue for our children we are in URGENT need of more help! It really isn't scary and can be done as a pair, individually or in a group. You don't have to be a parent to help, in fact we'd love those without children (or now with grown up children) to get involved too. If you think you can help at all (once a month, or less, for example) then please speak to Chrissie Beaumont (mrs.c.beaumont@gmail.com/07941 843711) or Fr Patrick.

Vocations to the Permanent Diaconate

The Archbishop wishes to give greater publicity to the Permanent Diaconate in the life of the Church and has produced a leaflet summarising the main features of the Permanent Diaconate and giving information about the procedure for prospective candidates, who feel they may have a calling. Copies are available at the back of Church and your prayers are requested for more vocations to this Ministry.

