

Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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5th Sunday of the Year (Year A, Psalter Week 1) Sunday 5th February 2017

Sat 4 th	Vigil of Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Eileen Cummings (Anni) (Somerville)
Sun 5 th	5 th Sunday of the Year	8.30 a.m.	John Kane R.I.P (Leslie)
		10.30 a.m.	Thomas Hallows R.I.P
Mon 6 th	Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	10.00 a.m.	
Tues 7 th	Feria	10.00 a.m.	
Wed 8 th	Feria	No Mass	
Thur 9 th	Feria	12.00 noon	
Fri 10 th	Saint Scholastica, Virgin (twin sister of Saint Benedict)	10.00 a.m.	
Sat 11 th	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 a.m.	
	Vigil for Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Family Intentions (Cook)
Sun 12 th	6 th Sunday of the Year	8.30 a.m.	Patricia Miazga R.I.P. (Coleman)
		10.30 a.m.	K R Kulandai (Selvaraj)

Confession

No confessions on the weekend of 11th February. Open confession by appointment.

Forthcoming Second Collections

4th / 5th February **Second Collection for LIFE (this weekend)**
 11th / 12th February Second Collection for Racial Justice (next weekend postponed from 22.1.17)
 4th / 5th March Second Collection for the Maintenance of Saint Chad's Cathedral

Mile of Pennies - SMYG

Following the 10.30 Mass on next Sunday 12th February, the parish youth group will be holding a fundraising event in the parish hall to raise funds for the Leamington Night Shelter. During last year's Year of Mercy activities the young people were very keen to raise money for the homeless so they have adopted the charity as an on-going organisation to support. Chris Johnson from the charity came to give a talk to the youth group last July and he has been invited to the parish on the first Sunday of Lent to receive a cheque. We are hoping parishioners will bring change with them on the 12th February to make a Mile of Pennies - our effort to help our homeless brothers and sisters.

Traidcraft

Next weekend is the second of the month so our Traidcraft stall opens for the first time this year.

Warwick Hospital

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

Emergency Number

The emergency number given in the newsletter is Fr. Stefan's personal mobile number. He will cover emergency calls during this week if he is in the Warwick area, or will signpost to other priests as needed.

Last Week's Offertory

Last week's offertory came to £522.78 (of which £270.00 was gift aid).

Readers

This week - Margaret Zetland, Suzanne Stock and Robert Gargan

Next week - Liz Weston, Philip Batt and Ignatio Gomez

Counters - Group 1 this weekend please. Next week Group 2.

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 Croney, Barbara Cullinan, Eugene Devoti, Anne Downes, Edith Durkin, John Fitzpatrick, Wendy Fitzpatrick, Peter Harrison, Mary Houston, Barbara Ivings, Christina Kelly, Vera Maguire, Miss McLaughlin, Tony Melton, Sheila Millard, Florence Murphy, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Rebecca Power, Mrs Richardson, Sarah Stewart, Betty Walters and Esther Webb.

Mothers' Union Warwick Together

warmly invites you to join our **Pop-up Choir** on Thursday 9th February from 7.30 p.m. at All Saints Church, Emscote. Leader: Sally Greenaway. All voices needed, male and female, for best effect. If you enjoy a good sing, please come! Refreshments available.

Healing On The Street

This will take place in the Market Square on Saturdays 11th and 25th February. Remember to go for prayer yourself and recommend it to your friends.

The BIG PICTURE

To fit in with this year's Lent and Easter season, there is a 12 week inspirational Bible course and DVD which gives a step by step journey through salvation history. There are daily Bible study reflections and small weekly group sessions. They are to start in the week commencing 20th February. It is hoped there will be one or more small groups in each of the Warwick deanery parishes. The book and DVD cost £10 (orders over 10). www.thebigpicturecourse.org Order 0845 050 9428 or contact Peter Dimambro mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Reflection on the Readings - Isaiah 58: 7-10; 1 Corinthians: 2: 1-5; Matthew 5: 13-16.

To follow

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.

Father Stefan Final Weekend

Thank you all for your kind words after the masses last weekend and during the week. That really does show why it was my privilege to have been your Parish Priest.

I will always keep you all in my prayers, and I hope you will pray for me as I embark on a different ministry as a chaplain at the University of Birmingham. May the peace of Christ watch over you, live in your hearts; may your faith shine forth in your lives, and may Our Lady put her cloak of protection around you and your families.

Fr Patrick Mileham

Fr Patrick Mileham will be celebrating his first Masses on the weekend of 11th / 12th February, starting with the Saturday evening Mass. Please note you will not be able to contact him until after that weekend. Please do allow him time to settle in. Father Stefan remembers how he was grabbed for things before he had even celebrated his first weekend in the Parish!

Flame 17 - 10,000 reasons!

On Saturday 11th March 2017, Flame 17, the 3rd Flame event, will be held. As in previous years the parish youth leaders will be taking a group down with BCYS to Wembley Arena to join 10,000 other young Catholics for this fantastic event. We have witnessed at first-hand how this event can have a profound effect on our young people's faith. What can you expect? Inspirational speakers, world-class music and drama, a message from Pope Francis and much more. The ticket price of £35 includes entrance to the event, t-shirt and coach travel but the youth group hopes to subsidise this cost so that any young person from the parish can be a part of this unique event. Suggested age range is 14-25 years. To book or for more information contact any of the youth leaders - contact details can be found at the back of church.

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, 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) or Fr Stefan.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer at St Mary Immaculate Church.

There will be 2 services on Friday 7th March, one at 11 a.m. and the other at 7.30 p.m. We will be using the service prepared by the women of the Philippines. There is a perception that this is a women's only service which is incorrect. We would love to welcome you all. No barriers on gender or age. Tea/coffee and cake will be served half an hour before each service. We are hosting it this year and we hope you could bring a cake for us to serve.

2017 Scout and Guide Jamboree

Esther Cawood, a year 11 student at Trinity Catholic School, has been given the opportunity to attend the 2017 Jamboree in Denmark <http://spejderneslejr.dk/en> along with 40,000 scouts and guides from across the world. The theme of the Jamboree is 'we create an impression,' and the scouts will be exploring the impressions they leave as individuals, through their interactions with groups and their communities and the wider societal and environmental impacts that they leave on the world.

Esther will participate in a range of activities that will help her to develop personal competences and to learn how to work better with groups and to take responsibility for the community. She will be challenged physically (hiking, pioneering, orienteering, scout skills), as well as socially and emotionally. Only 3 other scouts from Esther's group will be travelling to Denmark so she will have to get along with a range of young people from different countries, of different ages and quite a long way from home. As Esther is currently studying for her GCSEs, she does not have much time to raise the money to take up this experience of a lifetime. It would be brilliant if you could support her fundraising efforts by donating online at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/amy-cawood>

