

Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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1st Sunday of Lent (Year A, Psalter Week 1) Sunday 5th March 2017

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| Sat 4 th | Vigil of Sunday | 6.30 p.m. | Bridget Farrell |
| Sun 5 th | 1 st Sunday of Lent | 8.30 a.m. | George Mukabaa |
| | | 10.30 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| Mon 6 th | Lent Feria | 10.00 a.m. | Mary Grady |
| Tues 7 th | Lent Feria (<i>Commemoration of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>) | 6.30 p.m. | Special Intention |
| Wed 8 th | Lent Feria (<i>Commemoration of Saint John of God, Religious</i>) | 12.00 noon | Friends of the Holy Land |
| Thur 9 th | Lent Feria (<i>Commemoration of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i>) | No Mass | |
| Fri 10 th | Lent Feria <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | 6.30 p.m. | Anthony Melton R.I.P. |
| | | 7.00 p.m. | |
| Sat 11 th | Lent Feria Vigil for Sunday | 10.00 a.m. | Priest's Intention |
| | | 6.30 p.m. | Pro Populo |
| Sun 12 th | 2 nd Sunday of Lent | 8.30 a.m. | Linda Wilkinson |
| | | 10.30 a.m. | K. Agnes |

Confession

Saturday 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Open confession by appointment.

Stations of the Cross and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. every Friday evening (from 10th March) during Lent. There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning until 11 a.m. or the end of confessions, if later.

Second Collection this week

Today there will be a second collection for the Maintenance of St. Chad's Cathedral.

Family Fast Day

This is next Friday (10th March). We are asked to give up what we can to help the world's poorest people. Please take an envelope today for Cafod. There will be a second collection for Cafod next weekend.

Traidcraft

The Traidcraft stall will be open after all Masses next weekend - so come prepared!!

Last Week's Offertory

Last week's offertory came to £617.96 (of which £265.50 was gift aid).

Readers

This week - John Connor, Suzanne Stock and Claire McClarnon

Next week -.Margaret Zetland, Philip Batt and Robert Gargan

Counters - Group 2 this weekend please. Next week Group 4.

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 Iving, 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.

New Hope Christian Counselling

is looking for a Trustee to join their team from April 2017. No previous experience required but someone who has had previous management or HR experience will be particularly useful. Duties will include attending 4 trustees meetings per year held on Thursday evenings in Warwick, attending staff socials (2-3 per year) and assisting in interviews for new staff. Minimum age is 18. There is no upper age limit. Please contact Lyn Smailes (lyn@newhopecounselling.org.uk) for further information or to apply.

Climate Change - Web Explorers' Meeting

All are welcome to this meeting on Wednesday 8th March, 10.30 a.m. at The Open Door Café, Slade Hill, Hampton Magna, CV35 8SA. The group was formed in response to *Laudato si* and promotes Christian viewpoints around climate change. Take a look at the website: www.sp4climate.net.

Evangelisation Team

Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 6th March at 7.30 p.m. in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE.

It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help with the planning for this year including the Fatima Centenary celebration at St Peter's for Saturday 13th May. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Volunteers

Our appeal this week is especially for **counters** - people to count up the weekly collections. This can be done on any day of the week (not necessarily Sunday) and you can opt to do it as many or as few times as you like during the year. The need for help though is **urgent**.

If you are able to help, please either send an email to the newsletter address or contact Father Patrick to talk about it

Warwick Hospital

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

The Word This Week - Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent - these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

(Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7; Romans: 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11.)

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.

Trinity Catholic School 6th Form Proposal - Late News but Urgent

The Closing date for the emergency consultation at Trinity School on the future of Post 16 Catholic education is this Friday 10th March. All parishioners in the Warwick Deanery are invited to take part following the announcement of the proposal to temporarily remove the Sixth Form at Trinity Catholic School. Please read the Consultation Document and reply with any comments or questions by 10th March. You can find this under "Consultation Document" on the Trinity School Website via the Menu www.trinity-school.org.uk

Email replies can be sent to trinityconsultation@welearn365.com or letters marked "Trinity Catholic School Sixth Form Proposal" and posted to Trinity Catholic School, Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 6NB. Or finally you can attend an information meeting on Tuesday 7th March at the school from 6.00 to 7.00 pm.

Offertory Envelopes

The offertory envelopes for the next tax year will soon be available to collect. They will be needed for the weekend 8th / 9th April (Palm Sunday). The Gift Aid envelopes will be at the back of church from next weekend (11th / 12th March) and the non Gift Aid envelopes the week after.

Before you pick up a non Gift Aid set, please stop and think. If you are a taxpayer, it would help the church significantly if you paid by Gift Aid; in fact St. Mary Immaculate Church will receive an extra 25% of all your donations during the year from the government. It's so simple to set up too - one phone call or email to our Gift Aid organizer Helen Connor on 01926 493587 or helenconnor1@aol.com.

Parish Magazine

It is time to start thinking of your contributions to the Easter magazine. All articles, photos, news, jokes and stories are gratefully received. The deadline will be 19th March this time - but please don't leave it to the last minute. Please write to the newsletter email address above.

Kenilworth Catenians

Kenilworth Catenians is a well-established and lively association of practising Catholic men from the Kenilworth and Warwick area. Our next meeting will take place at the Chesford Grange Hotel on Wednesday 15 March at 7.30 p.m. We would be delighted to host new members, so if you would like to know more, then please contact Dave Prescott on 499683.

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.

Deeper at Castle Hill Baptist Church

On March 21st, 22nd and 23rd Castle Hill Baptist church will once again host Deeper. Dr Rev Richard Briggs will explore Daniel and 21st century discipleship. If you can't manage all 3 days, come to the ones you can. There is no charge but there will be a chance to leave a donation if you wish.

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.

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.

Vocations to the Priesthood

On Wednesday 5th 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.

