

Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A, Psalter Week 4) Sunday 7 May 2017

Sat 6 th	Vigil of Sunday	6.30 pm Mass	Eileen & Bert Hallows
Sun 7 th	Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Mass	Robert Sharp RIP Pro Populo
Mon 8 th	Easter Feria	10 am Mass	Jim Jeffers RIP
Tues 9 th	Easter Feria	6 pm <i>Exposition</i> 6.30 pm <i>Vespers, Benediction, Mass</i>	Mary Roche
Wed 10 th	Easter Feria	No Mass	
Thur 11 th	Easter Feria	No Mass	
Fri 12 th	Easter Feria	2.30 pm Mass (in school)	
Sat 13 th	Easter Feria	10 am Mass <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i>	
Sun 14 th	Vigil of Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Mass	Pro Populo

Confession Sat 10.30 am - 11 am & 5.30 pm - 6 pm. Open confession by appointment.

Counters

Thanks to those who have volunteered over the past month to help count the money. Unfortunately I don't have everyone's names, emails or phone numbers so have been unable to follow up! We really need to have a few more teams so please do get in contact so we can follow through with it.

Gift Aid

Thanks to all those too took the Gift aid forms over the Easter weekend; your envelopes will be available at the back of church. We have though only received 10% back so far so, if you did take one, please send it in whenever it's convenient. It would be good to get it started this tax year and it's a great help to the parish.

Last Week's Offertory Last week's offering came to £710.55 (of which £283.50 was gift aid)

Second Collection - Clergy Training Fund This weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

Easter Water Please help yourselves to some Easter water from the Holy Water jug at the front of church. You can use it to bless your homes this Eastertide.

Traidcraft Next weekend is the second of the month and the Traidcraft stall will be back with us after all Masses.

Counters - Group 5 this weekend please. Next week Group 1.

Readers

This week - Liz Weston, Suzanne Stock and John Grant. - Next week - Andrew Houston, Philip Batt and Keith Statham

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

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, Sheila Millard, Florence Murphy, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Rebecca Power, Mrs Richardson, Sarah Stewart, Betty Walters and Esther Webb

Parish secretary

We are pleased to announce that Andy Walker has been appointed as the Parish Secretary. Andy will be well known to many of you having been a parishioner here for the past 25 years. We are currently setting up a Parish Office which will become a central point of contact and will provide a wide range of support services, making it very easy for you to connect fully with the parish and all of its activities going forward. More news about the office opening hours, contact details and the services offered will be announced as we progress.

Evangelisation Team

Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 8th May at 7.30 pm 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. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Altar wine

The new wine is from a Trappist monastery of Latroun near Jerusalem and the proceeds support the families of the Catholic parish in Gaza. It is about 40p dearer per bottle compared to what we have been buying. We have 1 case so any feedback would be appreciated as to whether we should continue with it.

Coffee and Chat

Our next coffee and chat morning will be on Wednesday 10th May at 10.30 a.m. at the Thomas Oken Tea Rooms in Castle Street. All parishioners are welcome at these meetings; indeed it is great to see new faces.

Fatima Centenary 1917/2017 - Celebration Event

Saturday 13th May at St Peter Apostle church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE which is a pilgrimage church in the archdiocese for the Centenary Year. Mass at 10 am and the film 'the 13th Day' in the afternoon. Full details are in our Parish magazine.

Canon Stewart's Diamond Jubilee

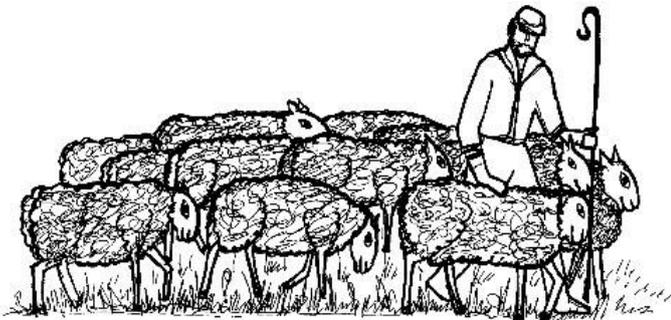
Canon Stewart, our Parish Priest for 25 years, will celebrate Mass here in St Mary Immaculate church on Tuesday 16th May at 6.30 pm, followed by a social gathering so we can all join in congratulating him on this wonderful achievement. Please make a note of this important date in your diaries; more details to follow.

If you would like to donate a cake please put your name on the list at the back of Church next weekend. There will also be a card for Father Stewart which you may like to sign.

Father Patrick's Induction

Fr Patrick is to be inducted as Parish Priest for St. Mary Immaculate Church on Thursday 25th May. Do keep this evening free. Volunteers needed to help organise a bring and share supper in the hall please!

The Word This Week - "I am the gate of the Sheepfold"



This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel; today 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'.

Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we 'go through Jesus, the gate' by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

Catholic papers

We're not sure how many are buying the papers in the porch, most or all of them are being thrown away and it's been costing the parish quite a lot - we could cancel them altogether or find a way of continuing providing them depending on what the demand is - please let Fr Patrick know

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.

Job Application -The Catholic Parishes of Leamington Spa - Churches of St Joseph, St Peter, Our Lady.

We are looking for a full time Youth Worker paying £26,000 - £28,000 for 37½ hours a week. Can you bring vision, experience and energy? Initiate and develop a parish youth ministry? Work with the 11-17 age group creating a holistic programme of activities? For more information and application form contact

http://www.bcys.co.uk/news_detail.asp?n=144 Application deadline: 12th May. Interviews: Week of 15th May

Parish Youth Groups

We have 2 exciting events coming up for the all youngsters in the parish from age 9 upwards. The first one is our very popular Hike and Chips event where we will meet up at a specific point and then walk back to the parish Social Centre where we will have a well-earned supper of chips and drinks! This will be on Friday 16th June.

The second is something we have not done before. Fr Patrick is going to lead us on a trip to Baddesley Clinton where he will give us a guided tour of the house, gardens and especially the beautiful chapel. Weather permitting we will have a picnic in the grounds and then finish with mass in the chapel. This will take place in the afternoon of Saturday 24th June. More details will follow for both events.

For more information and to book a place contact Dave Prescott 01926 499683.

'Home for Good' Family Walk

Is taking place on Saturday 8th July at the Warwick Golf & Country Club in Leek Wootton. Registration starts at 10:30 am for an 11 am start. Come and join us for a 5km walk around the beautiful countryside, with a suggested minimum donation of £5 per walker (£10/family) towards the work of Home for Good. Free refreshments and Family Day Pass to the Warwickshire Health Club for everyone who takes part!

For more information contact Jeremy Bray (Open House Church, Warwick) at jeremybray@virgin.net (01926 495191).

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.

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.

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.

