

# Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A, Psalter Week 2) Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil of Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8.30 a.m.	Linda Wilkinson
		10.30 a.m.	K. Agnes
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00 a.m.	Rosemary Mellor
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	1.30 p.m.	Funeral Service for Kathleen Hunt R.I.P.
		6.30 p.m.	Tony Pattinson
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saint Patrick (Feast), Bishop and Patron of Ireland	2.30 p.m. (in school)	Tony Melton
	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	7.00 p.m.	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria ( <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</i> )	10.00 a.m.	John Punch
	Vigil for Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Margaret Reilly
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8.30 a.m.	Pro Populo
		10.30 a.m.	Katherine Sergeant

### 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.

### Dementia Prayer Week

The Theme for this year's annual national week is 'The Father's Love' and in the words of Bishop David McGough, "During this week we remember especially the often forgotten pain of those suffering with dementia, and those who care for them."

### 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 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.

### Cafod Second Collection this week

Following Family Fast Day on Friday and the talk on Cafod last week, there will be a second collection for Cafod this weekend.

### Lately Dead

Please remember in your prayers Kathleen Hunt R.I.P. who died recently. Her funeral service will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30 p.m. Please also pray for Desmond Connell R.I.P. who has also died; his funeral service will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15 p.m. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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



### Last Week's Offertory

Last week's offertory came to £507.71 (of which £275.50 was gift aid).

The second collection for the maintenance of St. Chad's Cathedral raised £334.43 (of which £181.00 was gift aid)

### Traidcraft

The Traidcraft stall will be open after all Masses this weekend.

### Readers

This week - Margaret Zetland, Philip Batt and Robert Gargan

Next week - Liz Weston, Christina McClean and Ignatio Gomez

### 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.

### Offertory Envelopes

The offertory envelopes for the next tax year are now available to collect. They will be needed for the weekend 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday). The Gift Aid envelopes are now at the back of church and the non Gift Aid envelopes will follow next week.

Before you pick up a non Gift Aid set though, 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](mailto:helenconnor1@aol.com).

### Thank You Father Stefan

Do take a 'Thank you Father Stefan' envelope and bring it back this week or next. Father Stefan will be joining us on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March so we can say our goodbyes. Full details to follow.

### Warwick Foodbank

There will be a box at the back of the Church throughout Lent to collect donations for our local Foodbank.

Basic non-perishable food items such as sugar, rice and pasta, along with toiletries of all kinds, would be most gratefully received. Please give generously and thank you for your continued support to help those who are less fortunate than us.

### Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) March Raffle

There will be raffle tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend for the St Vincent de Paul annual raffle. There is a first prize of £3,000, 2nd of £2,000 and 3rd of £ 1,000 + numerous other prizes. You can collect tickets this weekend and bring them back (with the money!) next weekend if you prefer.

### Volunteers

Our appeal this week once more 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 - His face shone like the sun

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday): not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special calling - to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

(Genesis 12: 1-4; 2 Timothy: 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9.)

### Parish Web Site

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

### **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 this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Quiz Night - Friday 31st March 6 p.m.**

We are holding a parish & school quiz night for all the family at St. Mary Immaculate School, Wathen Road, Warwick.. Doors open and food is served from 6 p.m., with the quiz beginning at 6.30. Tickets: Adult £4, Child £2, Family (2 adult, 2 child) £10. All proceeds to the school PTA. Ticket price includes entry to quiz AND dinner! Soft drinks available, or bring your own alcohol. For more info: Chrissie [mrs.c.beaumont@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.c.beaumont@gmail.com) 07941843711 Tickets will be on sale soon, or at the door on the night!

### **Passover Supper**

You are invited to join us on Friday 31st March at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. for a Passover Supper. The cost is £5 per person £10.00 for a family. This is a really enjoyable evening with good food, wine or grape juice! An event that goes back to the time of Moses and reminds us of our religious roots. Children & young people are very welcome and are integral to the evening. There is a list at the back of church. Please put **all the names** of your family who will be coming as it will be a seated meal.

### **Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages**

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

### **Crackley Hall School**

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

### **The Big Picture**

A further supply of the book and DVD at £10 has now been received. They can be purchased at the piety shop at St Peter's Leamington after weekday and Sunday Masses.

### **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](mailto:mrs.c.beaumont@gmail.com)/07941 843711) or Fr Patrick.

### **Deeper at Castle Hill Baptist Church**

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> (7.30 p.m. each evening) 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.

### **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](mailto:lyn@newhopecounselling.org.uk)) for further information or to apply.

### Vocations to the Priesthood

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

