

Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A, Psalter Week 3) Sunday 19th March 2017

Sat 18 th	Vigil of Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun 19 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent	8.30 a.m.	Pro Populo
		10.30 a.m.	Katherine Sargeant R.I.P.
Mon 20 th	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 a.m.	Sheila Millard
Tues 21 st	Lent Feria	6.30 p.m.	Private Intention
Wed 22 nd	Lent Feria	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thur 23 rd	Lent Feria (<i>St. Turibius of Mongrovejo</i>)	No Mass	
Fri 24 th	Lent Feria	12.15 p.m.	Funeral Mass for Desmond Connell R.I.P.
		2.30 p.m.	Tony Melton R.I.P. (Mass in School)
		<i>7.00 p.m.</i>	
Sat 25 th	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
	Vigil for Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sun 26 th	4 th Sunday of Lent <i>Laetare Sunday</i> Mothering Sunday	8.30 a.m.	Renée Hudd
		10.30 a.m.	Kathleen Hunt R.I.P.

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 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.

Lately Dead

Please remember in your prayers Desmond Connell R.I.P. who died recently; his funeral service will be on Friday 24th March at 12.15 p.m. May he and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Offertory Envelopes

Both Gift Aid and non Gift Aid offertory envelopes for the next tax year are now available to collect. They will be needed for the weekend 8th / 9th April (Palm Sunday). 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.

Thank You Father Stefan

Fr Stefan's Farewell is on Tuesday 28th March after the 6.30 p.m. Mass. We would love you to come to say thank you and goodbye to Fr Stefan. If you are coming please bring a plateful of food for the buffet. Drinks will be provided. Before Mass (from 5.30 p.m.) there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations.

Catholic Directories - Archdiocese of Birmingham

The latest Catholic directories are on sale at the back of church. Price £4.50.

Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) March Raffle

Do hand back the ticket stubs and money for the raffle tickets you took last week. For those who missed out, there will be more raffle tickets on sale 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.

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

Last Week's Offertory

Last week's offertory came to £634.83 (of which £304.50 was gift aid).
The second collection for Cafod raised £783.70. Thank you.

Readers

This week - Liz Weston, Christina McClean and Ignatio Gomez
Next week - John Connor, Gordon McClean and Keith Statham

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.

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.

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.

Quiz Night - Friday 31st March at 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 07941843711 Tickets will be on sale soon, or at the door on the night!

Deeper at Castle Hill Baptist Church

On March 21st, 22nd and 23rd (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.

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 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.

The Word This Week - A spring of water welling up to eternal life

The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.
(Exodus 17: 3-7; Romans: 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42.)

Warwick Hospital

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

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

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.

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)

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) for further information or to apply.

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.



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.