

Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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8th Sunday of the Year (Year A, Psalter Week 4) Sunday 26th February 2017

Sat 25 th	Vigil of Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sun 26 th	8 th Sunday of the Year	8.30 a.m.	Jack McCarthy
		10.30 a.m.	J Jayaraj
Mon 27 th	Feria	10.00 a.m.	Seamus and Mary Gill
Tues 28 th	Feria	No Mass	
Wed 1 st	Ash Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	Special Intention
Thur 2 nd	Saint Chad, Bishop and Patron of the Diocese (Feast)	1.00 p.m.	Requiem Mass for Anthony Melton R.I.P.
Fri 3 rd	Friday after Ash Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	Special Intention
Sat 4 th	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Rosemary McCarthy
	Vigil for Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Bridget Farrell
Sun 6 th	1 st Sunday of Lent	8.30 a.m.	George Mukabaa
		10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo

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.

Ash Wednesday

1st March this year is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting for everyone over 18 and under 60. Abstinence (from meat) for everyone 14 years old and over.

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.

Coffee and Chat

There is time for another meeting before Lent! So the next session will be at Coffee#1 at 10.30 a.m. on this Tuesday 28th February. Do come along; everyone is welcome. Very welcome!

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. Please write to the newsletter email address above.

Lately Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Melton who has died recently. His funeral mass will be this Thursday 2nd March at 1.00 p.m. and his body will be received into the church before Mass on Ash Wednesday. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Last Week's Offertory

Last week's offertory came to £680.87 (of which £285.50 was gift aid).

Readers

This week - Liz Weston, Gordon McClean and Mark Booth.

Next week - John Connor, Suzanne Stock and Claire McClarnon

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

Second Collection next week

Next week there will be a second collection for the Maintenance of the Cathedral.

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

There will be 2 services on Friday 3rd 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. Offers of help to Claire Harris (claire.harris @lineone.net)

Churches Together in Warwick Events

- Afternoon Tea on Friday 3rd March in St. Mary Immaculate Church hall from 3.00 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Just turn up and join in - for a good tea and enjoyable time.
- Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 4th March at 7.30 a.m. at Chase Meadow.

Volunteers

Over the coming weeks we shall be looking for a wide range of volunteers to help with the running of the parish. Areas of immediate concern where help is needed are -

- Additional Eucharistic Ministers
- Counters for the weekly collection, even if you can only manage a few weekends a year
- Secretarial help in the parish for 10/15 hours per week (ideal for someone retired or someone with children at home who doesn't want to work full time). This is the last week for applications for this role.
- Gardening. We need more volunteers to help with maintaining the gardens around the church. Perhaps families can adopt an area to look after.
- Window Cleaning (anyone know a good one?), plastering, decorating and small jobs around the house.

If you are interested, please either send an email to the newsletter address or contact Father Patrick to discuss it. There will also be a Parish Meeting shortly, where it is hoped to set up a small committee to co-ordinate activities in the parish.

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

mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Warwick Hospital

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

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.

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

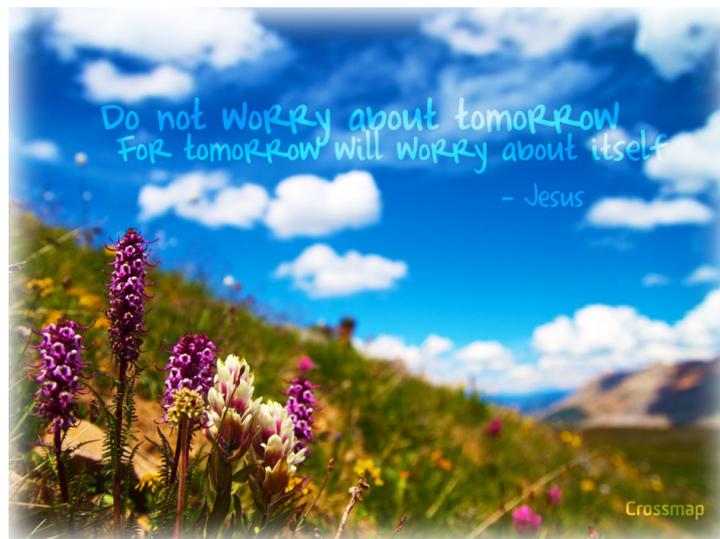
Bringing the Word of God to our children in a way that they can understand and learn from is, I'm sure we'd all agree, such an important part of our role as the Church. The team who run the Children's Liturgy at our 10:30 mass enjoy sharing God's word. Unfortunately over the last year many of our team 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 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.

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.



Reflection on the Readings - Isaiah 49: 14-15; 1 Corinthians: 4: 1-5; Matthew 6: 24-34.