

Saint Mary Immaculate, Warwick

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4th Sunday of Lent (Year A, Psalter Week 4) Sunday 26th March 2017

Sat 25 th	Vigil of Sunday	6.30 pm	Pro Populo
Sun 26 th	4 th Sunday of Lent <i>Laetare Sunday</i> Mothering Sunday	8.30 am	Private Intention
		10.30 am	Kathleen Hunt R.I.P.
Mon 27 th	Lent Feria	10.00 am	*Peggy King RIP
Tues 28 th	Lent Feria	5.30pm	* <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
		6.30 pm	Sheila & Ron Thurnwood (thanksgiving)
Wed 29 th	Lent Feria	12.00 noon	* Jack (90 th birthday)
Thur 30 th	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Fri 31 st	Lent Feria	2.30 pm	*(Mass in School) Tony Melton RIP
		6.30 pm	* <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 1 st	Lent Feria	10.00 am	*Colin Powell
		Vigil for Sunday	6.30 p.m.
Sun 2 nd	5 th Sunday of Lent	8.30 am	* Renée Hudd
		10.30 am	*Canon Edward Stewart

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. (*next Friday at 6.30*) There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning until 11 a.m. or the end of confessions, if later.

Offertory Envelopes

There are still a few sets of envelopes to pick up. You will need them on 8th / 9th April (Palm Sunday). If you see one for someone living nearby, why not deliver it on the way home.

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.

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.

Last Week's Offertory

Last week's offertory came to £718.90 (of which £271.50 was gift aid).

Readers

This week - John Connor, Gordon McClean and Keith Statham
Next week - Liz Weston, Suzanne Stock and Mark Booth

Catholic Directories - Archdiocese of Birmingham

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

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 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

Thank you for the amazing response to the appeal for donations for the Foodbank. The box will be emptied regularly and will remain at the back of Church until 8th/9th April.

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!

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 Call for flight info.

The Word This Week - He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored

When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light - true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was "neophyte", which means "newly enlightened" There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - 'no evil would I fear' as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being 'anointed' with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world. (1Sam16:6-13; Eph5:8-14; John 9:1-41)



Warwick Hospital

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

Volunteers

Our appeal this week is for **gardeners** - people in the church's gardens. We have a large garden, with borders to the front, the car park and the presbytery. We need more people who will work in teams to step into action when the need arises. If you are able to help, please either send an email to the newsletter address or contact Father Patrick to talk about it. **If anyone knows someone who can do hard landscaping; walls, patio, steps etc. please let us know**

Friday 14th April (Good Friday) - Processions of Witness and Service

Please meet outside St. Mary Immaculate church at **11.45 a.m.** We will process with other churches to Market Square for a service at 12.15 p.m. Please invite your family and friends to join you too.

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.

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

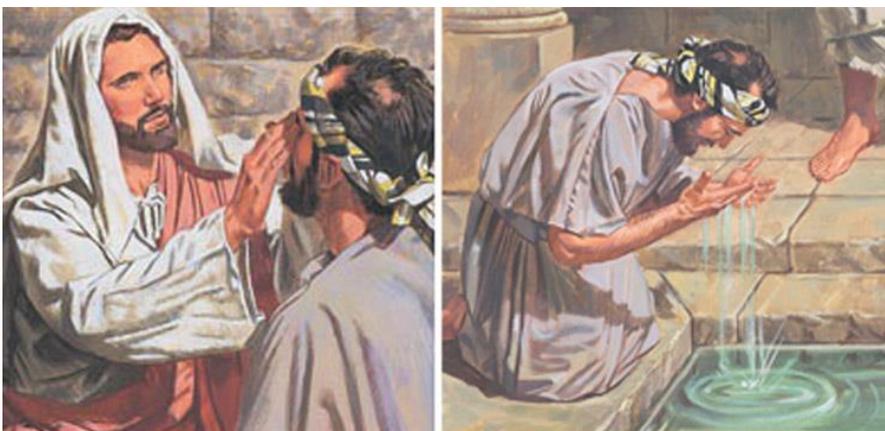
Bringing the Word of God to our children in a way that they can understand and learn from is, I'm sure we'd all agree, such an important part of our role as the Church. The team who run the Children's Liturgy at our 10:30 mass enjoy sharing God's word. Unfortunately over the last year many of our team 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/07941843711) 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.



John 9: Jesus heals man born blind

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.

