

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th February, 2017

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(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Sunday, 12 th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 3.00 pm Baptism 5.00 pm	<i>The McKeown Family</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Alice Gowikiewicz</i> <i>Gabrielle Crawford (intentions)</i>
Monday, 13 th February	10.00 am 7.00 pm	<i>Chris Spink (Special Intention)</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Tuesday, 14 th February <i>Feast of St. Cyril and St. Methodius</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 15 th February	10.00 am	<i>Dominic Dolan</i>
Thursday, 16 th February	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	<i>Karen Cunningham</i> <i>(Mass in Latin) Private Intention</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Friday, 17 th February <i>Op. Mem. of the Seven Founders of the</i> <i>Order of Servants of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	<i>Fr. Michael Jordan (intentions)</i> <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday, 18 th February	10.00 am followed by Exposition	<i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Sunday, 19 th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	<i>The De Souza Family (in thanks)</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>John Paul Brogan RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today.

Jesus sets a higher standard for our behaviour than the old Jewish Law. Is He being unreasonable, or perhaps inconsistent since He also tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden light?

Sacred Head of Jesus, Seat of Divine Wisdom, enlighten us! Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us! St Thomas Aquinas, patron of students, pray for us! St Joseph of Cupertino, patron of those taking exams, pray for us!

Today is Racial Justice Day when we recognise the need for this and pray for those working to promote it.

Bible Study will be on Friday, starting with a meal at 7.00 pm in St. Joseph's. All welcome.

The Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Kenney will be coming to the Chaplaincy on Sunday, 28th May to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. **A few people have been in touch with me about this. If I haven't let you know about this date by email in the last couple of days please remind me that you wish to be confirmed because it may mean that I have misplaced your details. If you haven't already been confirmed and would now like to be, please see me as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.**

Fatima Centenary special event 2017. A celebration event will be taking place for the Warwick, Coventry and other local deaneries on **Saturday, 13th May** in Leamington. Please keep the date free. More details will be available nearer the time. Contact Peter Dimambro mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk, 01926428399.

Could you be a Eucharistic Minister? Help! No one is coming forward! As you have probably noticed, we are very short of Eucharistic Ministers to help to give out Holy Communion during Mass here in the Chaplaincy. We had a training day before Christmas, but only two people could attend so there will be another one on Saturday, 25th February, 11.00-3.30 at St. Joseph's. Please let me know if you can take part.

Please pray for Rev. Stuart Jennings, the Free Church Chaplain here at Warwick, who will be away until after Easter because he has to have an operation tomorrow. Please pray too for Carol his wife who is also not well.

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

Lent 2017. Don't worry, it's still a few weeks away! But I wanted to alert you so that you can start thinking how you can best enter into this holy season of grace. It is a time that we mark especially with prayer, fasting and alms-giving (or works of charity). *Incidentally, I shall be burning palms to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday (1st March) after Mass on Sunday, 26th February. If you have old palms that we could burn, please let me have them.*

1. **On Ash Wednesday** there will be Mass with the distribution of ashes in the Chaplaincy at 1.00 pm.
2. **Prayer petitions.** When Lent begins I shall invite you to write out any petition that you would like the rest of us to pray for and post it up on a board. Please do read the petitions and pray for them.
3. **"My Day By Day"**. These small booklets are available on the table from today (£1, or whatever you can afford). They contain the Mass readings for each day of Lent up to Maundy Thursday.
4. **Walk With Me Booklets.** These will be available in a couple of weeks, together with Lent calendars. They are a good aid to daily prayer and reflection.
5. **Stations of the Cross** in St. Joseph's each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm.
6. **Lectio Divina.** We tried this last year and it grew in popularity as Lent went on. We shall meet at St. Joseph's on Wednesday evenings for half an hour following the 7.00 pm Mass to reflect and pray about a passage of the Bible.
7. **"The Long Road To Heaven"**, a Lent course based on the film "The Way". This is something different and, I think, rather exciting. Instead of Bible Study, on Friday evenings we shall meet in the hall for a simple meal and then explore the meaning of "salvation" using a five-part study course based on the film starring Martin Sheen walking the Way of St. James to Santiago de Compostela. We shall watch the whole film on Monday, 27th February, here in the Chaplaincy, and then start the meetings on the following Friday. **I shall need to buy the books for people who want to follow the course, so please sign the sheet on the table if you would like to take part.**
8. **Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers**, Saturday, 1st April, 12.00-4.00 pm, in the parish hall. There will be a talk and a time of prayer for all Eucharistic Ministers, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday.

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27. The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.

Executive Committee Elections for 2017

To all members of Warwick CathSoc:

The time has come for the exec of this year to step down from our positions to give **new talent the opportunity to shine through.** It has been our pleasure to be of service to the society and we thank you for supporting us.

Looking forward, we will need **enthusiastic individuals** to shape how CathSoc will be in the next year. We **encourage all members to be more engaged** in CathSoc's activities, and there is no better way of serving the Catholic community than being part of the executive committee team. We rely on personal commitment to keep the society up and running over the years - in exchange, we offer a fun, invaluable experience, the chance to grow in faith, personal skills, and your CV.

Event Details: Chaplaincy, Sunday 5th March 2017 after Mass

Film Club. Next Thursday evening in St. Joseph's parish hall we shall watch "The Hundred Foot Journey". It is a moving story about an Indian family that flees India and ends up in a remote French village, where they are determined to open the first Indian cuisine restaurant. Starring Helen Mirren. The plan: a simple meal at 6:30, followed by the film at 7.00. Free! All welcome. Please come and join in if you can. We are up for a great evening with a post-film sharing!

Cathtalk. Next Sunday Br. Benedict, a brother of St. Jean, will give a talk before and after Mass.

Chaplaincy Moveable Doors. You may have noticed that the movable doors have been chained up so that they cannot be closed. This is because they have been condemned! They will be replaced, but I can't say when that will happen. In the meantime, please do not hurt yourself by trying to close them.

CAFOD. You are invited to a CAFOD LiveSimply evening on Monday, 20 February, 7.45-9.15pm at St Thomas More, 112 Knoll Drive, Coventry, CV3 5DE. Light refreshments served from 7.30pm.

News from the (Diocesan) Kenelm Youth Trust:

- 1) **Lourdes 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage**, 27th May – 3rd June. Open to young people aged 14-25. Coach and air travel option available. For full details visit: www.bcys.co.uk
- 2) **FLAME 2017 at the SSE Arena, Wembley, 11th March.** The Largest National Catholic Youth Event of 2017! Cost: £35, all inclusive. Go to: maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Tailpiece. A few examples of RE class bloomers:

"Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark"

"Christians can only have one wife. This is called monotony."

"The patron saint of travellers is St. Francis of the seasick."

May God bless you and all those you love.
Fr. Harry