

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Easter Sunday

16th April, 2017

Catholic Chaplain: Fr. Harry Curtis

Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia!

I shall be away for most of this week and for next weekend, but there will still be Mass here next Sunday as usual, and Fr. Paul will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's on Wednesday and Saturday.

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

Sunday, 16 th April Easter Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Meehan Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Eileen Kennedy RIP
Monday, 17 th April <i>Monday within the Easter Octave</i>	10.00 Mass at St. Osburg's	
Tuesday, 18 th April <i>Tuesday within the Easter Octave</i>	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 19 th April <i>Wednesday within the Easter Octave</i>	10.00 am	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Thursday, 20 th April <i>Thursday within the Easter Octave</i>	No Mass Today	
Friday, 21 st April <i>Friday within the Easter Octave</i>	No Mass Today	
Saturday, 22 nd April <i>Saturday within the Easter Octave</i> Novena to St. Joseph	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 23 rd April Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday Novena to St. Joseph	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	The People of the Parish Intentions of the Ordinariate Private Intention Austin Hastings
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		



The Easter Season

The Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they "are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday." The first eight days make up the Easter Octave and they are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord – that is, feast days of the most importance. The joyful sound of "Alleluia!" is heard many times throughout this season and we add two "Alleluia's" at the dismissal of the Mass throughout this week.

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Holy Week services at St. Joseph's, especially to those who contributed and worked so hard to make our Easter celebrations so beautiful. Thank you most of all to those brave souls (soles?) who volunteered to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday!

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!

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wix.com/warwickcathsoc

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Traditionally the collection at the Easter Masses is your personal offering to your priest. Thank you.

Easter Monday Mass: 10.00 am at St. Osburg's. This custom is a profession of faith in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be no other Mass in the Deanery that morning and we are encouraged to come together to celebrate Easter.

Divine Mercy Sunday. Throughout this week we are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (there are leaflets in the porch), and next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. **Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions** at St Mary's Church, Raglan Street next Sunday, 23rd April, 1.30pm, with Mass at approx. 3.45pm.

Our Lady's Catechists. I have the privilege of being the Chaplain for OLC, and I shall be away at their Annual General Meeting next weekend. Please pray for them and me, and if anyone would like to have any information about the work of OLC, please ask me. Thanks to Fr. Jonathan Veasey for offering to celebrate the 12.30 Mass next Sunday morning. Fr. Jonathan is the Parish Priest at St. John Vianney Church, not too far from here. He has a Baptism in his own parish at 12.00, so he may be a few minutes late here for Mass. Please look after him and help him to set up and find everything he needs for Mass. If you need a priest, Fr. Paul will be at St. Joseph's on Wednesday and Saturday, or his telephone number is 02476 693 752

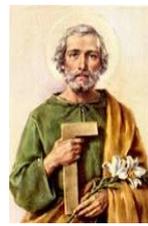
Advance notice: during Week 3 of the summer term (7th - 12th May) there will be **"A Retreat in Daily Life"**. This is a retreat which fits around your work commitments. With the stress of term 3, this is a great opportunity to take time out, relax, reflect and pray under the guidance of a trained spiritual director. See me for more details or to book.

Cycle of Prayer. During Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions: new members of the Church; Vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.

The Gift, "Life in the Spirit" Course, at Christ the King Church – 6 sessions beginning at 7.15 pm, Thursday, 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May and 8th June. There will be an overview of the course at Christ the King Church on Sunday, 23rd April at 6.30 pm.

"My Day By Day" Easter Booklets are available on the table (£1). They contain the Mass readings starting on Good Friday and going on until the end of May.

Easter Duties. Remember! The Church says that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.



Novena to St. Joseph. The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, the Patronal Feast Day for our parish, will be on Monday, 1st May. We shall pray a Novena to St. Joseph in the nine days prior to the Feast, for our Parish community and for guidance for the future. That means we start next Saturday, 22nd April. There are copies of the Novena prayer on the table, please take copies for yourself and others.

Bible Study. When this re-starts next term it will still be in the hall at St. Joseph's but after Week 1 it will be on Thursday evenings, not Fridays.

Film Club. The next film for our enjoyment and study will be on Thursday, 27th April. It will be "The Blind Side", a story about a family of white people who adopt a good and shy black teenager. It deals with issues such as racism, welcoming, openness, family life and struggling with acceptance. It stars Sandra Bullock who won an Oscar. We begin with a simple meal in St. Joseph's parish hall at 6.30 pm and start the film at 7.00 pm. All welcome, no charge.

Collection for the Ukraine. You may remember that a year ago the Pope asked for a special collection for the people of the Ukraine. The Archbishop asked that this message be passed on: *"The Holy Father wishes to acknowledge the offering of £58,705.81 for the special collection for Ukraine, which you sent to him through the Apostolic Nunciature in London on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. His Holiness is grateful for this donation and for the devoted sentiments that inspired it. He very much appreciates your solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Please be assured of the Holy Father's prayers for your intentions. Invoking upon you and the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese, grace and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, he cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing."*

Tailpiece: A nun told me this story, so it must be true. While Noah was in the ark, and the heavens were raining for all those days and nights, it so happened that the ark sprang a leak. Nobly, the dog put his nose into the hole to stop the water coming in and sinking the ark. That is why, to this day, a dog has a cold nose. But the leak grew bigger, and so Noah's wife put her feet into the hole. That is why, to this day, a woman has cold feet. But the hole got still bigger, and so eventually Noah had to sit in it. And that is why, to this day, a man likes to stand with his back to the fire!



Have a very happy and blessed Easter.

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