

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Third Sunday of Lent

19th March, 2017

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

Sunday, 19 th March Third Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	The Whelan Family (intentions) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross The O'Donnell Family (intentions)
Monday, 20 th March Solemnity of St. Joseph	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 7.00 pm	Josephine & Matthew Murray (Birthday Anniversary) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 21 st March	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 22 nd March	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 7.00 pm	Mitchell Moore RIP (Anniversary) Marie Francis (intentions)
Thursday, 23 rd March Commemoration of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 7.00 pm	Moira Swan Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 24 th March	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40)	Intentions of the Seary Family
Saturday, 25 th March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) followed by Exposition	Frank Devine
Sunday, 26 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments Mothering Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	Dolores Connolly (intentions) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Eileen Joyce (in thanksgiving)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today.

On the third Sunday of Lent we hear the invitation of Jesus to the Samaritan woman to come Him for “living water”. That “living water” is the life of grace to which Jesus invites us all and we receive most fully in the Mass and the other Sacraments.

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!

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.

Please pray for Rev. Stuart Jennings, the Free Church Chaplain here at Warwick, who will be away on sick leave until after Easter. Please pray too for Carol his wife who is also not well.

The Solemnities of St. Joseph the Husband of Mary, and The Annunciation. Tomorrow is St. Joseph's Day (transferred from today) and while the feast day of our parish is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on 1st May this is still an important day for us. Saturday will be the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

Prayer petitions. I invite you to write out any petition that you would like the rest of us to pray for and post it on the “tree”. Please include the petitions in your daily prayers. The “tree” is in front of the altar today and will be in the Chapel throughout the week.

CAFOD collection. Thank you for supporting the Lent Fast Day collection for CAFOD last week. You contributed a magnificent £80.73. However, there is a terrible situation in East Africa and CAFOD have made an urgent appeal for further help. If you can help even more, please give generously to the collection today.

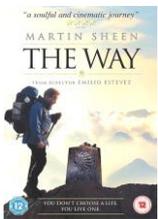
Lent 2017. During Lent we do not say the Gloria during Mass on Sundays, nor the joyful word “A*****A!”

Easter Duties. 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.



Stations of the Cross. We shall meditate on the Stations together in St. Joseph’s each Sunday in Lent, 4.15pm.

Lectio Divina. This is a way of studying and praying with the Bible. On Wednesday evenings after the 7.00 Mass in St. Joseph’s we shall read a small section of St. Matthew’s Gospel together and pray about it. It will last about half an hour; anyone is welcome to take part. If you wish more information about *Lectio Divina* please ask me and I shall be delighted to explain.



“The Long Road To Heaven”, a Lent course that is based on the film, “The Way”. It will be running in the hall for the first five Fridays of Lent. If you have missed the sessions so far you can still come next Friday. We begin at 7.00pm with a simple meal together in the hall and then start the session at about 7.45 pm.

Morning Prayer of the Church. I shall be praying Morning Prayer at 9.40 am before weekday Mass in St. Joseph’s during Lent, and I should welcome your company if you would care to join me.

Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers, on Saturday, 1st April, 12.00-4.00 pm, in St. Joseph’s church and parish hall, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. Light refreshments will be provided. All Eucharistic Ministers are welcome. Let me know if you’re coming.

Penance Service. On Wednesday, 5th April, at St. Joseph’s before the evening Mass at 6.00 pm.

40 Days For Life. During Lent, a small group of Christians are undertaking a 40-day vigil, of prayer and fasting, asking God to end abortion in our diocese. They will be standing outside a clinic (in Birmingham) where abortions are carried out, for up to 8 hours per day, from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. There is an insistence by the organisers that the approach taken is always peaceful, prayerful and non-judgemental. If you would like to know more about this year’s vigil or to take part, please go to www.40daysforlife.com.

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.

Ampleforth for Easter: Ampleforth is a Benedictine monastery in Yorkshire. Every year, the community there run a retreat over the Easter Triduum (14th-17th April). All food and accommodation is provided free, but donations are welcome. Thus, the only costs of the trip are your travel costs and any donation you wish to make. For more details see me after Mass.

Monastic Experience Weekend. Where: Quarr Abbey, Isle of Wight, PO33 4ES. When: evening of Friday 2nd June to afternoon of Sunday 4th June 2017. For: single Catholic men aged 18-35. Offers: an opportunity to experience the Benedictine way of life in the Solesmes tradition, participating in monastic work, attending the worship and sharing the silence, with talks from monks and a chance to ask questions. Contact: Br. Duncan Smith – novicemaster@quarr.org

“Step into the Gap” with CAFOD. Applications for CAFOD’s gap year programme are now open. An opportunity for those aged 18 – 30 to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. **Note: the deadline is 13th March 2017.** For all information and how to apply visit www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year

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. Thanks to a very generous anonymous donor, I can offer two places on this pilgrimage, travelling by coach. Please come & see me.

“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.

Dementia Prayer Week, 12-19th March. Today is the last day of this Prayer Week and we shall be saying this beautiful prayer at Mass: **“Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in you. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.”**

Bible Study. When this re-starts next term it will be on Thursday evenings, not Fridays.

Tailpiece. Looking forward to summer perhaps I should pay attention to this story. A clergyman was on holiday and decided to lie down on the beach to enjoy the sun. Unfortunately, when it came to getting up his rheumatism made it impossible and a little girl who was nearby offered to help him. “It’s very good of you, my dear,” he said, “But do you think you are strong enough?” “Oh yes,” answered the child, taking his arm, “I’ve often helped my daddy when he was much drunker than you.”

May God bless you all, and have a great holiday if you are going away, Fr. Harry