

NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018: Our primary school nursery are now accepting applications for children to start the Nursery this September. If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 and you are interested in a Nursery place please contact the school on 02476 466655, or call into the admin office for an application form. Visits to look around the nursery are welcome.

A SPECIAL MASS FOR THE SICK - Around 44 people attended Mass for the Sick at 12pm Mass last Thursday with many of them receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. We also had a lovely get together afterwards in the Parish Hall, to share soup and cake and to watch the film *The Song of Bernadette*. It was also a chance for members of our Parish who are unable to attend Mass regularly reconnected with friends they hadn't seen for a while. Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration a joyful occasion and a special thanks goes to Fr Anthony Pham from Our Lady Help of Christians, Kitts Green, who came to help and join in with us.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MISSION: This year will be the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the St. Thomas More Parish. As part of the Parish's celebrations, there will be holding a Parish Mission, led by the Sion Community, from 17th February to 4th March. For the details please see the poster and pamphlets at the back of Church and keep St. Thomas More Parish in our prayers.

WORLD POVERTY GROUP: Last year we had wonderful response to our fund raising. We donated **£2000.00** to Cluny Sisters for Sierra Leone Mission. **£2000.00** to Vietnamese Sisters, working with the poor. **£1000.00** to Fr. David in India and **£1500.00** to the Orphanage in Holy Land, run by St. Vincent de Paul Sisters. Thank you again for your generosity. Clare & Maura.

COVENTRY TYRONE ASSOCIATION – Annual Dance on Saturday 17th February at Christ the King Centre. Admission £4 – Music by “Wild Rover”. Proceeds on the night will go to local charities.

DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World: On Sunday 4 February the Holy Father announced that Friday 23 February – the Friday of the First Week of Lent – has been designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The Apostolic Nuncio has asked all the Bishops to make this as widely known as possible so that all our local churches can participate in this Papal initiative. This date is also CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day and so the Holy Father's request could dovetail into this annual work, especially as CAFOD has projects in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

PIETY SHOP - Is open before and after the weekend Masses and also 10am-4pm on a Thursday or Friday and we have a wide selection of cards and small gifts on sale at a reasonable price. If the shop is locked please see Cath Oliver, Mary Harte or Michelle and they will happily assist you.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B.

Reading Year B Parish Mass Book P137. - Psalter 2.

Preface 5 in Ordinary Time - Eucharistic Prayer II.

Sunday 11th February 2018



The leprosy left him at once and he was cured. (Mk.1:42)

Dear parishioners, leprosy is the theme of today's readings. In biblical times, leprosy was an infectious plague. It made the victim an outcast not only socially, but also in religious sphere. It was a terrible disease because there was no hope of a cure. Jesus broke this idea by reaching out a loving and healing hand to a leper who came to him and asked for healing. Leprosy also gives us an idea of our mortal sin, which separates us from God. In this way we see how our Christian community should deal with sinners and people rejected by our society. Through physical healing, Jesus wants to help us to understand about our spiritual healing. In natural way, we are healthy and clean, but in spiritual way, sometimes we are tainted with leprosy of sin. Like the leper in today's gospel, let us approach Jesus and ask for healing.

Mass times and Intentions:

Saturday	10th	05.00pm	Margaret & Simon Ryan - Ann. Majorie Sant - RIP.
Sunday	11th	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Day for the Sick. 10.00am	Ann - Marie - Ints.
Monday	12th	09.00am 03.00pm	Carol Morris - Ints. Mass at Aylon Court Nursing Home.
Tuesday	13th	09.00am	Bill Fudge - Ann.
The Lenten Season			
Wednesday	14th	Ash Wednesday - The Day of Abstinence & Fasting. 09.15am 05.00pm	Fr. Joseph Tinh - Birthday. Reception of May Gillon's body.
Thursday	15th	07.00pm 12.00pm	Maureen Hughes - RIP Funeral of May Gillon
Friday	16th	09.00am	Jack & Rose Amor - Ann. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.</i>
Saturday	17th	10.00am	Anna Hadley - Get well.
Sunday	18th	05.00pm 1st Sunday of Lent 10.00am	Sheila McGrath - Ann. Patty Carey - RIP.

CONFESSIONS Saturday After morning Mass & evening Mass.
BAPTISM & WEDDINGS: By appointment.

E. MINISTERS Saturday 05.00pm T. Sutton / W. Ledwidge.
17th & 18th February Sunday 10.00am J. Bradley / F. Gwatirisa / I. Bateman.
READERS Saturday 05.00pm B. Shaw.
17th & 18th February Sunday 10.00am D. McAree / Y. Owen.

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY: £493.50. (Including Gift Aid)
GIFT AID: £299.00.
THE LIFE CHARITY.: £119.36. *Thank you for your generosity.*
2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE.
2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 10am Mass on Sunday
TEA & COFFEE IN THE PARISH HALL
CLEANING ROTA for Wednesday 14th February 2018 - Parish Team.
COUNTING TEAM next Sunday 18th February 2018 - Team 4.
RCIA (Journey of Faith): This Monday Evening at 7.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS & EXPOSITION: Every Thursday from 11am.
CATECHESIS: Every Saturday from 10.45am to 11.45am for children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. . If there are any queries, please contact Christine Knox at 02476 468732.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY OF OUR PARISH: Jim O'Brien, Mary Hewson, Maureen Daly, Madeline Huntbach, Maureen Weir, Bridie Cooke, Phyllis Sage, Noreen McCarthy, Kathleen Cashman, Maria Fletcher, Rene Costelloe, Mary Hayes, Robert Dick, John Doran, Ellen Wynne, Nora Noonan, Peter O'Hara, Margaret Weiss, Lynda Thomas, Mavis Booth, Margaret Hall, James Lloyd-Cameron, Rev. Michael Wright, Kathleen Ollis. Hannah Milner, Delia O'Hagan, Bridie Birch, Betty Neary, Bernie McCarthy, Barbara McGwynn. Joan Kennedy, Mary O'Neil, Nancy Holingsworth, Sheila Staunton, Jim McGeoghegan, John May, Doris & Bernard Johnson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Sharley, Bernard P. Green, Dorothy Dadzis, Margaret Sheehan, Michael Curtin, Sandra Rollason, Joseph A. Hastings, Sheila McGrath, James Cunningham and William (Bill) Fudge.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR the repose of the soul of **May Gillon**, member of our Parish, who died on Saturday 13th January 2018, her body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 14th February at 5pm and her funeral will be on Thursday 15th February at 12noon followed by burial at Canley Garden Cemetery at 13.30pm. We also pray for **Albert Whitehead**, who died on Thursday 8th February. His funeral will be announced soon. May they rest in peace.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting in the Parish Meeting Room after Mass at 10am this Sunday to discuss the Stay and Play Group and the Senior Citizens Outing/Party. If you are unable to attend please let Mac know.

AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: It will take place at St. Joseph Church on Saturday 3rd March from 12pm to 4pm with talk, prayers and Adoration in preparing for renewal of your ministry on Maundy Thursday. Please contact Carol Morris for more details.

"WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS & CALENDARS: These are available at the back of church, please take with you many as you need when you leave church so that we may join our prayers with our diocesan family and reflect on them during our Lenten Journey.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

No Bingo - Will resume on the 21st due to Ash Wednesday Mass
Stay & Play: Every Thursday (in school term) from 9:30am to 11.30am for Pre-School Children in the Parish Hall. Parents to stay with the children. All welcome.
No Thursday Lunch Club - Will resume on the 22nd due to funeral