

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th February, 2018

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

Sunday, 11 th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Margaret Nottingham RIP (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Lil, Steven & Elizabeth Curtin
Monday, 12 th February	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Forgotten Souls Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 13 th February	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 14 th February Ash Wednesday THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm (Solemn)	Private Intention (Kidman) Ashing Service(not a Mass) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Thursday, 15 th February	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Steven Harrington Members of three families in Poland Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 16 th February	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Patsy O'Neill Private Intention
Saturday, 17 th February Commem. of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Bl. Virgin Mary	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 18 th February First Sunday of Lent	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	Daniel Mullen (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Josie Dekkers (Intentions)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today.

Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this week and we shall (literally) mark it by receiving ashes on our heads on Wednesday as a sign of our desire to repent of sinful behaviour and habits and turn to God, and also a reminder of our mortality – one day we shall all die and be held to account for our lives.

There will be an "Ashing Service" here in the Chaplaincy at 12.30.

It will not be a Mass because it is open to everyone in the Chaplaincy to take part – Catholics and non-Catholics alike – but it will be a service of prayers and Scripture readings. There will be two Masses during the day

at St. Joseph's (10.00 am and 7.00 pm) for those who like to celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday.

After Mass today I shall burn the palms from last Palm Sunday in order to make ashes.



Please note: if you are planning a romantic meal for St. Valentine's Day (14th February), it will also be Ash Wednesday which is a day of fasting and abstinence. That means that everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from meat and that those between 18-60 should also fast, taking only one meal and two lighter snacks in the day. Romance might have to be celebrated on Tuesday evening instead!!!

During Lent we do not say or sing the Gloria during Mass on Sundays, nor the joyful word "Alleluia!"

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www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

Easter Duties. All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lent 2018. How are YOU going to make this season of grace fruitful. Here are some ideas:

1. **Prayer During the Day and Mass.** On Thursdays and Fridays during Lent we shall meet in the Chapel before Mass to pray the Church's Prayer during the Day. Why not come to pray and take part in Mass?
 2. **Prayer petitions.** I 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 other petitions and pray for them.
 3. **"My Day By Day".** These small booklets are now available (£1). They contain the Mass readings for each day of Lent up to Maundy Thursday.
 4. **Walk With Me Booklets.** These are also available (£1), together with Lent calendars (free). They are a good aid to daily prayer and reflection.
 5. **Stations of the Cross.** We shall meditate on the Stations together each Friday in Lent, 3.00, in the Chaplaincy, and each Sunday, 4.15 pm in St. Joseph's.
6. **Chaplaincy Penance Service.** There is the possibility of using one of our Thursday evening Bible Study meetings to have a short service and Confessions, if you want to. Please let me or the members of the CathSoc executive know if you would like this opportunity.
 7. **"The Gift" Life in the Spirit Course.** There will be a course of prayer and meditation in St. Joseph's on Monday evenings throughout Lent. The Course begins tomorrow evening, 7.30 pm. All welcome.
 8. **Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers,** Saturday, 3rd March, 12.00-4.00 pm, in St. Joseph's parish hall. There will be a talk and a time of prayer for Eucharistic Ministers.
 9. **Parish Penance Service.** On Wednesday, 21st March, before the Mass in St. Joseph's at 6.00 pm.



Chaplaincy Retreat to Holy Island, 20th – 25th March. Holy Island (Lindisfarne) is located just off the UK's Northumberland coast. It has been a place of Christian worship and prayer since the 7th Century. Rev. Kate Pearson, our Anglican Chaplain, is leading a Retreat there before Easter and there are places available if you book quickly. Cost: students £350, staff £290.. To book or for info, contact Kate at k.pearson@warwick.ac.uk

Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of *Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment*. It will be held in Rome in October. The Pope has invited young people to share their voice from a variety of social contexts from around the world, so as to better understand what it is like to be a young person living in the world today. Here is a link to a Vatican poll which is being sent to students. <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>. Please consider taking part in the survey.

"Is the New Testament as Unreliable as the Experts Say?" – a talk organised by CathSoc on Monday, 19th February at 6pm. The talk is being given by Fr John Hunwicke from Oxford. It is being held in the Oculus building in OC1.03. All welcome.

Advance notice: during Week 3 of the summer term 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. **I highly recommend it.** See me for more details or to book.

Social Outreach. This term, a group will be visiting **Willowbrook Care Home** (11:00-12:00) to talk to residents there. The next visit will be next Sunday. All are welcome to join! For more info please contact S.Lamboglia@warwick.ac.uk.

"Thomas Aquinas and Modern Biology". On Saturday, 3rd March at the Aquinas Institute, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, 9.15-5.15, there will be an Aquinas Colloquium. Cost, including lunch: £10 (£5 students). To register contact Fr. Richard Conrad OP, Blackfriars, St. Giles, OX1 3LY, Richard.conrad@bfriars.ox.ac.uk

Medjugorje Youth Festival 2018. Justine is organising a pilgrimage (29th July-5th August) to Medjugorje. All ages are welcome. Please contact Justine asap on 07551 096 269. See the poster outside my office for more info.

40 Days For Life. Protect mothers and children by joining the largest worldwide pro-life mobilization in history. The campaign will be running from **14th February – 25th March**, Come and hear Noel's story: "From UK abortion worker to pro-life activist", and Clare McCullough, founder of The Good Counsel Network, this afternoon, 2.00pm, in the Upper Cloister Room, The Oratory, 141 Hagley Rd, B'ham, B16 8UE.

Tuesday is Pancake Day!! There will be a pancake party in the Chaplaincy, 12.30-1.30. Come and join in.

Easter Retreat. The Abbot and Monks of Pluscarden Abbey, a Benedictine monastery about 10 km from Elgin in Scotland, invite young people (aged 18-30) to celebrate the Liturgy with them in Holy Week (March 28 – April 3). There is no charge but if you would like to make a donation it will be gratefully received. See me for details.

Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 2nd March: a service at 11.00 am, at Warwick Road United Reformed Church in Coventry, and also at Earlsdon Methodist Church at 7.00 pm.

Tailpiece: A little boy came home from church after Mass on Ash Wednesday and asked, "Mum, is it true we come from dust?" "Yes, Dear," replied his mother. "And is it true that when we die we go back to the dust?" "Yes Dear, that's right." The little boy went into his room and then came out again, all excited, "Mum, I just looked under my bed and it looks like there's someone either coming or going!"

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