

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Fourth Sunday of Lent

11th March, 2018

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

Sunday, 11 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	Patrick Mullen RIP (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Sean & Margaret Gallagher RIP (Anniv.)
Monday, 12 th March	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 7.00 pm	Thomas Griffin RIP (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 13 th March	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 14 th March	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40)	Holy Souls
Thursday, 15 th March	9.00 am (Morning Prayer at 8.40) 7.00 pm	Eileen Connolly (ill) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 16 th March	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 3.00 pm (University Chaplaincy) 6.00 pm Reception of Eddie Kelly	Ken Vaughan Private Intention Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 17 th March Feast of St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland	10.00 am Requiem Mass	Eddie Kelly
Sunday, 18 th March Fifth Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 3.00 pm Baptism 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	Patricia Swain Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Dominic Pach Stations of the Cross Pat Brown

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.

Welcome to our celebration of Mass on the fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday.

We are now three and a half weeks into Lent, and Easter is three weeks today. In other words, we are over halfway through and that's a cause for rejoicing! Today is "Laetare Sunday" – "Be Glad Sunday" – when we relax the disciplines of Lent slightly and think of the joy of Easter.

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.

"A Retreat in Daily Life": during Week 3 of the summer term there will be the chance to do 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.

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 before receiving this Easter Communion.

Dementia Prayer Week, 12-19th March. This week we remember especially those suffering with dementia, and those who care for them. There are some beautiful prayer cards available for this on the table.

St. Patrick's Day Mass. The Coventry Annual Mass in honour of St. Patrick will be on Friday, 16th March, in St. Mary & St. Benedict's Church, Raglan Street, at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

Happy Mothering Sunday to all Mums.

Each of us has a mother, whether she is with us or has passed away. We thank God for them and pray for them especially today. We also pray for our holy Mother Church.

During Lent we do not say or sing the *Gloria* during Mass on Sundays, nor do we say “A*****a!”

Lent 2018. How are YOU making 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. **Boxes of Lent Resources** have been put in the Multi-faith prayer rooms at Gibbet Hill (Medical School Ground Floor) and Westwood (Avon building, Ground Floor) as well as in the Chapel here. There are some extra copies so you’re welcome to borrow or photocopy.
3. **Walk With Me Booklets.** These are also available (£1), together with Lent calendars (free). They are a good aid to daily prayer and reflection.
4. **Stations of the Cross.** We shall meditate on the Stations each Friday in Lent, 3.00, in the Chaplaincy, and each Sunday, 4.15 pm in St. Joseph’s.
5. **“The Gift” Life in the Spirit Course.** This prayer and meditation will continue tomorrow evening and on Monday evenings throughout Lent, 7.30pm.

ELECTIONS FOR THE CATHSOC EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to the new CathSoc executive:

Magdalena Przybyła - president
Hubert Bereś - master of ceremony
Viktor Chmura - treasurer
Carolina Sagardoy - publicity
Emzo De Los Santos - events officer .
Naomi Awre – music coordinator

And thank you to Mark Clovis and all the outgoing executive who did so much for our community over the last twelve months.

Lenten Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry: This annual Lenten witness of faith takes place every Friday during Lent at the Statue of Our Lady in the Priory Gardens at 1.40pm. Parishioners from across the Deanery attend. Everybody is most welcome.

Easter Retreat. The Abbot and Monks of Pluscarden Abbey, in Scotland, invite you (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.

“The Gift” Life in the Spirit Course. This prayer and meditation will continue tomorrow evening in St. Joseph’s hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Parish Penance Service. On Wednesday, 21st March, before the evening Mass at 6.00pm at St. Joseph’s.

Lancaster Diocese Youth Service, based at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, are looking for young adults to join their gap-year team this August. Spending a year living and working in a community centred on our faith, this is an opportunity to share your faith with others and develop new skills and friendships.
www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

Dedication of St. Joseph’s Church on 1st May. On the table today you should find an invitation to the Mass of Dedication at St. Joseph’s. If you are coming it would help the arrangements for seating in the church and also catering afterwards if you could put your name (or make some other mark) and indicate how many will be coming with you to the Mass. Then pop the card into the box in the porch on your way out after Mass.

Music for the Mass of Dedication. On Thursday evening I should like to have a short meeting in St. Joseph’s parish hall at 6.45pm for anyone who would like to help with the music for our Mass of Dedication.

Carriers of Hope. Next Sunday at St. Joseph’s we shall be collecting items for “Carriers of Hope”, who help refugees and asylum-seekers in the Coventry area who are lacking the most basic personal and household facilities. They especially need Baby Milk, nappies, non-perishable food items (especially tinned tomatoes, potatoes, pasta and basmati rice), all toiletries, and household cleaning products. If you are clearing out your rooms before you leave for the Easter vacations this might be of especial interest to you. We shall be delivering the next day, so if you have any items for them please bring them next Sunday, but no later, and leave them in the parish hall. Thank you.

Westminster Youth Ministry ask “Are you being called to join us for a year as a Volunteer Missionary?” They offer Community, Ministry, Formation, and Prayer. If you are interested and want more details, please see me.

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Tailpiece: Two nuns were walking through a forest in Transylvania when suddenly a vampire jumped out in front of them. “Quick, Sister,” cried one, “Show him your cross.” So the other Sister wagged her finger in the vampire’s face and said, “You’re a very naughty boy!”

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