

St. Joseph the Worker

Fifth Sunday of Lent

2nd April, 2017



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Sunday, 2 nd April Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	<i>Martha Skilling & Family</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> Stations of the Cross <i>Josie Dekkers (in thanksgiving)</i>
Monday, 3 rd April	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>) 7.00 pm	<i>Raymond Steinbeiser RIP</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Tuesday, 4 th April <i>Commemoration of St. Isidore, Bishop</i>	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 5 th April <i>Commemoration of St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest</i>	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>) 6.00 pm 7.00 pm	<i>Pat, Madeleine, Sonia, Darren & Karen Higgins</i> Penance Service <i>Special Intention</i>
Thursday, 6 th April	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>) 7.00 pm	<i>Mary Beausang RIP (Birthday)</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Friday, 7 th April <i>Comm. of St. John Baptiste de la Salle, Priest</i>	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>)	<i>The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory</i>
Saturday, 8 th April	10.00 am followed by Exposition to 11.00	<i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Sunday, 9 th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	<i>Paula Black & Family</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> Stations of the Cross <i>Anthony Seary RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		
Mass attendance last weekend: 176	Reading Rota	9am
Last week's first collection: £437.24; Gift Aid: £149.00.	Today	Val Edge
CAFOD - East Africa Emergency Appeal: £644.31 (in total £1,382.81). Thank you.	Next Week	Peter O'Brien
		5pm Irma Whitehead Tony Scanlon

Welcome to St. Joseph's Church on the fifth Sunday of Lent.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Anne and Abie Doherty, Bob Jones, John McKelvie, David Martin, Anne Healy, Patsy Sarayar, Mary Smith, Dave Chimber, Kathleen Gavin, Danny Harrington, Phil Irwin, Kath Kearney, Ann Bullock, Bridget Cherry, Betty Mulvaney, Tom Murray, Eddie Kelly, Tess Skerrett, Alice Horner, Enid Butcher, Ann Kelly, Mari Meadowcroft, Terry Richards, Eleanor Oldham, Uthaya Swoboda, Gabrielle, Brian McLaughlin, Beryl Poppett, Margaret Dunne, Val O'Leary, Keelin Treharne, Ron Hamilton, Ted Rodgers and Eleanor Collins.

Those who have died. Please pray for all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: St. John Paul II, Bishop Anthony Emery, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Canon William Swift, Frs. Lawrence King, Michael Clive Glynn and Kevin Preston and also John Brown, Marie Saba, Patrick O'Brien, Ethel Morrell, Joe Anderson, Robert Ellis, Michael McCarthy, Johanna O'Sullivan, Annie Louis, Tom Kelly, Catherine Cann, George Overton, Margaret Banks, Terry Brown, Emily Walker, Alice Gerety, Dorothy Adams, Bob McNarry and Mary Fitzgerald. May they rest in peace.

First Friday. This Friday is the First Friday of the month. The Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said during Mass.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in thanksgiving.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Sick of the Parish.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Doherty Family.

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

Lent Parish Penance Service. There will be a Penance Service here in St. Joseph's this Wednesday, 5th April, at 6.00 pm before the evening Mass. It will be a short reflection followed by the opportunity for Confession.

Easter Flowers. There will be a retiring collection today towards the cost of the flowers that will adorn our church for the coming celebration of Easter. Please be generous if you can. If you would like to sponsor the flowers any Sunday of the year in memory of someone or for a special occasion please speak to me or Fr. Paul.

Palm Sunday. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, which marks the start of Holy Week – the most important week in the Church's year. We shall begin in the Hall and process into the church.

Easter Triduum. There is a list in the church porch inviting people to sign up for various roles at the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – welcoming, reading, having feet washed, serving, watching at the altar of repose. There's plenty for everyone so please don't be shy.

The Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday, 12th April, 11.30 am in St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham.

Readers' Rota. Please find copies in the church porch of an updated rota – the changes only affect those who read at the 5 pm Mass. Thank you.

Lent 2017:

- 1. The statues in the church** will be veiled from today until Holy Saturday. The signs of the saints in glory are removed from our sight so that we can concentrate on entering with Jesus into His Passion and death.
- 2. Stations of the Cross** each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm.
- 3. *Lectio Divina*.** Because of the Penance Service next Wednesday there will be no *Lectio Divina* this week.
- 4. Morning Prayer of the Church.** I shall be praying Morning Prayer on weekdays before Mass when possible, and I should welcome your company.
- 5. 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 board at the back of the church. Please include the petitions in your daily prayers.

200 Club winners: 1st Prize, £15: No. 101, P. Monaghan; 2nd Prize, £5: No. 99, C. Scollan.

The Gift, "Life in the Spirit" Course. At Christ the King Church – 6 sessions beginning at 7.15 pm on Thursday 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May and 8th June.

Emergency Appeal for CAFOD's work in East Africa. Thank you all very much for your wonderful response to the emergency appeal. You donated an amazing £1,382.81 over the last two weeks. If you still wish to make a donation you should send it direct to CAFOD.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please pray for the children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, 30th April, and Confirmations on Sunday, 28th May.

Gift Aid Envelopes. The new Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch. Thank you for supporting the parish in this way. If you would like to know how to be part of the Gift Aid scheme please talk to Peter Kennedy. And please tell Geraldine if you are already part of the Gift Aid scheme and change your address.

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 Masses in churches of the Deanery that morning except at St. Osburg's. Altar servers from different parishes are encouraged to come and serve at the altar. After the Mass there will be light refreshments in the parish hall.

Fatima Centenary 1917/2017 – Celebration Event. This will be taking place on **Saturday, 13th May** at St Peter Apostle church, Leamington Spa, which is a pilgrimage church in the Archdiocese for the Centenary Year. Please come and bring a friend. A packed lunch will be needed. For parking please use St Peter's multi storey car park. For details see www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk [Timetable Fatima event](#)

Pilgrimages:

- **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017, Sat 27th May – Fri/Sat 2nd/3rd June**, by coach (from £439) or by air (from £745). Application forms and details from Miss Fiona Bonham, Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway or call 01212364585, or email: lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org
- **Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland**, 24th – 29th April 2017, £649 per person sharing. See the poster for more information or contact Patricia on 07740 175557, email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Saturday, 13th May. There will be Deanery coaches going from and returning to Christ the King and St. John Fisher. Please call Canon Tom at Christ the King (76 591 618) or Fr. Bob at St. John Fisher (76 443 459) if you wish to book a place.

News from the (Diocesan) Kenelm Youth Trust:

- 1) Lourdes 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage**, 27th May – 3rd June. Open to young people aged 14-25. For full details visit: www.bcys.co.uk.
- 2) Proud 2 Profess.** Saturday, 8th April 10am - 6.30pm @ Newman University, Birmingham. A day of engaging speakers, fun activities and the Sacraments. Cost £5, £10 with transport. See www.bcys.co.uk

Remember: refreshments are available after the 9.00 Mass in the Parish Hall, and on Saturday mornings.

Tailpiece. A teacher was telling her class about the armour of God – the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation. "There's something else we must carry," she added, thinking of the Sword of the Spirit. When no one answered she said, "Well, it's very sharp." On hearing this, one little girl's face lit up as she asked, "Is it the Axe of the Apostles?"

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