

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Solemnity of Christ the King

26th November, 2017

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

Sunday, 26 th November Solemnity of Christ the King <i>Youth Day</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 3.00 pm Baptism 5.00 pm	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> Rafaella Lucia Boddison <i>Rose Goodwin (Birthday)</i>
Monday, 27 th November	10.00 am 7.00 pm	<i>Dyde Family</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Tuesday, 28 th November	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 29 th November	6.00 pm	<i>Rev. Nigel Pounce RIP</i>
Thursday, 30 th November <i>Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	<i>Chris Mullen & Kitty Whelan</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>
Friday, 1 st December <i>Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Martyr</i>	10.00 am	<i>Tom Skerrett RIP & Tess Skerrett & Family (Private Intentions)</i>
Saturday, 2 nd December	10.00 am followed by Exposition 8.00 pm – 8.00 am Advent Vigil	<i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday, 3 rd December First Sunday of Advent <i>Migrants' Day</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	<i>Margaret & Michael Higgins (Anniv.)</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Margaret Griffin RIP (Birthday)</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

Welcome to our Mass in the Chaplaincy today.

Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People.

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.

Today is National Youth Sunday. Jacob, who has worked with the Diocesan Youth Services and now studies at Warwick University, will say a few words at the end of Mass about the work of the Kenelm Youth Trust.

November Prayers for the Dead. There are just a few days left of November. If you still wish to add names to our basket in front of the altar there are memorial slips available on the table.

The Blessing of the Coventry Crib. Each year the Catholic Parishes in Coventry present a Crib to the City as a witness to the real meaning of Christmas. It will be put in place this week and blessed next Sunday afternoon, at 4.00 pm in the Precinct, by Marks & Spencer.

Christmas Fayre. The Ordinariate community invites you to a Christmas Fayre in St. Joseph's parish hall next Saturday, 2nd December, 11am-1pm. Hot meat batches, seasonal refreshments, raffle and stalls. All are very welcome.

First Friday. This Friday is the First Friday of the month. I can't be here for Mass that day because I have a funeral.

Prayer Group. There is a group that meets fortnightly at St. Joseph's on Monday evenings. The next meeting is tomorrow, 27th November, in the hall, 7.15 pm. Starting with prayer and praise, then *Lectio Divina*, ending with tea/coffee. Newcomers are especially welcome.

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wix.com/warwickcathsoc

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

ADVENT VIGIL: 2nd - 3rd DECEMBER 2017

Next Saturday, 2nd December, the eve of Advent, there will be an all-night vigil (8.00pm - 8.00am) in St. Joseph's Church - a night of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to help prepare us for the great season of Advent.

During the night we shall pray the Divine Office of the Church and read the whole of the Gospel according to St. Mark (which is the Gospel we shall be hearing on Sundays in the coming year) and the Letter to the Hebrews.

The vigil is open to anyone, and you can come for the whole night or you could just come for a little while. The hall and kitchen will be available so if you wish you can go and make yourself a hot drink and even heat up a meal, or go and lie down in the hall for a few hours' sleep, and then come back to the church.

To make it work we need people to volunteer to be in the church at specific times - a minimum of three at all times - who would do the section of reading allocated to that hour. **Please sign the list.**

The University's Annual Carol Service. The Christian Chaplains invite students and staff to join them at 4.30 pm on Friday, 8th December, for the University's Annual Carol Service in the Chaplaincy, where there will be carols, readings and a reflection followed by mince pies and drinks. It's festive, fun and a great way to end the term. Do come if you can.



Bible study, in the Chaplaincy main space next Thursday, starting with a meal at 7.00 pm.

Coventry Winter Night Shelter. Starting 1st December, they will be serving a warm meal, a bed and breakfast to 20 people sleeping rough. They are now recruiting volunteers to help us bring some hope to people living on the streets. Contact Bernardo 07450 693897, or cwnscoordinator@gmail.com. **St Osburg's** is hosting the night shelter on Wednesday evenings/Thursday breakfast - if you would like to help please contact as above or phone Louisa Hopkins 07828 739064.

Mayor of West Midlands Faith Summit. The Mayor of the West Midlands, Andy Street, is inviting us to send representatives to the first ever regional faith summit and conference tomorrow, 27th November, 4pm to 8pm, hosted by the University of Birmingham. The aim is to enable people of faith to help shape the Mayor's priorities and to contribute to the development of design and implementation of new initiatives in the West Midlands. Reserve your place: f.davis@bham.ac.uk.

Film Club. Before Christmas we are planning to watch three films together at St. Joseph's, each of which looks at the theme of money through a different lens. The next film in our series will be **this Thursday** (30th November - **please note the change of date**) and it will be "Catch Me If You Can", starring Leonardo DiCaprio. It starts at 7.00 pm. No charge; all welcome.

Young People, The Faith And Vocational Discernment. Here is a link to a Vatican poll which is being sent to students to hear what your thoughts are on the Church and the Faith: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>. It is open till the end of the month; please consider taking part.

"Faith in Politics": Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2018-19.

Are you graduating next summer?

What will you do then?

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit at least six recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2018 to July 2019 to learn from an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience.

The scheme is divided into four positions, with some interns being placed with Christian MPs and Peers at Westminster, one in a parliamentary support role within the secretariat, two in public policy and social action with CAFOD and the Caritas Social Action Network, and one in a media role with the Catholic Communications Network. In addition to their working role, all interns also gain from individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance, as well as living in a vibrant, young Catholic community in the centre of London. During the year, as part of their overall formation, interns will study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching from St. Mary's University, Twickenham.

The closing date for applications is 28th February 2018. Applications should be made through the website <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk> Please direct any questions to stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk

The Advent Walk With Me booklets are now available for £1. It can be a useful aid as we go through Advent.

Christmas in the Chaplaincy. For those who are staying at Warwick University over the Christmas break, you will be pleased to know that Mass will still be celebrated here in the Chaplaincy each Sunday at 12.30pm as usual, and also on Christmas Day.

Tailpiece: *For some reason a friend (!) very kindly posted this suggestion to me about exercise for people over 60:*

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry