

St. Joseph the Worker

Fourth Sunday of Lent

11th March, 2018



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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.		
Mass attendance last weekend: 191	Reading Rota	9am
Last week's collection: £523.14; Gift Aid: £216.80.	Today	Henry Whitney
Collection for St. Chad's Cathedral: £243.96. Thank you.	Next Week	Val Edge
		5pm Irma Whitehead Tony Scanlon

Welcome to St. Joseph's Church 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.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Anne Doherty, Bob Jones, John McKelvie, David Martin, Patsy Sarayar, Mary Smith, Dave Chimber, Kathleen Gavin, Danny Harrington, Phil Irwin, Bridget Cherry, Tom Murray, Tess Skerrett, Alice Horner, Gabrielle, Enid Butcher, Ann Kelly, Mari Meadowcroft, Terry Richards, Uthaya Swoboda, Brian McLaughlin, Beryl Poppett, Margaret Dunne, Val O'Leary, Keelin Treharne, Mary McDonagh, Paddy Beausang, Elizabeth Conry, Pamela Read, Eleanor Collins, Milly Gunter, Alison Kidman, and Patricia Itota.

Those who have died. Please pray for **Deacon Philip Prince, Eddie Kelly**, and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop David Cashman, Mgr. Daniel Kelly, Canons Gerard (Gerry) J Hanlon and Raymond Walsh, Frs. Christopher Thornton, Connell Harkin, Vaughan Lloyd, Anthony Sims, and William Madden, and also Michael Clifford, Mary Crane, Martha Connolly, James Daniels, Dorothy Maher, Winifred Bergin, George Robson, Murial Pharoah, Eileen Fitzsimmonds, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Robert Halley, Iain Draper, James Hennessy, Maureen Farrell, Mary Jones, Patrick Murray, James Brady, David Byrne. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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 at the back of church.

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, has agreed to come to consecrate our church on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 1st May, 2018. That's less than two months – 52 days – and counting. Please make a special point of praying for our parish during this Lent. If you would like to make a contribution towards the costs of the Consecration there are some special envelopes in the porch. Thank you very much.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

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

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

Parish Forum. The next meeting of the Parish Forum will be this Thursday, 15th March, 7.30pm, in the church hall, when we will be concentrating on plans for the Consecration of the Church. All are welcome to join us.

Exhibition at the Herbert Art Gallery. Last Friday the Coventry Irish Society launched a month-long exhibition ‘Irish Heart, Coventry Home’ at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. Sixty-five Irish people were interviewed for this project and the resulting film will be shown at the exhibition. Furthermore, a variety of objects have been lent by the community and these will be put on display. The exhibition is free and will stay open until April. For further info ring 02476 256 629 or go to http://www.theherbert.org/whats_on/1242/irish_heart_coventry_home.

“Still Bearing Fruits in Old Age”. This ecumenical day will explore the thought that God wants to use us precisely because we are older. Speakers: Rev. Chris Swift and Bishop David McGough. Other contributors will introduce projects including Memory Worship: Worship for those with and without Dementia led by Rev. Julia Monaghan and The Pastoral Care Project led by Frances Molloy. Thursday, 22nd March, Coventry Methodist Central Hall, Warwick Lane, CV1 2HA, 10.00am-4.00pm. £5 to cover expenses.

Stations of the Cross. We shall meditate on the Stations together each Sunday in Lent, 4.15pm.

Dedication of St. Joseph's Church on 1st May. On your seats today you should find an invitation to the Mass of Dedication. 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 church porch on your way out of church. The box will still be there next Sunday if you want to check your diary.

Music for the Mass of Dedication. On Thursday evening I should like to have a short meeting at 6.45pm, before the Parish Forum meeting, for anyone who would like to help with or know about planning the music and Liturgy for our Mass of Dedication. All welcome.

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 57; Josie McCrave.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 145; Mrs. Struthers.

“The Gift” Life in the Spirit Course. This prayer and meditation will continue tomorrow evening and on Monday evenings throughout Lent, starting at 7.30pm.

Edward John Kelly. Eddie's body will be received into church at 6.00 on Friday evening (a simple reception) and his funeral will be on Saturday (St. Patrick's Day) at 10.00am. May he rest in peace. And fear not! St. Patrick will not be forgotten.

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

Gift Aid. New envelopes are available in the church porch for those who Gift Aid their offerings. Thank you very much. Patricia Burke has kindly offered to take over the running of this for our parish and she will say a few words at the end of Mass today.

Carriers of Hope. Next Sunday 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. 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 hall. Thank you.

Easter Raffle. Next Sunday we shall have a bit of fun with an “Easter” raffle. You can buy tickets before Mass and the winners will be announced at the end of Mass. Proceeds will go towards the Consecration fund, and many thanks to Carmel and Maria for organising it.

Readers' Rota. For those who read at Mass there are copies of the new rota available in the porch. If you would like to become a reader please let me know.

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 you love.

Fr. Harry

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.