

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th February, 2019

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, Seat of Divine Wisdom, enlighten us!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

St Thomas Aquinas and St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patrons of students, pray for us!

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

Sunday, 10 th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Lesley O'Connell (intentions) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Sam Hunt
Monday, 11 th February <i>Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>	10.00 am 12.00 noon Requiem Mass 7.00 pm	Thomas McGrath Victor Terry Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 12 th February	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 13 th February	10.00 am 7.00 pm Confirmation Mass	Valerie Kirtley (Special Intention) Confirmandi
Thursday, 14 th February <i>Feast of St. Cyril and St. Methodius</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	7.30 am Exposition and Morning Prayer 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Forgotten Souls Private Intention Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 15 th February	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Michael Cunningham Private Intention
Saturday, 16 th February	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 17 th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Whelan Family Intentions Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Gary Parsons
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today, especially if you are just visiting the University. None of us is worthy to be in God's presence, let alone to be loved by Him, but through the mercy of God we are.

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament. Before we begin our day's work we can meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord for half an hour on Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00, followed by breakfast. **Why not start your day with the Lord?**

Congratulations to Bishop Robert Byrne. Bishop Robert has been one of the Bishops who assist the Archbishop in this Archdiocese for the last five years. This week it was announced that he is to be the new Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. May God bless him in his new responsibilities.

Confirmations. Bishop Kenney will be coming to St. Joseph's this Wednesday at 7.00 pm, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Palmer, Donato and Chloe. It will be followed by a party in the hall with hot food. Please come and give your support if you can.

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.

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Elections

CathSoc elections are around the corner (Week 8). Don't forget you must hold CathSoc membership for a minimum of 14 days if you want to run for a position (membership is free of charge). If you'd like to get to know more about positions and responsibilities or if you'd like to run for a position, please speak to the exec members. We need you!

“Faith in Politics”: Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2019-20.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit up to nine recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2019 to July 2020 in Parliamentary, Public Affairs, and Social Action posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will live together with 70 other students in More House, a Catholic Chaplaincy and Student Centre in Central London. Financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship.

The closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Thursday, 28th February 2019. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

Graduate Assistant for 2019-2020. Rye St Antony is an independent Catholic boarding school for girls aged 3-18 and day boys aged 3-11. The school is situated in 12 acres of beautiful woodland less than a mile from Oxford city centre, and so offers an excellent location for a graduate looking for experience of working in an educational environment, be it as a teacher or in an administrative or marketing capacity. They are currently recruiting for several Graduate Assistants for the academic year 2019-2020. The Graduate Assistants will work in one of the two boarding houses and also within an academic department, or in administration if this is preferred. Full details and an application form can be downloaded from the [Staff Vacancies](http://www.ryestantony.co.uk) page of their website (www.ryestantony.co.uk). The closing date for applications is Thursday, 14th February 2019, and interviews will be held on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.

Lent 2019. Yes, I know it feels that we have only just celebrated Christmas, but Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. It's time to start thinking what you can do to make this season of grace fruitful. If you have any palms from last Palm Sunday that you do not need, please bring them along by Sunday, 3rd March, so that we can burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Les Miserables. One of the plans for Lent this year is to have a series of evening meetings on Wednesdays in the hall, using the musical film of *Les Miserables* as a focus for prayer and charitable outreach. This is rather exciting, so please make sure you leave Wednesday evenings in Lent free for this. We also want to have a meeting on Thursday, 28th February to discuss the Pope's Letter *Laudato Si* and what we can do to nurture the world God has given us. Further details to follow.

Flame – is the largest National Catholic Youth gathering of 2019 and is taking place on the 2nd March at Wembley Arena. If you are aged 14-30 then please consider taking part. **Flame** is an opportunity to join 10,000 young people from across

the country, to receive faith-filled inspiration from world class speakers such as Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Robert Madu, as well as music from MOBO award winner Guvna B and International Christian Recording Artist, Tim Hughes. Tickets are £39 pp, which includes entrance, transport, insurance and a Diocesan T-Shirt. If we can get enough people the coach will pick up and bring back to the University campus, so please sign up on the list on the table to make sure of numbers. If you need help with the cost, please come and talk to me.

Bible study. As always, on Monday at 7:45pm in the chaplaincy. Starts with dinner, followed by Bible study discussion. Everyone welcomed.

Growth and Renewal in the Catholic Faith: we won't meet this week because of the Confirmations. Next week we shall be thinking about Original Sin – a good introduction to Lent.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group. The next meeting is tomorrow evening, Monday, 11th February, in the Jordan Room, 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Starting with prayer and praise, then *Lectio Divina*. Please come and take part.

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday, which focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we are all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is Dignity of Work, looking at how no one should be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work.

Talk on Thomas Merton. The Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell is giving a talk on Thomas Merton, Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion, Sunday, 24th February, at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. Start at 1.30pm. No charge.

Tailpiece: A barber decided that he should share his faith a bit more with his customers, so the next morning when a man came into his shop and asked for a shave the barber said, “Certainly, sir. Take a seat”, and approached with a razor in one hand and a Bible in the other, saying “Now, sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?” For some reason the customer discovered that he had an urgent need to be elsewhere.

May God bless you and those who are dear to you.
Fr. Harry

