

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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)

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| Sunday, 26 th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i> | 9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm | Eddie O'Connell RIP The People of the Parish Margaret Nottingham RIP (Anniv.) |
| Monday, 27 th January <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. Edward Oldcorne, Martyr, or of St. Angela Merici</i> | 10.00 am | Mary Veronica McGovern (B'day) |
| Tuesday, 28 th January <i>Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest</i> | No Mass Today | |
| Wednesday, 29 th January | 10.00 am | Frank Baynes (Anniversary) |
| Thursday, 30 th January | 7.30-8.00 am Exposition 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) | Denis Daly RIP (Anniversary) Private Intention |
| Friday, 31 st January <i>Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest</i> | 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) | Tina, Karen & Shaun Lanigan Private Intention |
| Saturday, 1 st February | 10.00 am followed by Exposition | Michael Lanigan (get well) |
| Sunday, 2 nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord | 9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm | Sean McCrave RIP (Anniversary) The People of the Parish Josie Coughlan (Intentions) |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am. | | |

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today on the Sunday of the Word of God.

Sunday of the Word of God. In a letter from last September, Pope Francis wrote: *I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.* That is why today we are making the Word of God our focus.

Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas), next Sunday, 2nd February. Mass will start in the entrance area and we shall process from there into the main space with our candles.

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.

Bible Study. There will be Bible Study in the Chaplaincy on Monday evening, 7:45, starting with dinner.

Evening Chapel. Sorry, I am away next Friday evening and so there will be no Evening Chapel this week.

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.

Would you like to spend a year (Aug 2020-Jul 2021) as part of the SPEC community in London which runs retreats with young people in the Diocese of Westminster? Check out their website for more information: <http://dowym.com/spec/volunteer/>

“Faith in Politics”: Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2020-21.

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 2020 to July 2021 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 28th February 2020. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

Morning 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?**

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group. The next meeting is tomorrow evening, Monday, 27th, in St. Joseph’s parish hall, 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Starting with prayer and praise, then *Lectio Divina*. Please do come and take part.

Instructions in the Faith. Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas More in Stivichall, 7.30-8.30. All welcome.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confession – is usually available at St. Joseph’s on Friday evenings, 6.00-6.45, and on Saturday mornings, 10.30-11.00. There is also the possibility in my office whenever I am in the Chaplaincy – usually before and after the 12.15 Mass on Thursdays and Fridays. Please check the newsletter for changes each week.

UNITE Catholic Youth, Leamington and Warwick.

Do you live in the Leamington or Warwick area? Why not come each month to an evening of pizza, praise and prayer for young people, including live music and inspiring speakers on relevant topics? Friday, 6.30-9.00 pm, St. Peter’s Church Hall, Dormer Place, Leamington, CV32 5AA. The next meeting will be on 7th February when the topic will be “Jesus: Who Is This Man?”

Confirmations. Bishop Kenney will be coming to St. Joseph’s on Wednesday, 19th February, 7.00 pm, to confirm one of our community. Please put the date in your diary and try to come to support and welcome her.

Re-dedication of England. On 29th March, 2020, England will be re-dedicated as the ‘Dowry of Mary.’ To help us prepare there will be a series of Monday evenings in St. Joseph’s parish hall when we shall watch a DVD about Our Lady and discuss it. More details to follow.



Official Prayer for the Year of the Word.

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen.**

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. **This day and every day.**

Our Lady of the Annunciation **pray for us.**
St Matthew **pray for us.**
St Jerome **pray for us.**



Holocaust Memorial Day, Monday, 27th January.

This year’s HMD has a particular significance for two reasons. One is the fact that this year we mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The other is the increase in the incidents of antisemitism. This year’s theme is ‘Stand Together’. Tomorrow, Coventry’s Holocaust Memorial Day event will be at 11.45 am in Broadgate. Coventry will join many other cities and communities across the country taking part in this national event to remember the victims of hatred and discrimination. The event also highlights what we can all do to Stand Together to prevent such atrocities taking place in the future. For more information on the day please see poster in porch or go to www.coventry.gov.uk/hmd. **There will also be a short ceremony in the Chaplaincy at 12.30pm.** All welcome.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 4 nights, starting on 20th April, 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Tailpiece: A Parish Priest wanted to buy some organic lettuce for the parish picnic. He arrived at the shop and began to search all over for organic lettuce before finally asking the assistant where he might find some. The young assistant seemed confused by the request, so the priest said: “Look, this lettuce is for my parishioners. All I need to know is whether it’s been sprayed with poisonous chemicals.” The visibly horrified assistant replied, “No, Reverend, you will have to do that yourself.”

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