

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Welcome to our celebration of Mass.

Today 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 pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country.

Prayer Before Mass

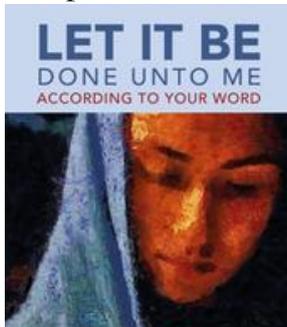
God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.

Year of the Word. I invited you to take away a Bible reference from the basket at the back of church and use it for your prayer during the week. If you have any thoughts or insights about your verse that you would like to share with the rest of us please post it on the notice board in the porch. Thank you. If you found this a helpful addition to your prayers please take another piece of paper from the basket to use this week.

Re-dedication of England. In 1381, England was dedicated to the Mother of Jesus by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations' as "Mary's Dowry". On 29th March, 2020, England will be re-dedicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' That means we are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple.



STARTING TOMORROW. To help us to prepare for the Re-dedication of our country (and also as a Lenten theme) we shall watch a DVD about Our Lady and discuss it over the course of five meetings. The meetings will be in St. Joseph's hall at 7.30 pm, starting tomorrow evening, Monday, 10th February, and thereafter on a fortnightly basis up to Easter. All welcome; materials and light refreshments will be provided. No charge, but donations are welcome.

Two opportunities for prayer with Our Lord: 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. And on **Friday evenings, 6.00-9.00**, there will be Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and discussion.

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

Sunday, 9 th February Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Mary and Danny Harrington (Intentions) The People of the Parish Frank Meadowcroft RIP
Monday, 10 th February <i>Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	10.00 am	Eamon Mullally
Tuesday, 11 th February <i>Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 12 th February	10.00 am	Fr. Joseph Tinh (Birthday)
Thursday, 13 th February	7.30-8.00 am Exposition 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Paul Creighton Private Intention
Friday, 14 th February <i>Feast of St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe.</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition	Barry Williams (Anniversary) Private Intention
Saturday, 15 th February	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Breda Convey
Sunday, 16 th February Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Lesley O'Connell (Intentions) The People of the Parish Anna Karin Hope Lanigan
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm.; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

Newman Association Talk. The Coventry Circle of the Newman Association has invited Archbishop Bernard Longley to give a talk on ARCIC III, the third Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, of which he was co-chair. A statement was issued in July 2018 entitled *Walking together on the Way: Learning to be Church - local, regional, universal*. This set out how the two traditions might learn from each other and will be of interest to all those concerned with ecumenism. **Venue:** Margaret Roper Room, St Thomas More Church, Watercall Ave., Coventry CV3 5DE. Tuesday, 25th February; 7.15 pm. **All welcome.**

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

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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!

Lent 2020. Yes, I know it feels that we have only just celebrated Christmas, but Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. That's only two and a half weeks. 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, 23rd February, so that we can burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

On Ash Wednesday there will be an ecumenical "Ashing Service" here in the Chaplaincy at 12.30pm. This is NOT Mass, but you will be able to receive Ashes. There will be Mass at St. Joseph's at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

Tailpiece: The switch on the microphone that I use during Mass has become a bit dodgy lately so that I have sometimes been broadcasting without meaning it. I'm sorry about that. It reminds me of a Bishop who went into the sacristy after Mass and, not realising that he was still on air, announced, "I need a gin!" I suppose it could have been worse.

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