

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Welcome to our celebration of Mass.

Jesus sets a higher standard for our behaviour than the old Jewish Law. Is He being unreasonable, or perhaps inconsistent since He also tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden light?

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.

FOOD! AFTER MASS TODAY!!

Today we welcome Catherine and Robert Carr who are here to tell us about **Mary's Meals** and how easily we can make an enormous difference to the lives of people who need help.

It's a fascinating and inspiring story. Please stay to share some food and listen to them.

Coronavirus. At the time of writing, the risk to the public from the coronavirus remains low, but please remember that this is a developing problem and advice may change. Our Bishops have published some guidelines. The key things are:

1. The best way to protect ourselves from the spread of the disease is for everyone to use good hygiene:

- Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
- Bin it - bin the tissue
- Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water
- Don't touch your face before washing your hands

2. There is no need, as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the Sign of Peace suspended, but if you have cold or 'flu symptoms please refrain from taking Communion from the Chalice and please receive the Host on your hand rather than on your tongue.

To read the full guidelines, go to: cbcew.org.uk/guidance-to-catholics-on-coronavirus.

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

Confirmation. Bishop Kenney will be coming to St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 19th February, 7.00 pm, to confirm Klaudia, who is one of our community. Please put the date in your diary and try to come to support and welcome her. There will be light refreshments in the parish hall after the Mass.

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.

Singing For Fun. Tomorrow evening, 17th February, in St. Joseph's hall. Come and meet new friends and try some popular hymns, 7.30-8.30 pm. All welcome!

Two opportunities for prayer with Our Lord: Before we begin our day's work on **Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00**, we meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord 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, 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
Monday, 17 th February <i>Op. Mem. of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the BVM</i>	10.00 am	Joseph Kavanagh (Birthday)
Tuesday, 18 th February	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 19 th February	10.00 am 7.00 pm Confirmation Mass	Special Intention Klaudia
Thursday, 20 th February	7.30-8.00 am Exposition 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	George Woodward Private Intention
Friday, 21 st February <i>Op. Mem. of the St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition	Bridget Greene (Birthday) (Mass in Latin) Private Intention
Saturday, 22 nd February <i>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle</i>	No Mass Today	
Sunday, 23 rd February Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Daniel Mullen The People of the Parish Josie Dekkers (Intentions)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm.		

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 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.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop David McGough, 23rd-29th May. More details to follow.

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.

Prayer and Action Group. Next Thursday, 7.45-8.30 pm in St. Joseph's hall. All welcome.

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. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. 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.

Please note that there will be no Mass or Confessions at St. Joseph's next Saturday. I apologise for this. There will be the opportunity for Confession on Friday evening, 6.00-6.45.

Tailpiece: A teacher was trying to teach a lesson about charity and generosity. "Do you know where children go if they don't put their money in the collection plate?" she asked. "Yes, Miss," a boy blurted out. "They go to the cinema."

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