

# University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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## Welcome to our celebration of Mass.

Continuing from last week, when we heard how Jesus sets a higher standard for our behaviour than the old Jewish Law, we now hear that He tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. A challenge!!

### 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.

### Ash Wednesday.

Lent starts this Wednesday! Mass at St. Joseph's will be at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses as a mark of sorrow for our sins and a reminder of our mortality. There will also be an ecumenical "ashing" service (so it is NOT Mass, but you can get your ashes) here in the Chaplaincy at 12.30pm. **It is a day of fasting and abstinence** when everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from meat and those between 18-60 should also fast, taking only one meal and two lighter snacks.

### Executive Committee Elections for 2020

#### To all members of Warwick CathSoc:

The time has come for the exec of this year to step down from their positions to give **new talent the opportunity to shine through**. Many thanks to them all for the way they have helped us.

Looking forward, we will need **enthusiastic individuals** to shape how CathSoc will be in the next year. We **encourage all members to be more engaged** in CathSoc's activities, and there is no better way of serving the Catholic community than being part of the executive committee team. We rely on personal commitment to keep the society up and running over the years - in exchange, we offer a fun, invaluable experience, the chance to grow in faith, personal skills, and your CV.

Weather permitting, I shall burn palms after Mass today to make the ashes. **I invite you to write down your Lenten resolution and add it to the palms.** That way, when you receive your ashes on Wednesday you will be "sealed" with your own intentions.

**CathSoc Social.** As always, on Monday at 7:45pm in the chaplaincy. Everyone welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, led by Bishop David McGough, 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 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.

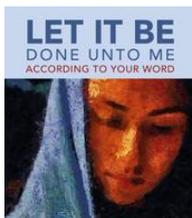
**Two opportunities for prayer with Our Lord:** Before we begin our day's work on **Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00**, we meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord followed by breakfast. And on **Friday evenings, 6.00-9.00**, there will be Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and discussion.

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

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| Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February<br><b>Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>                      | 9.00 am<br>12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br>5.00 pm   | Daniel Mullen<br>The People of the Parish<br>Josie Dekkers (Intentions) |
| Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February  | 10.00 am   | Tom (Special Intention)   |
| Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February   | <b>No Mass Today</b>   |   |
| Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February<br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br><b>THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS</b> | 10.00 am<br>12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br>7.00 pm  | Ann Healy<br>Ashing Service (not a Mass)<br>Pat Guthrie                 |
| Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February  | <b>7.30-8.00 am Exposition</b><br>10.00 am<br>12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)                 | Nora McGrane (Birthday)<br>Private Intention                            |
| Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February<br><i>Memorial of St. Oswald, Bishop</i>                       | 10.00 am<br>12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br><b>6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition</b>               | Holy Souls<br>Private Intention   |
| Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> February  | 10.00 am <b>followed by Exposition</b>   | Martha Connolly (Birthday)  |
| Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March<br><b>First Sunday of Lent</b>                                     | 9.00 am<br>12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br><b>4.15 pm Stations of the Cross</b><br>5.00 pm | Eileen Joyce (Intentions)<br>The People of the Parish<br>Phyllis Deegan |
| 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 will be of interest to all those concerned with ecumenism. **Venue:** Margaret Roper Room, St Thomas More Church, Watercall Ave., Coventry CV3 5DE. Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February; 7.15 pm. **All welcome.**

**“Let It Be Done Unto Me”.** To help us prepare for the Re-dedication of our country as the Dowry of Mary (and also as a Lenten theme) we are watching a DVD about Our Lady and discussing it over the course of five meetings. The first meeting was held two weeks ago and the second will be tomorrow evening in St. Joseph's hall, starting at 7.30 pm. **Pancakes, in honour of the season, will be available from 6.30pm.** All welcome, even if you missed the first meeting.



**Tailpiece:** A priest spotted a parishioner enjoying a sausage on a Friday during Lent and told him off for such a grievous offence. Being a practical man, he told him that for his penance he should bring a load of timber to the church to help repair the roof. The man grumbled, but went off to do his penance. He arrived back at the church and proceeded to dump a huge load of sawdust in the carpark. “What’s this?” the priest shouted. “I told you your penance was a load of timber, not sawdust.” The man replied, “Well, if that sausage I ate was meat, then this sawdust is timber.”

**Lent 2020.** There are many things you can do:

- Stations of the Cross.** We shall meditate on the Stations together each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm. 
- Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**
  - Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00,** with Morning Prayer of the Church, followed by breakfast.
  - Friday evenings, 6.00-7.00,** Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and Bible Study.
  - Saturday mornings: 10.30-11.00,** after Mass, with the opportunity for Confession.
- Prayer petitions.** Please write out any petition that you would like the rest of us to pray for and post it up on the notice board at the back of the church. Please do read the petitions and pray for them.
- “My Day by Day”.** These small booklets are available on the table (£1). They contain the Mass readings for each day of Lent to Maundy Thursday.
- Walk With Me Booklets.** These are also available (£1), together with Lent calendars (free). They are an aid to daily prayer and reflection throughout Lent.
- Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers,** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00-4.00 pm, in the parish hall, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday.
- CAFOD Lent Fast Day** will be Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- Parish Penance Service.** On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, before the evening Mass at 6.00 pm.

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