

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK

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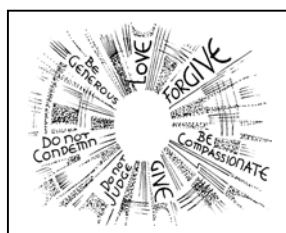
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Notices for the week beginning the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time-Year of Luke February 17/18 2007



<u>SUNDAY</u>	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C pp.63/64	Vigil Mass	Brian Keegan R.I.P. (Browne)
		8.30 a.m.	Jack McCarthy R.I.P. (McCarthy)
		10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
<u>MONDAY</u>	Feria	10 a.m.	Bill Fitzgerald R.I.P. (Fitzgerald)
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Feria	7.30 a.m.	David Thomas R.I.P. (Payne)
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Ash Wednesday <i>In school</i>	12 noon	Private Intention
		7 p.m.	Mary McGarvey R.I.P. (Mulcahy)
		9.15 a.m.	<i>Fr J.Flynn R.I.P. (JF)</i>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Chair of St Peter	12 noon	Intentions of Colette O'Neill (Payne)
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Lenten feria	10 a.m.	James Webb R.I.P. (Webb)
<u>SATURDAY</u>	Vigil Mass	6.30 p.m.	Holy Souls
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	First Sunday of Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
		10.30 a.m.	Special Intention (Cosnett)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.30-11.15 a.m. and 5.30-6.15 p.m.

FINANCE

Offertory £ Thank
Banker's orders: £208.00 you.

ROTAS FOR COUNTING/ CHURCH-CLEANING/READING

This week Counting Group 2, please
Cleaning Group 2, please
Reading: Mr Nichols, Mrs Weston, Mr Melton.
Next week Mr Connor, Mr McClean, Mr Booth

Samuel 26:2-3 David, the future king, spared his enemy, King Saul, out of respect for the sacred Covenant that God had made with Saul. Like Jesus, he practised love for his enemy.

The Psalm The psalmist takes up the idea of God's love and forgiveness and he praises God's goodness.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 As children of Adam, we experience the struggles of this life and they can weigh us down, But, as co-heirs with Christ and children of a loving Father, we experience the gift of the Spirit, who raises us up.

Luke 6:27-38 The love that Jesus recommends is not easy. The *Golden Rule* is to treat others as we would want to be treated. As a warning and also encouragement, he says that the amount we give is the measure of what we shall receive.



THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Your prayers are asked for all the sick in the Parish, at home or in the hospitals/Hospice, especially for Mrs Anderson, Mr & Mrs Atkins, Mr Bradley, Mr J.Bache, Mrs Birch, Mr Brind, Miss Broadley+, Mrs Burge+, Mrs Caruana, Mrs K.Connolly+, Mrs Corcoran, Mrs Croney, Mrs Daly+, Mrs Devine, Mrs Dickinson, Mr Docker., Mrs Downes, Mrs Durkin, Mrs T.Elliott, Miss Facchino, Mr & Mrs.Forster, Miss E.Gilbride, Mr K.Hall*, Mr P.Hardy, Mrs Hallows, Mr Hodge*, Mrs B.Hughes, Miss M.Jones+, Mrs King, Mr J.Knight, Mrs Kusar*, Mrs M.Leigh+, Mrs Machin, Mr & Mrs Maguire, Mr M.Mancini+, Mrs McDonagh, Helen McLaughlin, Mr Millard, Mr O'Sullivan, Mr Quirke, Mrs Raven, Mrs Rodney, Mr Russell, Mrs Sheehan, Mrs Talbot+, Mr J.Toomey+, Mr S.Twomey, Mrs Waywell, Mrs Wesson and Mrs Miazga and Dr H.Payne.

PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAMME This term's three-evening programme starts on February 28 and continues on the following two Wednesdays, from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. This is for all parents (and especially invited are parents to be) seeking Baptism for their children,

DEEPER 2007. Castle Hill Baptist Church Feb 21st-23rd. 3 consecutive evenings of thought provoking and top quality teaching by Glen Marshall. This year, based on Colossians, *DEEPER* offers an in-depth approach to serious bible study. More details from www.warwickbaptists.org.uk/deeper

DEANERY VOCATIONS MASS See notice about the Vocations Mass at Lillington next Friday, **February 23**, at 7 p.m.

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE On Wednesday after Mass, when we shall be looking at Prayer, using the programme: "*Evangelium*", based on works of art.

PASSION PLAY

RETREAT We have been invited once again to join Kineton Parish for a retreat at Southam next Saturday, **24th February**. It starts at 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start and finishes at 4.30 p.m. Cost is £14.50, payable when booking. Lifts available. Contact Claire Harris 492586.

CHRISTIAN AID BARN DANCE with Bob Shakespeare Band next Saturday, **February 24**, from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Baptist Church Hall, Gerard Street. Tickets, including supper (from Jack or Julia FitzSimons): £5 adults, £3 children.

FR STEWART'S DIARY

PARISH MAGAZINE Already looking for articles for the Easter edition...stories, prayers, gardening tips, recipes, puzzles, anecdotes etc. email to liz.collier@ntlworld.com or put them in the porch.
Deadline; March 3.

CATHOLIC ADOPTION AGENCIES These are still in business and their services in demand and valued. During the 21 month period of independent assessment outlined by the Prime Minister they will continue to provide all existing adoption services and will be evaluating the best way forward to ensure that the well-being and interests of the children remain at the heart of all future development plans. We should also note that Fr Hudson's Society is concerned with helping many other areas of social need for young and old.

"DOING JUSTICE AND PEACE" A workshop and local launch of "*Live Simply*" on Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m., to 4 p.m. at St Thomas More Primary School, Coventry. See notice-board or www.birminghamjandp.org.uk

CONFIRMATIONS. For those not at a Catholic school the next class will be this Wednesday, **February 21** (and then February 28; March 14 & 28; April 4 & 18; May 2 & 16; June 6.) There will also be an away retreat on Saturday, June 16, for all candidates.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL HISTORY The book version with photographs is now on sale at £3.00. The CD (*audio-book*) of the school's history, with voices from the past, is also available, priced £5.

MEDJUGORJE See notice board for details of pilgrimage, September 13-20. Information from Mr David Harwar (01926) 771384

CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE The annual Birmingham Renewal Conference will be on Saturday, March 3, at Newman House, Birmingham University Chaplaincy. See notice board.

WORLD YOUTH DAY For young adults aged 18+, from July 8 to 22 **2008** in Sydney.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION **Important notice:** couples asking to be married here (or asking for the marriage preparation to be done here) will be required to attend a pre-marriage course, which will have to

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be booked. **At least six months notice must be given for the celebration of a marriage.** To find out dates and to book courses (which need to be booked early) telephone 01827 65651 or (01926) 632214 or **Fr Stewart has a list of this year's venues.**

CHRISTIANITY REVISITED See notice board for talks at Princethorpe Retreat Centre.
info@princethorperetreatcentre.org They are running a series of days/evenings, trying to accommodate a variety of interests, not addressed at other venues.

AID TO BOSNIA Joe and Felicity Rogan invite you to look at their new website www.aid2bosnia.org

1st HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME The 1st Holy Communion Day will be **June 24 2007.**

LOURDES HELPERS Volunteers are being sought to help the sick on the diocesan pilgrimage (May 26 June 2007). See notice in porch or email lourdesvolunteers@hotmail.com

BEAVERS We are looking for someone (lady or gentleman) who will be willing to train as a Beaver leader. For more information contact the Group Scout Leader, Mr Howard Griffiths, on (01926) 422310.

SMYG The Parish Youth Group. New members always welcome- we meet every other Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Subs are £1 a session. See notice-board for future events. More information Jo Cooper (498673) or Dave Prescott (499683).

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Because of continuing problems over getting information about patients in hospitals, please inform the Parish Priest, if you or your relatives are going to be or have been admitted into hospital. Ask to see the Catholic Chaplain when in hospital. There are forms at the back of church, which could be used at the hospital to make sure the Chaplain is informed.

INTEREST FREE LOANS As requested, some parishioners have agreed to make interest free loans to the Parish to help pay the cost of the Parish Centre Refurbishment. At the moment we have not yet run out of money! When we do, this request will be repeated

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS "LIBRARY" We are always looking to add to the little library of religious books at the back of church. When children need to be taken behind the glass partition, it is good for them to remain part of the eucharistic assembly and to have suitable books to keep them from wanting to run about and play.

MEETING POINT The "café" attached to the Baptist Church is seeking to come under the auspices of Churches Together in Warwick. An appeal is being made for people to give up an afternoon per fortnight/month to help serve food (no cooking involved).

ZOE'S PLACE A new hospice for babies is being planned for the Midlands (maybe in this area?) and fund-raising has started. See notice board or www.zoes-place.org.uk One of the ideas is for people to buy a brick (suggested donation £10) and they will send you a greeting card for you to give to a friend or relative who then become a "virtual donor".

GAP YEAR VOLUNTEERS If you are 18+ and have an enthusiasm to work with young people on a Gap Year placement, why not join the Alton Castle team? This exciting opportunity will help you develop new

skills and friendships. Working at the castle is a life-changing experience. For details contact: Paul Connor 01538 703224 or E:paul @altoncastle.co.uk

WEBSITES The following websites provide information and resources for the Welcoming Family Friendly Parishes programme. www.vocations.org.uk/familylife www.celebratingfamily.org.uk
www.birminghamsanddiocese.org.uk www.comeandsee.org.uk www.worldpriest.com

WARWICK ST PIUS X SCOUT GROUP This group (age 10-14) sponsored by the Parish and meeting on Fridays 7-9 p.m. (normally in the Social Centre but currently on Tuesdays in Queens Square Hut). requires an adult (or adults) to help run it.

RAINBOWS/BROWNIES Calling all girls between 5 and 10 years old to join in fun, playing games, singing and other activities. Rainbows (age 5-7) meet Tuesdays 5.30-6.45 p.m. Call Sally (*Foxy*) 400237. Brownies (age 7-10) on Mondays 5.45-7.15 p.m. Call Maria (*Brown Owl*) 495735. Meeting in the Social Centre.

WELCOMING FAMILY-FRIENDLY PARISHES See www.vocations.org.uk/familylife

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION You will have noticed that our bishops have gained Rome's agreement to the transfer of the solemnities of Epiphany, Ascension and Corpus Christi to the nearest Sunday. The other holydays are not feasts of the Lord but of saints and to transfer them would obstruct the meaning of the Sunday, which is the Lord's Day. Some people have seen this as too much of a relaxation of Church discipline. But we should remember the origin of the holydays. They were meant to be days when people did not go to work and were able to make a real feast day of the occasion. Today those who do make the effort to attend Mass on holydays are indeed to be commended (and they can still carry of going to Mass on the traditional day). But Sundays will allow more of a celebration in the wider sense. But, having said that, it will be a test as to whether we are prepared to make those Sundays extra-special!