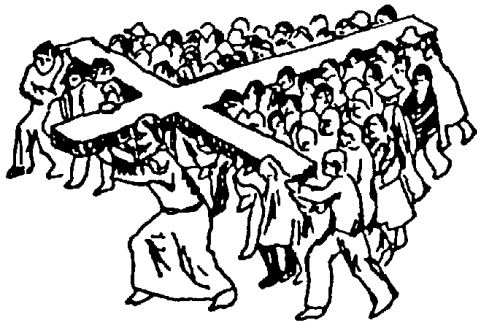




THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist. –
Pope St. Gregory the Great



Next Week's Gospel Reading

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (5th February 2012)

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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ST MARIE'S RUGBY

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Week starting 28th January 2012
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Poverty and Homelessness Action Week

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1,032.

Bereavement Support Group: The next meeting, open to anyone suffering the loss of a loved one is this Wednesday (1st) at 4p.m. in the Presbytery.

Retiring Collection: There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Services, next Sunday (5th February)

Journey in Faith: Next meeting is on Monday, 6th February at 7.00 p.m. in the presbytery.

RUG Group: Assisting in practical ways especially with those who live alone. Next meeting is on Tuesday, 7th February at 7.00 p.m. in the presbytery. New members are welcome.

St. Cross: The Monthly Mass will be celebrated in the hospital Chapel at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th February.

CAFOD Open Meeting: Thursday, 9th February at 7.30 in Hibbert's. Julia Hood, from CAFOD's Birmingham Office, will be speaking about her recent CAFOD visit to meet communities in Ethiopia who are suffering from one of the worst droughts to hit East Africa for 60 years. You can hear how these communities are working together to find solutions and ways of coping with the on-going drought, thanks to your support.

Italy by Magic Lantern: 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd February. This is a social event in Hibbert's presented by Fr. Tony using his extensive collection of colour slides of Rome and Italy. At the interval Pizza and Italian wine will be served. The all inclusive price is £5.00 and tickets go on sale today. Proceeds to the restoration fund.

Rugby Food Bank: This initiative of the Rugby Churches will be providing emergency food aid to families from mid-March onwards. Volunteers are needed to take part in regular collections outside Supermarkets, working in the warehouse and transporting food. There is an information day on Saturday, 11th Feb from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at New Life Church at the top of Railway Terrace. A light lunch will be provided. St. Marie's will become a donation point for food later in February. If you would like to give time to this project or attend the information day, please contact Deacon Gerard on 541705

Young Musicians: Once a month our Sunday Evening Mass is enriched by the Music group led by Katherine Heathcote and family. We need more voices and musicians to get involved in this liturgy. The next Mass is next Sunday (5th). Do come along and talk to Katherine about developing this aspect of worship at St. Marie's.

Welcome!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

IN THE PARISH continued...

The Exterior Restoration Project: We now have the beginnings of a Steering Committee who will co-ordinate funding and project management. The professional management of the project is to be the responsibility of Brownhill Hayward Brown, the architects who have care of a number of historic churches in the Archdiocese, including St. Chad's Cathedral. Thanks to those who have agreed to form our co-ordinating group. We still need another 2 or 3 people to volunteer for this challenge. Please contact Fr. Tony for further information. The initial meeting of this group will probably be in March and we have been advised that the application for grant aid to English Heritage should begin in April. Further updates when available.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships: For the last nine years the Catholic Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year they are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2012 – July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on the website www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to Michaela Kelly, 39, Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX. Closing date 29th February 2012.

LIFE: Last Tuesday's steering group meeting resolved to continue the search for suitable premises in Rugby to open a charity shop and counselling centre. We are putting in place a training course in listening skills which will qualify people to staff the LIFE helpline for those struggling with unwanted pregnancies. The appeal for volunteers will extend to the other 2 Rugby parishes, and then Fr. Tony is addressing the gathering of local church leaders on 16th February. The next step is a meeting of all those who feel able to support this initiative in Hlbert's on Thursday, 8th March at 7.00 p.m.

Parish Priest's Diary: Christian Unity Week has been, for me, a chance to see another tradition at closer quarters. I was warmly received at the U.R.C. last Sunday and noticed that their Minister, Robert Maloney, mentions his main diary commitments for the coming week in the newsletter. Great idea for letting you know what your Parish Priest is up to! So I will do this as space allows.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 28th January – 3rd February 2012

SATURDAY 28th January – Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6.00 pm for Maureen McEalory R.I.P.

Confessions 10 to 11am and from 5.30 to 5.55pm

SUNDAY 29th January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Intention of Alma Prymaka and at 6.00 p.m. for Fr. Pat Kenna R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 of Dylan Williams

Confessions from 9.30-9.55am

Polish Mass at 12.30pm

Coffee/Tea and Repository after 10am Mass in the Parish Hall

MONDAY, 30th January

Mass at 10 a.m. for John and Margaret Dunne and at 7.00 for the Holy Souls.

Adoration 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. in the church.

TUESDAY, 31st January – Memorial of St John Bosco

Mass at 10 a.m. for Deceased Members of the Regan Family

Funeral - 1.00 p.m. of Robert Gooch.

WEDNESDAY, 1st February

Mass 8am (Convent) for Ian Taylor R.I.P. and at 10.00 for Sean O'Shaughnessy R.I.P.

Little Angels 9.15 to 11.15am in the Parish Hall

THURSDAY, 2nd February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mass at 10 a.m. for Ray Masters. Blessing of candles.

FRIDAY, 3rd February

Mass at 10 a.m. for Ian Taylor R.I.P.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Alan Dunmore, Annabelle White and Hazel Watkin

✠ Lately Dead ✠

Teresa Bright

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Patrick Griffin, Raymond Kelly, Colette Lynch and Constance Beard.

We welcome into our Christian community Dylan Williams who is being baptised this Sunday.