

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



ST MARIE'S
RUGBY

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"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!"

- St. Catherine of Sienna -

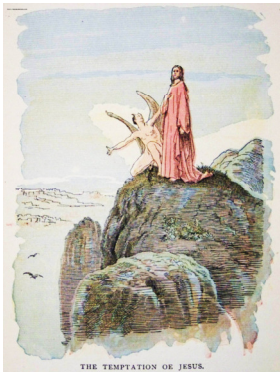
Next Weeks Gospel Reading

First Sunday of Lent
(26th February 2012)

Gospel – Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



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Meditations for Lent: The Lenten booklets 'Walk with Me' are available today in the porch priced at just £1.00. The Children's 'Calendar for Lent' is free of charge.

Unwanted Christmas Presents: A collection box for unwanted Christmas presents is located in main porch. At a later date these will be sold off and all proceeds will go to the Restoration Fund.

Diocesan Mass: Celebrating the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. Mass will be held at St Chad's Cathedral at 7pm on Friday 16th March 2012.

Eucharistic Adoration: Urgently needed more volunteers for Mondays from 4.00 – 5.00. Please ring June Hargadon on 07817 075083.

Week starting 18th February 2012
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1,141

Retiring Collection: This will be today and for LIFE.

Journey in Faith: Next meeting is this Monday, (0th February at 7.00 p.m. in the presbytery.

Lent Lunches: The Churches in Rugby invite you to a simple bread, cheese and soup lunch followed by a short reflection during Lent as an opportunity for Christians from all Churches to get together and to support the work of Christian Aid and CAFOD through a suggested donation of £2.50. The first lunch will be on Wednesday, February 22nd from 12.00 to 1.00 at Rugby Baptist Church, Regent Place. Details of the other lunches will follow.

Italy by Magic Lantern: 7.00 p.m. this 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 Italian refreshments will be served. The all inclusive price is £5.00 any remaining tickets are on sale today in the Porch. Proceeds to the restoration fund.

Stations of the Cross: Starting this week and then at 7.00 p.m. every Friday in Lent.

Rugby Food Bank: This initiative of the Rugby Churches will be providing emergency food aid to families from mid-March onwards. St. Marie's will become a donation point for food from Sunday, 26th February. If you would like to give time to this project, please contact Deacon Gerard on 541705 or Father Tony on 542703. Volunteers are needed again outside Asda on Saturday, 25th Feb in 90 minute slots.

Bereavement Support Group: The next meeting will be on the 7th March at 4.00 p.m. in the Presbytery.

Parish Mission in Nuneaton: Rugby Deanery consists of nine parishes in this area of the Archdiocese, whose clergy meet 6 or 7 times a year to share best practice, discuss items suggested by the Archbishop and offer mutual support in prayer and practical matters. Fr. Philip Harrop has informed us that his Parish Our Lady of the Angels in Nuneaton are starting a Parish Mission on 25th Feb for a fortnight and he asks for our prayers. Let's respond positively to this request. His letter and our Parish reply are on the red notice board.

LIFE: Last month'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 next step is a meeting of all those who feel able to support this initiative in Hibbert's on Thursday, 8th March at 7.00 p.m.

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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.

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The Exterior Restoration Project: 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. 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2012: There are details on the notice board of two different pilgrim groups offering time in Lourdes this summer – the Bernadette Trust and the Archdiocese. Booking forms for the Archdiocesan pilgrimage are available from the Parish Office.

Ash Wednesday: Marking the start of Lent is this Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass with distribution of ashes will be at 8.00 a.m. (Convent), 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

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. 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.

Parish Priest's Diary: Quite a varied week coming up. There is a Class Mass in Year 4 of the Primary School on Tuesday morning. The whole school is coming to Church on Wednesday at 11.30 to receive ashes. That evening I am also popping in to the local Cadet Squadron where I am Padre. Thursday is Magic Lantern night in Hibbert's and Friday evening I'm concelebrating an evening Mass at Bilton for deceased members of the Catenian Association. The funeral rites of Jimmy Tucker and Hugh Kelly are on Thursday and Friday respectively at 1.00 p.m.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 18th – 24th February 2012

SATURDAY 18th February – Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6.00 pm for Kathleen and Jean Bourne R.I.P.

Confessions 10 to 11am and from 5.30 to 5.55pm

SUNDAY 19th February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 10 a.m. for Elsie May Smith and at 6.00 p.m. for Julia Treacy R.I.P.

Baptism: 3 p.m. of Ava Rose Thomas.

Confessions from 9.30-9.55am

Polish Mass at 12.30pm

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

MONDAY, 20th February

Mass at 10 a.m. for James Hodgins R.I.P. and at 7.00 for Alice Laubenberger R.I.P.

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

TUESDAY, 21st February

Mass at 10 a.m. for Mary Moran (Ints.)

WEDNESDAY, 22nd February – Ash Wednesday

Mass 8am (Convent) for Den Harries R.I.P. and at 10.00 a.m. for Jean Kentisbeer R.I.P. and at 7.00 for Michael Bell and Family (Ints.)

Little Angels 9.15 to 11.15am in the Parish Hall

THURSDAY, 23rd February – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Mass at 10 a.m. for Christopher, Angela and Teresa Cole R.I.P.

Funeral Service: 1.00 p.m. for Jimmy Tucker

FRIDAY, 24th February – Friday after Ash Wednesday

Mass at 10 a.m. for Janis and Richard Gercs R.I.P.

Funeral Service: 1.15 p.m. for Hugh Kelly

Stations of the Cross: 7.00 p.m.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Simon Hannifin, P.J. Nicholson and Annabelle White

✠ Lately Dead ✠

Hugh Kelly and Jimmy Tucker

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Michael Bedford, Patrick Harnett, Margaret Richardson, Raymond Smith and Rev. Anthony Primavesi



We welcome into our Christian community Ava Rose Thomas who is being baptised this Sunday.