

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

Every two years each priest in our diocese must make a Retreat. I have just returned from a week spent at Oscott together with other priests in our diocese.

In a sense it's strange going back to the place where I spent 6 years of my life training to be a priest. The college is the same but there have been some changes, all for the better: many of the rooms now have en-suite (well, I never...). Nothing can stand still. But there is one thing about Oscott that will not, indeed cannot, change.

I arrived those years ago at the age of 18 years and 7 months, very young and immature (now I'm just older and.....!) Together with the other members of my year group we all entered Oscott with all our hopes and dreams, our failings and our gifts, our strengths and our weaknesses to say, 'Here I am Lord, I come to do your will, but I do not know how to.'

When I walked through the doors I felt an overpowering sense of the eternal presence of God: of generations of young men whose prayers had echoed through Oscott down the ages, and who had completed their training, been ordained, lived their lives and their struggles as priests of the Lord and left this world into the eternity of God's love, many before our grandparents were even born. We keep them in our prayers as I am sure they pray for us.

This weekend is a time for hellos and good-byes. We welcome back Fr Andrew McCann who was ordained last week, and like many priests, studied at Oscott. David Doran is leaving us after this weekend and I hope he has enjoyed his time with us at Sacred Heart. I know you will keep him in your prayers and as David continues his studies I, personally, hope that he will know that sense of God's presence guiding and supporting him in the years ahead. For this is the one thing about

13th July 2008
15th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A)
Parish Mass Book (page 53)

Saturday	5:00pm	Maureen Seery, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	Joe and Mary Clarke, R.I.P.
	10:30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday	9:00am	Isabella Bradley (Recovery.)
Wednesday	5:45pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30pm	Joe, Mary and Ann Cregan, R.I.P.
Thursday	9:00am	Anna Palazzo
Friday	9:00am	Ottavio Licata, R.I.P.
Saturday	8:15am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00am	Special Intention.
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Confessions</i>

20th July 2008
16th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A)
Parish Mass Book (page 56)

Saturday	4:30-4:50pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	5:00pm	Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	For all the people of the Parish.
	10:30am	Phil Keenan, R.I.P.

Prayer Group: meets again after the summer holidays.
Sacred Heart Youth Group meets again on 9th Sept.
The Sunday Group continues to meet Sunday evenings.

Oscott that will not and cannot change. Sacred Heart Youth Group will meet again on Tuesday, Sept 9th in the Hall. The Youth Group has taken off very well, and in the short time it has been going have been camping, had a visit from a graffiti artist and this week learnt some street dancing. There may be some places in September so if you will be in Y7 please see Carol Atkins or Jo Reilly.

God Bless, *Fr. Tony.*



“Happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear. I tell you solemnly many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see and never saw it” (Matt 13:16-17)



Hearing Aid users. A Loop System is installed in the Church and in the Parish Hall. Please switch your hearing aid to ‘T’.



This newsletter is available in large print. Ask at the Sacristy.

Last week’s Offertory: £843.42 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £192.00 Non Gift-Aid: £420.16 Bank Credits: £231.26] Thank you very much. **This week-end:** July collection towards Our Dream.

Counters this week: Team A.

Thank you so much for continuing to support the plant sales and sales of books - they are making such a difference towards Our Dream.

**7-day candles:
(12th-18th July.)**

Sacred Heart: Coleman Family; Thanksgiving (N.G.)

Our Lady: Joan Guerin

Please remember in your prayers Bernard McGrath, Breda Murray, Jim Ward, Dorival Guimares Junior, Brige Sutton, Anne Whale, Kay Corcoran, Eunan MacIntyre, Tom Nee, Tess Whatley, Edith Beaudout, Bridie McAndrew, Sheila Clancy, David Warrington and all who are sick, and for the repose of the souls of all who have left this world.



Do you need a lift to Mass, or know anyone who does? Please give John Kelly a ring on 7644-5020.

“Hearts & Rainbows” Parent/Carer & Toddler Group meet on Tuesdays from 10.00am - 11.30am.

Rosary Rally at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire on Sunday, 17th August. See poster for details.

Baptisms. If you would like to arrange a baptism for your child please see the Baptism team in the Hall after the 10.30am Mass any Sunday.

World Youth Day. Arrangements are being made for daily video podcasts on the diocesan website from Sydney. This will be an easy way to keep in touch with events in World Youth Day. Please do access the diocesan website (link via Parish Website) to watch and listen to the broadcasts available there. The first two preparatory video podcasts will appear on the 4 and 11 July.

St. Elizabeth’s, St Elizabeth’s Road Foleshill invite you to a “Celebration of African” Day on 10th August. 11.00am “African Day Mass” and BBQ in the back garden.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Evesham on Saturday July 19th. Please see poster for details.

Cardinal Wiseman school are seeking to appoint a lay chaplain. Please see poster for details.

Maryvale Institute offer distance learning courses in the Catholic Faith for all adults. Please see noticeboard for details or visit. www.maryvale.ac.uk

CTS Bookstall There is a good cross-section of books covering many aspects of our Faith.

Our Baptism font which came from the old church is in urgent need of repair; it has been quite badly damaged by damp due to its position surrounded by soil and so it is going to be removed and professionally restored by a stonemason. The ‘garden’ and soil need to be removed to prevent further damage happening again. So a special stone base is going to be carved on which the font can stand, near its present position on which there will also be room to have a display of flowers without the danger of causing damage, and also to site the Paschal Candle which is lit at every baptism. It will also be much safer because mothers holding their babies will be a lot closer to the font. This is an expensive undertaking which is being paid for **in full** by an anonymous donor. May God bless them.

I hope to go to Bob Devaney’s ordination this Saturday (12th). Please do keep him in your prayers.

It’s summertime (I think) and not everyone can get away for a holiday, so what do you think of having a barbecue after the 10.30am Mass one Sunday in August? It would be a great way to socialise.



Our Parish Prayer: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and rebuild the face of our parish. Renew what is weary and worn; restore what is old and stale; reclaim what has been lost. Fill us with your gifts; gifts to speak, gifts to love, gifts to heal, gifts to bind up broken hearts and rebuild your people.