

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

Our course on the Catholic Faith starts on Thursday, October 2nd at 7.30pm in the Hall. There is a poster in the porch giving details of the dates and the information is on the website.

We are going to begin by showing again the series of DVD's called *Knowing God Better* which proved to be extremely popular when we first watched them some years ago. This will take us up to Christmas and we're going to have a very special Advent/Christmas evening to round off this part of our journey.

Then, after Christmas, we will look in detail, week by week at the Catholic faith and what it means to be a Catholic.

Our meetings are for those who are interested in becoming Catholics AND ALSO for Catholics who would like to know more about our Faith. I very much hope all of you in the parish will come. It's a great way for us to deepen our Faith.

I know that there are non-Catholics who come every week to Mass and it's wonderful to see you. Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? (My dad was a convert and when I was 7 years old and made my First Holy Communion, he was received into the Church and made his First Holy Communion with me.)

It might be the case that other members of your family are Catholics and so you would like to understand more about the Catholic Faith. For those of us who are Catholics it's a good series to start with and after watching the programmes we can all continue our exploration of the faith together. And for Advent there is a lovely DVD planned.

Our meetings will be very informal and wel-

21st September. 2008 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday	5:00pm	Laurence Cole, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	For all the people of the Parish.
	10:30am	Georgette Sherwood, R.I.P.
Monday	10.00am	Requiem for Seamus O'Sullivan (Reception into Church Sunday 5.00pm)
Wednesday		Our Lady of Walsingham <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	5:45pm	
	6:30pm	Rosie McDevitt, R.I.P.
Thursday	9:00am	Frank Tierney, R.I.P.
Friday	9:00am	Rustico Pana, R.I.P.
Saturday		St. Vincent de Paul. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:15am	
	9:00am	Lucy Pauline Brennan, R.I.P.
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Confessions</i>

28th September. 2008 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday	4:30-4:50pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	5:00pm	Joe Malone, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	Eileen Cadden, R.I.P.
	10:30am	For all the people of the Parish.

Prayer Group: meets again on Tuesday 30th September.

Sacred Heart Youth Group meets again on 23rd Sept.

The Sunday Group continues to meet Sunday evenings

coming, with tea/coffee and biscuits (unless I've eaten all the chocolate ones first). I do hope you will come along.

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

From the Litany of the Sacred Heart:

Heart of Jesus, Victim for our sins, *Have mercy on us.*



“Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near...for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks” (Isaiah 55:6-9)



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: £969.31 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £185.30 Non Gift-Aid: £552.75 Bank Credits: £231.26] September collection towards Our Dream: £554.86 [Gift-Aid: £340.00 Non Gift-Aid: £214.86] The book sale on 6th/7th September raised a further £80.00 towards Our Dream. Thank you very much. This weekend is the annual collection for Fr Hudson's Society.

Counters this week: Team A.

**7-day candles:
(20th Sept—27th Sept)**

Sacred Heart: Rene O'Brien, R.I.P.; Coleman Family; Thanksgiving (N.G.)

Our Lady: Veronica and Brigid; Seamus Pepper; The Bentley Family.

Please remember in your prayers John Hurley, Phyllis Gill, Bernard McGrath, 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 Seamus O'Sullivan and 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.

CTS Bookstall News books have now arrived. If you would like any particular books, please let the Team know.

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. The Paschal candle which is lit at every baptism now has a special place in front of the font and we have lovely floral decorations to add a touch of colour.

Important. If you have children at Non-Catholic schools who need to be prepared for First Holy

Communion or Confirmation please phone Catherine and Philip Smith **as soon as possible.** (7645-8251) We do need plenty of notice.

Coventry Deanery Vocations Mass on 20th October at St John Vianney Coventry at 7.00pm. Principle Celebrant Mgr Mark Crisp the Rector of Oscott.

Coventry Catholic Fellowship (Catholic Handicapped Fellowship) celebrate their Golden Jubilee and are inviting people with special needs to an afternoon on Sunday 28th September at St John Fisher Parish centre. 1.00pm arrivals. 1.30pm hot/cold meal served finishing with Mass at 5.30pm celebrated by Fr Michael Gamble.

Churches Together in Coventry and Warwickshire invite you to hear an address by the president of the Methodist Conference Rev Stephen Poxon on Wednesday 15th October 7.30pm in Holyhead Road URC Church.

4th Birmingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly on Saturday 11th October 10.30am—4.15pm. Please see poster for details.

Our Lady of the Rosary and St Therese in Saltley Birmingham are holding their annual Eucharistic Novena Mission from Monday 29th September—Tuesday 7th October. Please see poster for details.

On Sunday October 5th at the 10.30am Mass we welcome Fr Joe Tynan, who kindly gave us the benches from the Good Shepherd Church in Blurton which has now closed. Fr Joe served there for many years and has now retired.

Our monthly Holy Hours resume on the First Friday in October.

Sunday 19th October. Prayers for World Peace procession stewarded by the Knights of St Columba. Please see poster for details.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Stoke-on-Trent are seeking to appoint a Deputy Head. Please see poster for details.



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.