

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

I had a lovely trip to Medjugorje. Apparently you had severe weather whilst I was away. Well, just to make you feel better we also experienced extreme weather conditions. Last Sunday it was over 41° Centigrade (That's around 106 Fahrenheit) and it was pretty much the same all week—so incredibly hot and not a drop of rain in sight. It can be really hard coping with such severe weather conditions!!

As school has now started it's a good time to ask any of you who have children at *Non-Catholic schools who need to be prepared for the Sacraments* to phone Catherine and Philip Smith **as soon as possible.** (7645-8251) We do need plenty of notice.

On Thursday evenings we will be starting a course on the Catholic Faith aimed at those who want to become Catholics. We will start by showing again the DVD series *Knowing God Better* and continue weekly by looking step by step at the Faith. ***This is aimed especially at people who have no knowledge of the Catholic Faith but I hope we will also have a good response from everyone in the parish; it will be helpful, I'm sure, for all of us to take a good look at our Faith.***

In next week's newsletter the start date (towards the end of September) will be published and the information for the whole course.

I know that there are non-Catholics who come every week to Mass and it's wonderful to see you. Perhaps you would consider coming to see these DVD's. You might be 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.)

Or it might simply 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.

14th September, 2008
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Parish Mass Book (page)

Saturday	5:00pm	Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	Evelyn Russell, R.I.P.
	10:30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday	9:00am	Our Lady of Sorrows John, Bridget and Michael Power, R.I.P.
Wednesday	5:45pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30pm	Joe, Mary and Ann Cregan, R.I.P.
Thursday	9:00am	Patrick Flannery, R.I.P.
Friday	9:00am	Jim McClurg, R.I.P.
Saturday	8:15am	St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00am	Special Intention.
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Confessions</i>

21st September. 2008
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Parish Mass Book (page 75)

Saturday	4:30-4:50pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	5:00pm	Laurence Cole, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	For all the people of the Parish.
	10:30am	Georgette Sherwood, R.I.P.

Prayer Group: meets again on Tuesday 16th September.

Sacred Heart Youth Group meets again on 16th Sept.

The Sunday Group continues to meet Sunday evenings

Our meetings will be very informal and welcoming, with tea/coffee and biscuits (unless I've eaten all the chocolate ones first). I do hope you will come along when the series starts.

God bless,

Fr. Tony.

From the Litany of the Sacred Heart:

Heart of Jesus, Our Peace and Reconciliation, *Have mercy on us.*



“Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life” (John 3:13-17)



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: £870.15 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £240.13 Non Gift-Aid: £398.76 Bank Credits: £231.26] Mission Appeal last weekend: £351.74. Thank you very much. **This weekend** we have the September collection towards Our Dream. Next weekend is the annual collection for Fr Hudson’s Society.

Counters this week: Team E.

7-day candles:

(13th Sept–20th Sept)

Sacred Heart: Coleman Family; Mary’s Intentions
Our Lady: Frank McConway (Good recovery); Billy Quinn (Anniversary); Jim McDade (Anniversary.)

Please remember in your prayers John Hurley, Phyllis Gill, 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 Denis McGrath, 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.

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

CTS Bookstall is doing very well and I have re-ordered books to replace those sold. There is a good cross-section covering many aspects of our Faith. 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. Our Bap-



tism Font has been returned after extensive restoration work by professional stonemasons. The Paschal candle which is lit at every baptism now has a place in front of the font and suitable floral decorations can be placed by the font to give a touch of colour.

Coventry Deanery Vocations Mass on 20th October at St John Vianney Coventry at 7.00pm.

Coventry Intercultural Mass at St John Fisher on Sunday 14th September at 5.30pm. Please see poster for details.

Cardinal Wiseman School Open Evening on Monday 15th September from 6.15pm—8.30pm.

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.

Mass Intentions. There is a list in the porch of some more Mass intentions which I have sent to Fr Michael Cleary and colleagues in Bristol.

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.



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.