

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

At our baptism we were anointed with the oil of Chrism. This oil is consecrated at the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday which all the priests of the diocese attend and it is used in the administration of three sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders when a priest is ordained. It is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the lives of all who receive these sacraments. When you were baptised, the priest anointed our foreheads with holy chrism and pronounced these words:

"God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ..now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."

To 'live always as a member of his body' is to be able to say, along with St Paul, that preaching the gospel is a duty that has been laid on us..it is the responsibility which has been put into our hands from the first moment of our baptism.

What an awesome joy. Just think for a moment: all of us have a share in Christ's own priesthood, his prophecy and his kingship. In Christ we are priests, prophets and kings. How, then are we to proclaim the gospel? (which means Good News.) In the normal, ordinary activities of our daily lives what means are we to employ in order to tell everyone the GOOD NEWS which is the gospel?

St Paul also gives us his answer in today's second reading: *"For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings."* Or in other words, we meet people where they are, so the Christ in us meets the

Christ in them wherever they are in their journey and their lives. When we meet people without judgement, without condemnation, without our ego and pride getting in the way then we open a door for the Holy Spirit who will take them (and us) from where we are to where He wants to take us. And that will always be to the glory of His Kingdom. God bless,

Fr. Tony.

5th February, 2012. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	
<i>Parish Mass Book, p61. Redemptorist Sunday Missal p709. Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. p501. Eucharistic Prayer II p472</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Bridget Murphy & Christy Murphy, R.I.P. (Sheila Clancy.)
Sunday 9.00am	Tom O'Brien, Anniversary. (Paul & Sue Wilby.)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs. Eduardo Burmeister, R.I.P. 2nd Anniversary.
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. G. Mulhern, R.I.P.
Thursday 9.00am	John, Bridget, Thomas & Michael power, R.I.P.
Friday 9.00am	Friday is a day of Abstinence. Saint Scholastica Pat Kirkwood and family.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Joseph and Marie McNerney, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30—10.00am and 4.30—4.50pm.

12th February, 2012. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)	
<i>Parish Mass Book, p63. Redemptorist Sunday Missal p713. Preface VIII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. p502. Eucharistic Prayer III p472</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	Special Intention.
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.



An Induction Loop System is provided in the church to assist Hearing Aid Users. Please switch your Hearing Aid to 'T' position.



BABY CHANGING UNIT
Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



Please switch off all mobile phones in Church. Thank you.

Last week's Offertory: £806.77 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £154.80 Non Gift-Aid: £420.71 Bank Credits: £231.26] 500 Club: 1st prize £200.00 No.558 Mark Syokaco; 2nd prize £45.00 No.6 Mary Cregan; 3rd prize £25.00 No.844 Maurice O'Donoghue. Thank you all so much, especially in these difficult times. **This weekend** we have the annual collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Counters this week: Team D.

Church Cleaners: Team B.

Thursday talks on the faith continue this Thursday at 7.30pm in the Hall. So, come along—and bring a friend.

HIRE OF THE CHURCH HALL

I often get requests to hire the Hall for various functions e.g. Children's birthday parties and so on. There is now a new system in place. If you wish to hire the Hall please come to the presbytery on a Thursday evening from 5.30pm—7.30pm and speak to Nina who will make all the arrangements. If you're not able to come in person you can phone between these times. The phone number is at the top of page one of the newsletter.

BOOKS SALE at Sacred Heart Church Hall

Sat 11th February 4 - 6pm

Sun 12th February 10 - 11.30am

BARGAIN Books, CDs, DVDs, Video

Quiz Night. The next quiz night will be on Friday March 2nd at 7.30pm.

The Next Jumble sale will be on Sat/Sun 24th/25th March.

SUNDAY MISSALS. More have arrived. Two people ordered them (please collect from the sacristy) More are available for sale in the Paper Stall.

Hearts and Rainbows Toddler Group. Meet every Tuesday morning in the Hall. - meetings resume after the holidays.

Baptisms--- If anyone wishes to arrange a baptism, please talk to the Baptism team after 10.30am Mass any Sunday.

7-day candles: 29th January—5th February 2012

Sacred Heart: Special Intention (Celine Mc)

Our Lady:

Coventry Vocations Mass this year will be held on Monday 6th February 7.00pm at All Souls Church,

Forthcoming meetings:

Eucharistic Ministers: Monday 6th February 7.30pm in the Presbytery

Prayer Group Tuesday 7th February 2012. 7.30pm.

Justice and Peace Group: Monday 27th February 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Kingsland Avenue. The main celebrant will be Mgr John Armitage. The Mass will be led by Bishop Ul-lathorne and her feeder schools.

Lourdes. There are details on the notice board of two pilgrimages this year. St Bernadette Trust seeks to provide financial assistance to enable any sick or disabled pilgrim who may wish to visit Lourdes but who is not able to afford the whole fare themselves. Their poster advertises a pilgrimage from 7th-11th May. The other poster advertises the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 2nd to 8th/9th June.

World Youth Day 2013 in Rio De Janiro. Please see poster in porch for more details.

Please remember in your prayers David Warrington, Kath Whittaker, Fr. Ken Collins, Maria Scott, Bernard McGrath, Shelly Maloney, Eunan MacIntyre Junior, Richard Griffiths, Joe Gregory, Donald Cunningham, Debbi Cathro, Vincent Clohessey, Celine Ryan, Bridie McAndrew, Benny McAndrew, Martin McAndrew, Flavio Tangioni, Joyce Cave, Roderick Lomas, Bridie Murdoch, Henry Connolly, Susan Jess, Norman Walton, Bernadette Norman, Rose Hale, Colleen Bowler, Seamus Pepper, Phyllis Gill, Jim Ward, Brige Sutton, Tess Whatley, Edith Beaudout, and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our Parish Prayer.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and rebuild the face of our parish family. 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.