

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

Firstly may I thank you all for coming to Mass on our Parish and school Feast day and for all the hard work put into providing the BBQ and entertainment afterwards. In the afternoon the school joined us for Mass at 1.30pm and at the end of Mass Mrs Quinn presented a cheque for £400 towards the Parish Dream which the children had raised during their Lent Fundraising. It so wonderful that we have such a great relationship between parish and school and I am deeply grateful to them for their kindness. And another surprise followed: Nathan Tierney presented the parish with a cheque for £527.00 which his dad Paul had raised by completing the arduous bike ride. Again, this is towards the parish dream; may I thank Paul and Nathan so much for their hard work .

When I talked to you about the consecration of the Church I mentioned that a year before the due date the Church asks a parish to use that year as a time of spiritual preparation. But I would like to begin our spiritual preparation right now with a simple idea called "The Wednesday Word" so called because it's produced in the middle of the week and intended to be distributed at all the Sunday Masses. You will find copies on the hymn book trolley. **Please take one home.** The Sunday Gospel refection/commentary on next Sunday's readings, are written by Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB. Fr Henry is a Benedictine monk of Ampleforth Abbey and a world renowned biblical scholar. He was General Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible, and for many years was a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

So, how does it work? Every Sunday (and Saturday evening) you take one home as you leave church. During the week you can pray and think about the next Sunday's readings that are coming up. So this week's issue has reflections for next Sunday (2nd/3rd July). It's so essential that we make some time during the week to prepare ourselves for next Sunday by reflecting on the readings. Why? There's a story told about some explorers who hired a group of local guides. Sometime into the trek the

guides sat down and refused to move. When the explorers asked them why, they replied 'we are waiting for our spirits to catch up with our bodies.' And we all need to make time to allow this to happen, otherwise all of us can be like the bone-dry desert: the rain comes but instead of soaking into the ground and allowing things to grow, it just bounces off the rock-hard soil and runs away. So, this time during the week is when we allow God to soften the soil of our souls, allowing our spirits time to catch up with our bodies.

God bless
Fr. Tony

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 3rd July, 2011 (Parish Mass Book, p51.)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Joseph Rozario, R.I.P.(Lynette Duffield.)
Sunday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Jimmy & Peg McGrath.
Monday 9.00am	Muriel Morgan, R.I.P.
Wednesday 6.00pm 6.30pm	Reception of Anna Marie Maguire's body into Church Wedding anniversary: Benny & Bridie McAndrew and in thanksgiving for recovery.
Thursday 12.00pm	Requiem for Anna Marie Maguire.
Friday 9.00am	Chris Nolan, R.I.P.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed sacrament. Special Intention.
Saturday	Confessions 9.30—10.00am and 4.30pm—4.50pm

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 10 July, 2011 (Parish Mass Book, p53.)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Douglas and Vilma Duffield, .P.
Sunday 9.00am	Phil Keenan, R.I.P.(Margaret Keenan.)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the parish.



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BABY CHANGING UNIT
Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



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

Last week's Offertory: £762.19 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £162.80 Non Gift-Aid: £368.13 Bank Credits: £231.26] Collection for Peter's Pence: £182.04. 500 Club: 1st prize £250.00 No. 622 J. Doherty. 2nd prize £40.00 No. 68 Mary Chapman 3rd prize £25.00 No. 431 Sheila Clancy. Thank you all so much, especially in these very difficult times.

Counters this week: Team D.

Church Cleaners this week: Team B.

The next jumble sale will be held on Sat/Sun 1st & 2nd October.

RASH (Rambling at Sacred Heart). Next parish walk will be on Sunday 31st July at Corley Moor. Meet at 12.30 at Sacred heart Church. For further details please phone John Kelly on 76445020.

Thursday evening talks on the Catholic Faith We meet at 7.30pm in the Hall. Everyone welcome.

Would you like a tasty two-course lunch and a hot drink in enjoyable company? Stoke St Michael's Church centre, Walsgrave Road, provide these every 3rd Sunday at 1.00pm (£5.00) and the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 12.00noon. Booking is essential. Phone in office hours 7644 3691

PARISH VISITING TEAM. We do need more volunteers, especially young adults. (Not everyone who needs a visit is an older person!) If anyone is interested in joining the Visiting Team, please see me after Mass. Many Thanks.

The Coventry Peace House is closed from June 15th through to September 1st for refurbishment. Any non-perishable toiletry donations can still be left in the bin at the back of Church and these will be delivered when suitable. For the moment please - no perishable food items.

Justice and Peace Group. Next meeting on Monday 27th June at 7.30pm in the house. New people are very welcome.

Prayer Group will meet again on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm in the House.

Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting. The next meeting will be after the holidays on Monday 5th September.

Hearts and Rainbows Toddler Group meet on Tuesdays from 10.00 -11.30am. All mums/dads, grandparents and carers are welcome with little ones. New faces are always welcome. Please join us for lots of fun and refreshments.

9 Day Pilgrimage to Turkey/Seven Churches of Asia, 4 - 12 October 2011 Contact Fr. Tony Norton, Sacred Heart Church, Coventry Tel: 024 7645 6214

Understanding Dementia. A day aimed primarily at people caring for a family member with dementia. At St. Joseph's Care Home, Coventry Road, Coleshill, Birmingham B46 3ED from 10.00am—4.00pm on Saturday 30th July.

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

7-day candles: 2nd - 9th July 2011.

Sacred Heart: Coleman Family; Thomas Power (Recovery.)

Our Lady: Kathleen Dolan (recovery.)

Please remember in your prayers Eunan MacIntyre Junior, Richard Griffiths, Father Francis Gwynett, Vincent Clohessey, Doreen Chislett, Bridie McAndrew, Walter Scott, Benny McAndrew, Martin McAndrew, Flavio Tangioni, Joyce Cave, Maureen McLoughlin, Roderick Lomas, Kitty Malone, Bridie Murdoch, Henry Connolly, Jack Harrison, Susan Jess, Norman Walton, Catrina Murphy, Bernadette Norman, Rose Hale, Olly Hickey, Colleen Bowler, Seamus Pepper, Phyllis Gill, Jim Ward, Brige Sutton, Tess Whatley, Edith Beau-dout, and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Jack Harrison, Anna Marie Maguire and 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.