

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

As a child (yes I once was that young) I remember my parents explaining to me about the lives of some of the saints. Perhaps your parents did the same. And if you have young children I'm sure you will also be sharing with them these stories.

When I attended Christ the King Primary School it became the turn of the teachers to continue explaining to us the lives of the saints. Do you have a favourite saint? Perhaps more than one? One thread ran through this experience: that as a child, the saints seemed so holy to me. That sounds a really silly thing to say, of course they were holy, that's why they're saints. But what I'm trying to say is that the saints came across to me as people who had made themselves holy; that they'd worked extra hard, prayed that little bit more, shown heroic virtues, and they had achieved all this by their own strength. Even the saints whose early lives were not all they should have been, had, if you like, "got their act together" and changed for the better, or as we say in modern-day speak—they had "turned around their lives". Now that really is total nonsense!

When we take a serious look at the lives of the saints, especially those who truly did need to "get their act together" we find, without one single exception, that they were brought by the Holy Spirit to a point in their lives where they just had to surrender and admit to God that they simply didn't have the ability to "turn their lives around" - they truly wanted to, but they couldn't do it, and so they opened their hearts and minds to God; they handed their will and their lives over to Christ and allowed Him to be the centre of everything. And it's precisely that which allowed the power of God to completely transform them into the image of Christ. As St Paul said: *'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.'* And in today's Second Reading he puts it so clearly for all of us: *"We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose."* We truly do love God—are we willing to let him co-

operate with us and by His power transform us? He's done it before, he will do it again and he so wants to do it in our lives now.

As schools close down for the summer I would like to thank Mrs Quinn and everyone at Sacred Heart school for all their hard work and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a good break and a peaceful summer.

God Bless,

Fr. Tony.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 24th July, 2011 (Parish Mass Book, p58.)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Hannah Warrington, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	The McGettigan family
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the parish.
Monday 9.00am	Feast of St James, Apostle. Chris Nolan, R.I.P.
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Joe, Mary and Ann Cregan, R.I.P.
Thursday 9.00am	Eliana Valenzuela, R.I.P.
Friday 9.00am	St. Martha. Michael and Kay Morris, R.I.P.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed sacrament. Bill Norman—Anniversary (Marguerite Renwick.)
Saturday	Confessions 9.30—10.00am and 4.30pm—4.50pm

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 31st July, 2011 (Parish Mass Book, p60.)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Anita Pride, R.I.P. (L. Duffield.)
Sunday 9.00am	Ben Coyle—Recovery. (Nancy McVey and Family.)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.



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Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



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Last week's Offertory: £751.11 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £180.88 Non Gift-Aid: £338.96 Bank Credits: £231.26] Our Dream: £847.53 {Gift-Aid: £541.00 non Gift-Aid: £306.53} Thank you all so much, especially in these very difficult times. 500 Club: £514.00

Counters this week: Team B.

Church Cleaners this week: Team A.

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.

Would you like to know who wrote the bible and what it all means? In the autumn we will be starting a series of talks on the bible, given by David Hunt, our seminarian who has just finished a series of excellent talks for us on Thursday evenings, so these are not to be missed. Before that starts, beginning on the first week of September, there will be a series of 4 DVD's on the **New translation of the Mass.** We've cleared the decks to make room for this. **It's really important to come.** Each DVD will be shown on a Tuesday night and repeated on Thursday night of the same week. There are copies of the dates/times on the hymn book trolley

Missio are celebrating their 75th Anniversary Mass on Sunday 24th July at 3.00pm in St. Chad's Cathedral Birmingham, in thanksgiving for 75 years of cooperation between the APF and Mill Hill Missionaries. All APF donors are invited.

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.

Sue Sampson will be coming to talk at the next Justice and Peace Group meeting. on Monday 25th July She runs

a Coventry charity called Carriers of Hope and a weekly group for refugees and asylum seekers called Circle of Friends which is attended by over 200 people. The meeting is at 7.30pm in the house. New people are very welcome.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington will take place on Sunday 4th September. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the Principal celebrant. Please see poster in porch for further details.

Prayer Group will meet again after the holidays.

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: 23rd—30th July 2011.

Sacred Heart: Special Intentions; Special Intention (James.)
Our Lady: Coleman Family; Thomas Power (Recovery.)

Please remember in your prayers Eunan MacIntyre Junior, Richard Griffiths, Father Francis Gwynett, Vincent Clohessey, Doreen Chislett, Maureen Dingley, Bridie McAndrew, Walter Scott, Benny McAndrew, Martin McAndrew, Flavio Tangioni, Joyce Cave, Roderick Lomas, Bridie Murdoch, Henry Connolly, 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 Beaudout, and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Rosalind Cook 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.