

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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(This week's reflection has been written by David Hunt. Many thanks David)

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever noticed how in today's style of language the word 'awesome' seems to be used quite often, mostly to describe things which are fairly common-place or ordinary: 'that pop group are really awesome' or 'that's an awesome pair of trainers'. Sadly I can't share such sentiments myself.

If someone could tell me what was awesome about a group of musicians who had learned to copy the rolling stones or what was awesome about over-priced footwear produced in a sweat shop, I suspect even then I wouldn't be in awe of such things. But that's just me.

In today's Gospel, St Mark challenges us to recognise something which really is awesome- the start of Christ's public ministry. Jesus teaches the people 'with authority' this authority motif is so important to what mark is saying that he mentions it twice. Then we have the expulsion of an evil spirit. And the people are 'amazed' by what they see.

Mark is showing us that Christ's words and actions are backed up by a power greater than anything the world had seen before- indeed a power greater than the universe itself, but believe it or not, that's not the awesome thing here.

The thing about Mark's Gospel which should fill us with awe is not just the miraculous signs which accompanied Christ's mission, but the challenge it presents to us. If we wish to follow the 'awesome' one, we must go where he leads us: Later in this Gospel we read:

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself take up his cross and follow me. (Mk 8:34)

Will the disciples and the crowd still be willing to follow when Christ is mocked, falsely accused and tortured on the cross? Will they understand the writings of the prophets and realise they were witnessing the most amazing thing in history?

What of you and I? Will we still recognise the awesomeness of Christ's love when he reveals it in ways we find unpalatable? Will we be able to see his face in those around us this coming week? Especially those we find hard to get on with or those we wish to avoid?

As our journey with Christ continues, we are being drawn ever closer to moments of self-sacrifice. So let us strive this week to pray for those we'd rather not, spend time with those we have no time for, and try to perform one random act of kindness expecting nothing in return. Now if we could do that, that really would be awesome

God Bless.

David Hunt.

29th January 2012. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)

Parish Mass Book, p59.

Redemptorist Sunday Missal p705.

Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. p499.

Eucharistic Prayer II p472

Saturday 5.00pm	Cecil D'Abreo, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Patrick Casey, Anniversary. (Dave & Eileen Hardie.) (We welcome the children from Year 2 for their Mass of Baptism and Belonging.)
Monday 9.00am	Divine mercy & deliverance of my Family. (Beatrice Ohaeri)
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Margaret O'Loughlin, R.I.P.
Thursday 9.00am	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Bob Lutwyche, R.I.P. (Mary Cregan) We welcome the whole school to Mass this morning.
Friday 9.00am	Friday is a day of Abstinence. Margaret O'Loughlin, R.I.P.
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Special Intention.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30—10.00am and 4.30—4.50pm.

5th February, 2012. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (B)

Parish Mass Book, p61.

Redemptorist Sunday Missal p709.

Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. p501.

Eucharistic Prayer II p472

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.



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: £807.01 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £183.70 Non Gift-Aid: £392.05 Bank Credits: £231.26] 500 Club: £540.00. Prize money: £270.00 Thank you all so much, especially in these difficult times. **Next weekend** we have the annual collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Counters this week: Team C.

Church Cleaners: Team A.

The Jumble last week raised £550.00. A big thank-you to all who helped and supported the sale. The next Jumble sale will be on Sat/Sun 24th/25th March.

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, Videos



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

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

SUNDAY MISSALS. We have sold out again. If you would like to order one, please go to the sacristy.

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:

Our Lady:

Coventry Vocations Mass this year will be held on Monday 6th February 7.00pm at All Souls Church, Kingsland Avenue. The main celebrant will be Mgr John Armitage. The Mass will be led by Bishop Ul-lathorne and her feeder schools.

Forthcoming meetings:

Prayer Group Tuesday 7th February 2012. 7.30pm.

Justice and peace Group: Monday 30th January 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

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

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 Kath Whittaker, Fr. Ken Collins, Maria Scott, Bernard McGrath, Shelly Maloney, baby Darwin Camatoy and his and his parents Rod and Donna; 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 Dominic Gillespie, Patrick McGowan, 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.