

# Sacred Heart Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

A story is told about a man who decided to live the simple life; he would buy a bike and have only the basic necessities to live by. So off he went to the cycle shop and bought himself a light-weight bike. "I don't need anything too complicated" he said to himself. Then he decided it would be advisable to have a first-aid kit in case he needed it. For this to work he needed to buy some pannier bags which he strapped onto the back of his bike and into one he placed the first-aid kit.

After a bit more thought he realised he needed a few more items – not luxuries you understand – just what was needed. This was his list:

Thermal blanket in case he was stranded in the cold weather. Warm anorak in case his bike broke and he needed to walk for help. Supply of dried food rations, just in case he was stranded for some days. Camping Gas stove and kettle to make the hot water needed for his dried food rations. Spare bottle of gas for the camping stove (just in case) Torch, spare batteries, flares, GPS navigation beacon, spare cycle helmet..... and of course by the time he'd finished outfitting his simple light-weight bike it was so heavy he couldn't pick it up.

Jesus tells us not to worry, he doesn't say that we shouldn't care and there's a big difference. We do care, about our own journey to God, about our families and friends, about our world, so wounded with violence, about those of our brothers and sisters who suffer hunger, violence and fear

and so we should. If we didn't care we could hardly call ourselves disciples of the Lord. That's not the same thing as worrying about what will happen the week after next. We can only live in the present moment for only the present moment is real. Yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not arrived and if we live with the worries of either, we miss the reality of the present where God always dwells. And..the present moment is the only place God can be found for to Him everything is present.

God Bless,

Fr. Tony.

27 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Parish Mass Book Page 69</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Joe, Mary and Ann Cregan, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	John Gill, R.I.P.
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	William Hennessy, R.I.P. (Bernie Hennessy.)
Wednesday 5.45pm 6.30pm	<b>St. Chad, Patron of the Diocese.</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Teresa O'Donnell, R.I.P. (Nancy McVey)
Thursday 9.00am 1.15pm	Eileen Brennan, R.I.P. Requiem for Sidney Jennings.
Friday 9.00am	Gladys Conroy, R.I.P. (Dulcie Stalker.)
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rev. Patrick Branagan, R.I.P.
Confessions	Saturday 9.30-10.00am & 4.30-4.50pm
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2011 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Parish Mass Book Page 71</i>	
Saturday 5.00pm	Mary McDowall – Special Intention(Celine McCrea)
Sunday 9.00am	Kitty Sheerin (Mrs Coleman)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish



Please switch off mobile phones in Church



Baby changing facilities in the disabled toilets



Please switch hearing aids to the 'T' position

**Last week's Offertory:** £733.87 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £169.80 Non Gift-Aid: £332.81 Bank Credits: £231.26] Collection for the Catholic Education Council: £168.28. Thank you all so much, especially in these very difficult times. 500 Club: £570.00 Available prize money: £285.00 **Counters this week: Team B.**

**Jumble Sale** last month raised £407 for 'Our Dream'. Thank you to all who donated goods and supported the sale with their time and money. Next **Jumble Sale** will be on **Sat/Sun 19-20 March**. Please bring your goods to the Church a week before the Sale is due. **Wanted:** Clothes Rails for the next Jumble Sale. (We have a confirmed date of 30<sup>th</sup> April for our next book sale in the Lower Precinct.)

**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. **The Photographer** will be visiting group on 1st March, (first Tuesday after half term).

**Thursday evening talks on the Catholic Faith** We meet again on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Hall and we will be looking at the Mass. Everyone welcome.

**Justice and Peace Group.** Next meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the house. New people are very welcome.

**Prayer Group** will meet again on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the House.

**Next Eucharistic Ministers' meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the house.

**Coventry branch of Comhaltas** are holding a Ceili on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm – midnight at Christ the King Community Centre, 14 Westhill Road, Coundon. Admission £5 Adults, children £2.50 and £10 for a family (2adults & 2 children) payable on the door. Including a delicious buffet. Raffle prizes to be won. Music by the ever popular "Innisfail" Ceili band.

**Paul Tierney** is taking part in a sponsored bike ride and all the proceeds are for Our Dream. The event is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and involves cycling a 7 mile course in Cannock Chase through woods, across streams, with

some hill climbing thrown in! Paul would be very grateful for your sponsorship.

**DVD's of the Pope's Visit HAVE ARRIVED** (For those who ordered and paid for them) Please collect from the sacristy.

**Do you have any old glasses (spectacles)?** The Knights of St Columba are collecting them to be used by Vision Aid Overseas providing glasses for those in need. There is a box at the back of Church.

**Bianca** has sent a lovely letter of thanks to you all for supporting her fundraiser which raised £514 from donations and from the event.

**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

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

**7-day candles: 26th February – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**

**Sacred Heart:** Coleman Family; Joe (Recovery); Jeff Cole.

**Our Lady:** Elsie Hill, R.I.P.; Special Intention; Special Intention.

**Please remember in your prayers** Mary McDowall, Benny McAndrew, Eunan MacIntyre, Joyce Cave, Maureen McLoughlin, Roderick Lomas, Kitty Malone, Marie Egan, Bridie Murdoch, Eileen Franey, 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, Eunan MacIntyre, Tess Whatley, Edith Beaudout, Bridie McAndrew and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Sidney Jennings, Tim Allerton, and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Leamington Spa are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. Please see letter on noticeboard for further details and contact the school on 01926 425958 or admin3543@we-learn.com

### 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.