

Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly
Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. And for those of you who attended the 9.00am Mass on Easter Sunday, I trust you had a good Christmas - apparently at the end of the 9.00am Mass I wished everyone a happy Christmas!

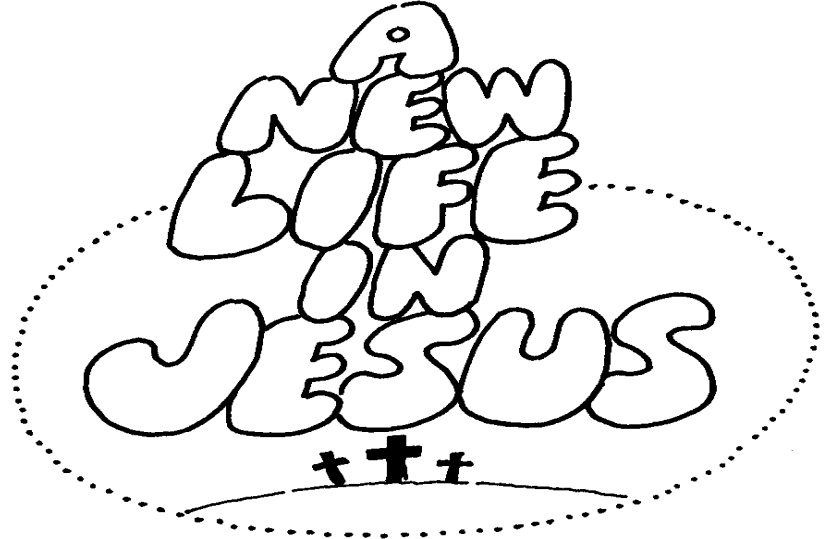
In the early Church those wishing to become Christians would have a long period of preparation, often lasting a few years. They would then be baptised and Confirmed at Easter, but their journey didn't end there. After Easter there was a further period of teaching and instruction following their Baptism at Easter, called Mystagogy, which means a deepening of our understanding of the mysteries of our Faith and this period was intended to help the new Christians grow in their faith.

I would like to invite everyone in our parish Family to join with our new Catholics in taking part in this. We will be showing a series of DVD's called *Life to the Full* which brings the bible to life. Each talk shows how exploring the Scriptures can strengthen our faith and give us new hope and joy in everyday life. We will also be inviting some guest speakers in. We will be meeting in the hall on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm—8.45pm and we start on **Thursday 12th May.**

I do hope as many of you as possible will be able to come—it should be a great way of deepening our own faith and living as the Easter people that we are called to be.

May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families

Fr. Tony



Second Sunday of Easter (A) 1st May, 2011 (Parish Mass Book, p137.)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Michael Sage, R.I.P.
Sunday 9.00am	Tom O'Toole (Mrs O'Toole.)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	St. George, Patron of England. Agnes Heavey.
5.45pm 6.30pm	English Martyrs. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Ann Doherty, R.I.P.
9.00am	Thursday of Easter Special Intention (P. O'Malley.)
9.00am	Friday of Easter Barbara Penny (Recovery.) (Bernadette & Margaret)
8.15am 9.00am	Saturday of Easter . Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Special Intention.
Saturday	Confessions 9.30am– 10.00am and 4.30pm—4.50pm.

Third Sunday of Easter (A) 8th May, 2011 (Parish Mass Book, p140.)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Special Intention (Justine Kanda.)
Sunday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Eileen Hinton (Turner Family.)



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Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



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

May I thank you all so much for your wonderfully kind and generous Easter offerings, especially in these difficult times for everyone, and all the many gifts and cards (Now I DO need to go on a serious diet!)

This weekend there will be a Retiring Collection to help Andrew Smith travel to Lourdes as a helper with the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service. And next weekend we have the appeal for the Indian Holy Family home for the needy.

Counters this week: Team E.

Many congratulations to Paul Tierney who successfully completed cycling a 7 mile course in Cannock Chase on 23rd April to raise funds for Our Dream. He suffered a few cuts and bruises—and the photographs are on the notice board!!

To mark the Beatification of Pope John Paul II on 1st May a special souvenir booklet has been produced. These are on sale in the Paper stall priced at £5.00 each.

Jumble Sale for 'Our Dream'. Sat 14th May 4.00pm Sun 15th May 10.00am **Wanted:** Clothing/Handbags/Belts/Shoes/Bedding/Curtains/Towels/Household goods/Bric-a-Brac/Jewellery/Toys - also old mobile phones. Bags for 'Jumble' available on the table outside - please bring to Church week commencing Sat. 7th May

The Catholic Road Show is coming to Coventry to raise funds for Heart Unto heart Catholic Internet Radio. The Roadshow will feature a free art/photo/icon/Vatican Stamp Exhibition; *free* workshops around the subject of "Helping your priest and parishioners" *Free* Roadshow newspaper. In the evening a Gala Concert featuring among others Don Maclean/Fr Stan Fortuna/ Sisters of Murphy. Please see poster for full details. Wednesday 25th May 7.15pm at Christ the King Parish Centre.

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.

Thursday evening talks on the Catholic Faith We meet again on Thursday 12th May. at 7.30pm in the Hall. Everyone welcome.

Justice and Peace Group. Next meeting on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in the house. New people are very welcome.

Prayer Group will meet again on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm in the House.

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

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

7-day candles: 30th April—7th May 2011.

Sacred Heart: Coleman Family; Tom O'Toole, R.I.P.
Our Lady:

Please remember in your prayers Benny McAndrew, Eunan MacIntyre, 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, Eunan MacIntyre, Tess Whatley, Edith Beaudout, Bridie McAndrew and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Geraldine Sage, Eileen Cox Senior 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.