

November, Month of the Holy Souls *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord*

For Your Prayers...

- The sick, especially Eric Nelson, Teresa Nish, Marion Burrows, Jane Goodyear, Edwin Jackson, Joan Lynch, Beattie Murphy, Ellen Hammonds, Rose Cooney, Donato Ferrante and Paul Glover
- All the faithful departed in this their month, especially Mary Carroll, Jack Jeffcoate and Maragret Louise Winters whose anniversaries fall this week, and Lucy Harrison and Monica McGarry, recently departed
- Madeleine McCann and her parents
- Those fighting Ebola and those suffering from it
- The persecuted Christians of the world
- The Church's work with young people
- That Christ reign as King in hearts and minds

This Weekend

- Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass
- Coffee after 10.30am Mass at St Anne's
- *The Solemnity of Christ the King* and *National Youth Sunday.* There will be a second collection to support diocesan youth work

This Week

- Children's First Holy Communion Class Monday 3.20pm in the Hall
- The funeral of Monica McGarry takes place in Friday at 11am Reception into church Thu 5pm
- Parish Christmas Bazaar Sat 29th November
- Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at 3pm at the Society of Friends, Hartshill

Next Weekend

• *Advent Sunday:* the Church's year begins anew as once again we ponder the great mystery of Christ's frst coming and look forward to His great and final second coming

Coming Soon

• Ladies Guild Christmas Party Mon 7th Dec

<u>Cleaners</u>		
St A F & E Pollard	St J Maria & Theresa	
FINANCE	Gift Aid	Not Gift Aid
First Collection	£208.00	£172.10
Building Fund	£71.40	£58.00

Collection Counters

Doreen & Ingrid <u>Flowers at St Anne's</u>

No flowers in Advent

AN IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

was made last week. For any of you who may not know, Fr Stephen read out a statement announcing that he is to move to St Thomas More Church, Stivichall, south Coventry sometime soon after Christmas. This is a shortened version of what he said...

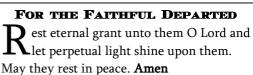
I tis with very mixed feelings that I tell you that after 13 happy years here—for me, the family and I hope you too—I have been asked to move and become the Parish Priest at St Thomas More, Coventry. This will mean a big change for me and the family who have very happily grown up in this parish. There is so much that we shall miss. But the time is right, and you, the family and I will all benefit from a change I'm sure.

I have been told that there will be a new priest coming to the parish (I do not know who or exactly when) so rest assured that St Anne's and St Joseph's will continue to be looked after in the way they are now. You and I will be told who and when once that's been worked out.

Thank you all for the past 13 years: I think we've achieved a lot of things together, grown as disciples and supported each other in the bad times and enjoyed together many good times. I thank God for it all, and of course apologise for any failings and shortcomings during this time. There is so much I could say, but this is not a farewell speech! Not just yet.

In the meanwhile, until sometime after Christmas it's business as usual. And

again, *thank you all*. Please pray for us!



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THANK YOU

FOR ALL YOUR GIVING

If you pay income tax there is no good reason not to join Gift Aid and a *very* good reason to join —the tax man adds 25% to your giving! See Fr Stephen



Sunday's Readings...

The story Jesus tells in today's Gospel is a vivid look at the end of time. All the world is standing before Jesus, the

King, and he sorts us into two groups. One He calls, sheep, the other He calls goats. It is the Day of Judgement. He asks no questions about such obvious and great sins as murder and adultery. He simply rewards one group for feeding, clothing, and visiting the hungry, poor and sick, even though they did not realise it was Christ they were helping. And the others? Off to Hell for *not* feeding, clothing and visiting the needy, and so not helping Him. Among the points Jesus makes are these. We do not get to Heaven by drifting along: we *must do* something in the service of God and neighbour. Secondly, Jesus our Lord, God and King, identifies Himself so closely with the poor that to help them is to help Him. Yes, He resides in our Tabernacles and in the Scriptures but His Face is as plainly displayed on the Host as it is in the face of a sick child, a starving Ethiopian, or a penniless victim of war. So just as we must not ignore Him on the altar, so we must not ignore Him in the suffering of humanity either.

NUNEATON FOOD BANK Thank you for all donations Short of: tinned custard, Christmas puddings, mince pies, Christmas biscuits, tinned ham, tinned fruit, evap. Milk (Stocked up with pasta, beans, tin toms) nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk

DVENT WALK WITH ME booklets and calendars are now available. The books cost £1, but if that's too much for you, give what you can.



* Ladies Guild *

MON 8TH DECEMBER The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Mass at 7.00pm St Anne's Mass is of course for anyone, like every other Mass in church

Guild Christmas party follows Mince pie and drinks: Fr Stephen ♂ family's last Guild meeting No meeting in January 2015

PLEASE SELL CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

St Anne's piety stall stocks cards of course. In the porches of both churches there are now (and will be more) catalogues from Catholic charities, offering cards and gifts in support of their work. **CAFOD World Gifts** allow us to buy many wonderful gifts for those in developing countries to help them help themselves. Please consider buying from such worthy causes.

I say, I say, I say...

Two wrongs don't make a right, but two Wrights made an

aeroplane . . ! !



Tote WINNER: No.89 £15 Prize £75 draw this week

Boom! Boom!

Baptism

By arrangement with Fr Stephen. Speak to him after Mass. Baptism is on a Sunday at 12.30pm



At St Anne's on Fridays, 6.15-6.45pm, Saturdays 9.00-9.15am.

Other times or places by arrangement—see Fr Stephen



Speak to Fr Stephen, who will need to see you both and make the necessary preparation. At least six months' notice is best.

S T ANNE, Mother of the Virgin Mary, Grandmother of Jesus, blessed are you! Take us by the hand and turn us towards God, the Father, source of love and life; the Son, Jesus the Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts.

Pray with us! Pray for us! Intercede for us who are placed under your patronage!

S T JOSEPH, husband of the Virgin Mary, foster-father of Jesus, blessed are you! Guide us to your Immaculate wife and her Divine Son, that fathers may be as loving as you, mothers as cherished as Mary and children kept as safe as the infant Jesus in your care.

Pray with us! Pray for us! Intercede for us, who are placed under your patronage!

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