

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON SPA

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

If we believe Jesus' promise in John's Gospel we can believe we are not orphans. The life-giving Spirit is given to us in our baptism and confirmation and in the community of the Church. Without the life-giving Spirit there would be no Church—instead, just a fading memory of someone who once lived amongst us, a good man who lived and died many years ago. But our faith and indeed our Church depends totally upon Easter, because the one who died rose again. Jesus is the unconquered one and it is His Spirit that now gives real life to His Church and all its members. It is by the power of that Spirit that we can live lives of simple goodness, faithfulness and kindness to others, even when it isn't reciprocated. In fact, as we may very well discover in our time, it is precisely in times of hardship and persecution that the strength of the Spirit is to be seen active in our lives. Persecution does not only mean oppression of believers, but any kind of human oppression, whether sickness or human hostility. The Spirit is given to us to overcome the everyday difficulties; all the daily tests of life where the unconquered Spirit of the Lord can be at work. Holy Spirit listen to our prayer.

PARISH MASS TIME REVIEW: When the new Mass times were implemented last July it was suggested that there would be a review after about a year. Six people from the three churches have now volunteered to help to construct a consultation document which will be issued to all parishioners on 11th June. These documents should be returned to the PPC's of the churches soon after and no anonymous documents can be accepted. This is an important process for the Leamington churches and its results will affect us all so I would encourage everyone to take part. Thank you, Fr. Bob

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all those children who are making their First Holy Communion today. Our thanks to all who have supported the children in their journey to this day, especially their families, catechists and their teachers who have prepared them. Thanks also to those who worked quietly behind the scenes to prepare the church for such an important occasion. Let us keep the children in our prayers as they continue to build their relationship with Jesus, receiving Him into their lives.

the sacristy. Many thanks for your support over the last year. Kate Tennyson. *Our thanks to Kate for her hard work over the year.*

Volunteer? Would anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister or Reader be prepared to co-ordinate the Rota, since Kate is now unable to continue?

The Garden: We have noticed that the garden in front of the church and around the parish centre needs attention. We plan to make it tidy and maintenance friendly. Our idea is to keep the rose bushes and make the rest of the area neat and easily looked after.

Our Piety Stall: This is well stocked with cards etc. for First Communions and Confirmations, which will be in July. Do go in and have a browse around. If you are not familiar with the shop, you are free to choose what you would like and place the money in the wall safe just outside.

Youth Worker Project: If you would like to support this, there are forms at the back of church with the Pledge Boxes or you can email your pledge to patreddin@gmail.com.

200 Club: Congratulations to Liz Mullis and Jeanie Coleman, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes for May's 200 Club draw.

Bishops Tachbrook Out of School Club Holiday Club: Covering Half Term and the summer holidays. 8-5.30pm Call 07880802941 or email rowe.c@welearn365.com for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: Rotas for the period June—August 2017 are now available. They have been sent by email. If you do not have email, your copy is available in

Office Hours: If you need to talk to Hazel, Parish Secretary, particularly if you would like to book the hall, please telephone on Monday or Thursday between 5.00pm and 7.30pm Tel. No. 01926 772712

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mary Darby.

- Warwick Hospital** David Harwar
- The Lawns** Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,
- Clarence House** Winifred Galvin
- Clarendon Manor** Mary Craig, Marie Kelly
- Castle Brook** Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
- Galanos House** Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK 28.5.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Ted Forde, Liz Leddy	Kim Kearns, Jill Sheard, Pauline Mills
5.30pm	Carol Bowler	May Murphy, Josie Whitington, Julia Leask



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for The Harwar Family

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Saturday 20 May <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	VIGIL	OL SP SP	12.30 pm 2.00 pm 5.00 pm	Tara Fitzpatrick Mass for the Sick of the Parish Mary Timoney	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 21 May Sixth Sunday of Easter		SJ OL SJ SP SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 4.30 pm 5.30 pm	David Harwar (Birthday) People of the Parish <u>First Holy Communion Mass</u> — Intention for First Communicants Julia Dizon Reception: Margaret Tew Thomas Joseph Kelly	SP: 3.00pm Exposition
Monday 22 May <i>Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia</i>		SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Requiem Mass: Margaret Tew Private Intention	SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 23 May <i>Easter Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Patrick Cahill Gerry Martin	Rosary: SJ 9.10am Rosary: SP Noon
Wednesday 24 May <i>Easter Feria</i>		OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Mary & Paddy Donovan Requiem Mass: Judith Gregory	Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 25 May <i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable</i>		OL SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	May Procession of Our Lady Raymond L. Batton Private Intention	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 26 May <i>Memorial of St Philip Neri</i>		SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Fr Geoffrey Hargreaves Eilish & Michael McGillicuddy Requiem Mass: James Lambe	SJ Mass with Novena Rosary: SJ 9.10am Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 27 May <i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	VIGIL	SJ SJ SP OL SP	9.15 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer People of the Parish Geoffrey Maddocks Judith Gregory Jo Doran Thomas Ryan	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 28 May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Betty Manion Margaret Tew The Drury Family Mary and Monty Jenkinson	SP: 3.00pm Exposition <i>World Communications Day</i>

Brightlights Festival: an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) on 23-26th June in the grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. Journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. Hear about the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

Employment Opportunity: The Diocese is advertising for a Gift Aid/Finance Assistant, requiring excellent IT and number skills (excel and database) and other personal attributes. Contact Gerry Dryden (0121 230 6224) for a job description. Closing date 2nd June. See the notice board for more information.

Fatima News: Last Saturday at St Peter's, Leamington we celebrated the start of the Fatima Centenary Year. It runs up to 13th October and St Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during this time. Our new church statue of Our Lady of Fatima was crowned and we made the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please see the Fatima display area opposite the piety shop for various information and resources. Thank you to all those involved in helping to celebrate

First Communions

The children who have been preparing will be receiving their First Communion at a special 10.00am Mass today, 21st May. Please keep them in your prayers.

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Curran, Mary Donovan, Margaret Murphy, Giuseppe Georgio, Leonard Batten, Mary Griffin, Peggy Murphy, Lucy Crosbie, Cecil John Mullis, Ken Hale
May they rest in peace

Our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers **Roy Stanford**, a parishioner, who died in Warwick Hospital on Friday. His funeral arrangements will be announced later. We hold his family in our hearts.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Baptisms

Freddie Dyte 27th May 2017 at 12 Noon
Riley Underhill 24th June 2017

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance
Hall booked for First Communions
Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
6-8.00pm Hall booked
Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team I
10.45-12.15pm Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30, 9.30 + 11.30am Slimming World
Sun: 2nd Coll: Catholic Communications
Future Date: Confirmation - 13th July

LAST WEEK 14.5.17

Offertory Collection: £430.42
Many thanks.

2nd Collection: None

Attendance
255

