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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

Today's first reading talks about the God-given wisdom and discernment of Solomon, who asked for this gift ahead of material wealth or power. The Gospel suggests through parables that to know God and to live according to the Gospel are the most precious things in life. Through Jesus and the Gospel we come to know and understand the real meaning of life and what are the most important things. In one parable a man comes across treasure hidden in a field, which does not belong to him. He sells everything he has in order to get ownership of the field and hence of its buried treasure. When one discovers Jesus and a vision of life governed by kingdom values, everything else becomes secondary. The second parable is similar except that the man is specifically looking for fine pearls, whereas the first man came across the treasure accidentally, in the course of his ordinary working day. The experience of God's kingdom may come unexpectedly through some everyday experience. Many people have described their conversion to Christ as happening in such an unexpected way. In the second parable, however, the man is on the lookout for the "pearl of great price." He knows it must exist and he uses all his energies to find it. Although we are baptised Christians, we are still called to pursue constantly the full meaning of the Gospel,

THE QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING PARISH MASS TIMES:

The analysis of the returned questionnaires is continuing and a clear picture will hopefully emerge. Please make sure, that if you have taken a questionnaire, it is returned—the box remains in the narthex. The more responses we have the clearer the parish feelings become.

**Holidays:** It is now the usual time for many people to take a holiday. For those fortunate enough to do so, we wish them a blessed time of peace and refreshment. If you happen to be away when one of your duties is scheduled, please could you arrange for someone else to cover it? Thank you.

Harvington Pilgrimage: Sunday 3rd September.

Advance notice for parishes in Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth that a coach is being arranged, probably from St. Peter's. Details nearer the time - please keep a note of the date.

Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:

We are coming to the end of the last rota which Kate produced, and we thank her again for her excellent organization of these over the past year. Jan Ireson has volunteered to take this on and in the present circumstances, will produce a limited schedule during the next week. Now would be a good time to offer to serve the parish either as a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader so that new names can be included in that schedule. Please speak to Fr. Bob. The new rotas will be produced in a simple way and we will ask people please to arrange cover

themselves for any duties which they are unable to do. Our thanks to everyone who supports the parish liturgies in this way.

**Strawberries and Cream event:** The Justice & Peace Group thank those who supported this event by donating cakes and preserves, made a donation, came along to enjoy a pleasant social hour or volunteered to help in the future. We will hold a meeting in September, so watch this space!

**Free magazines:** Past copies of various magazines including The Tablet, Opus Christi, Missio (Mission Today), The Leprosy Mission, Far East (The Columban Missionaries) and Don Bosco Today (Salesians) etc are available on the J&P table in the Narthex. Please help yourself.

Used Postage Stamps:

David Harwar raised a lot of money for The Leprosy Mission over the years by sorting and preparing the used stamps (and latterly the holiday picture post cards) you left in the basket under the J&P table. Myrna has decided to carry on with this good work and will appreciate your continued support for this worthwhile cause.

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, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Mary Darby.

**Warwick Hospital** Brendan Patterson, Mary Hendry  
**Heathcote Hospital** Lena La Spisa, Mario Fasi  
**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

NEXT WEEK 6.8.17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Sophia Brain	Jan Ireson, Ted Forde, Jill Sheard
5.30pm	Alison McLeary	Tony Harris, Pam Hamilton, Hilary Callow



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Fr. Bob - our prayers for a smooth move to Stafford

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<b>Saturday 29 July</b> <b>VIGIL</b>	OL	12.30 pm	Michael Dowling	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
	SP	5.00 pm	Maureen Canavan Nellie Pigget	
<b>Sunday 30 July</b>  <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>	SJ	8.00 am	People of the Parish	<b>SP:</b> 3.00pm, Exposition
	OL	9.30 am	Paudy Molloy	
	SP	11.30 am	Edward Heffernan	
	SJ	5.30 pm	Derrick Hands	
<b>Monday 31 July</b> <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>  <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	SP	10.00 am	Angela Blakey	
<b>Tuesday 1 August</b> <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	SP	12.30 pm	Private Intention	<b>Rosary: SP Noon</b>
	SP	6.00 pm		
<b>Wednesday 2 August</b> <i>Feria</i>	OL	12.00 pm	Eileen Lawless	<b>Rosary: SP Noon</b>
	SP	12.30 pm	Margaret Tew	
<b>Thursday 3 August</b> <i>Feria</i>	SP	12.30 pm	Jerry Noonan	<b>Rosary: SP Noon</b>
	SJ	7.00 pm	Patrick Moran & deceased members of the Moran family	
<b>Friday 4 August</b> <i>First Friday</i>  <i>Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>	OL	12.00 pm	Tara Fitzpatrick	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP:</b> Noon <b>SJ:</b> Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart
	SP	12.30 pm	Gerry Quinn	
	SJ	7.00 pm	David Harwar	
<b>Saturday 5 August</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>  <b>VIGIL</b>	SJ	9.30 am	Jerry Noonan	<b>SJ:</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer <b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am & Exposition <b>SJ:</b> 10.00am & Exposition <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
	SP	10.00 am	Patrick Thornton	
	OL	12.30 pm	Rose & Glyn Clark	
	SP	5.00 pm	Deceased of the McParland Family	
<b>Sunday 6 August</b>  <b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	SJ	8.00 am	David Harwar	<b>SP:</b> 3.00pm, Exposition
	OL	9.30 am	Denis Donegan	
	SP	11.30 am	Lawrence & Breda	
	SJ	5.30 pm	George Kajkowski	

**200 Club:** The next collection and draw will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

If you have moved house or changed phone number since joining the 200 Club, please can you check we have the right contact details for you.

**St. Peter's Grandparents Group** has prepared a list of summer activities and places to go locally with children which will hopefully provide inspiration if needed! It is available on St. Peter's website at [www.stpetersleamington.org](http://www.stpetersleamington.org) under "Parish Groups"

### **The Gift: Life in the Spirit Seminars;**

The CaFE series, The Gift, will be running on Wednesday afternoons 1.15-2.45pm starting September 13th over 6 weeks in Lillington (28 Cubbington Road, CV32 7AB). The course is an inspiring and practical way to encounter the Holy Spirit and to be empowered to share your faith. Each week we will watch a 30 minute DVD presentation and spend time reflecting on the teaching in small groups. There are daily scripture readings which accompany the course and it is an opportunity to meet others from the Church. For more details and to join the course please contact Caroline Graham on 01926 2 5 7 1 2 3 / [Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk](mailto:Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk) For more information go to: [www.thegiftofthespirit.org](http://www.thegiftofthespirit.org)

### **Anni-**

### **versaries**

### **THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH**

- Mon:** No Dancing until 4th Sept
- Tues:** 10.30am Tuesday Club
- Wed:** No Art Group
- Thurs:** Church Cleaning—Team 2  
No Music Group until 14th Sept  
7.00pm Weight Watchers
- Fri:** **First Friday visitation of the sick**  
No Karate

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Michael Murphy:** Michael died on Sunday 16th July and we offer our condolences to his extended family. His funeral will be at St. Joseph's on Monday 7th August at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*

### **LAST WEEK 23.7.17**

Offertory Collection: £432.51  
Many thanks.

2nd Collection:  
Parish Maintenance:  
£157.88

Attendance  
255

