

Catholics Together in Leamington

St Peter's, Our Lady's & St Joseph's: Working Together

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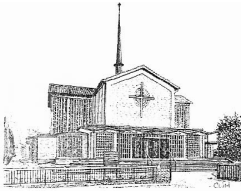
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*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*



*Sunday 2nd
April 2017*



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(SP) IMPORTANT NOTICE. St Peter's Church will be **CLOSED** from tomorrow

Monday 3 April to Thursday 6 April for essential maintenance work.

Masses will be held in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. Thank you for your understanding.

Sat 1 April <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	OL	Midday	Stations of the Cross	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Joe Connell Terry Nicholl Carlos Alberto Dias Gerry Quinn	
Sunday 2 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	SJ OL SJ SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	The Patterson Family Peg Jones Ian Wilshire & Alice Scannell Tony McAndrew People of the Parish	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions
Monday 3 April <i>Lent Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Drury Family intentions (Main Hall) Eileen Guiney	SP Mass in the Main Hall SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 4 April <i>Commemoration of St Isidore, Bishop</i>	SJ SP SJ	9.30 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Clarence & Patricia Harwar Kathy Hunt (Main Hall) Penitential Service	Rosary: SJ 9.10am SP Mass in the Main Hall
Wednesday 5 April <i>Commemoration of St Vincent Ferrer, Priest</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Tara Fitzpatrick Peter & Christopher McLoughlin (Main Hall)	SP Mass in the Main Hall
Thursday 6 April <i>Lent Feria</i>	Sch SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Mass at Our Lady & St Teresa Sch. Gerry Quinn Colin Dunphy (Main Hall) Wellbeing of C & L Murphy	SP Mass in the Main Hall
Friday 7 April <i>Commemoration of St John Baptiste de la Salle, Priest</i>	SJ SP OL SP SP SJ	9.30 am 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm 2.00 pm 7.00 pm	Karen Ireson R.I.P St Peter's Sch Mass in the Church Theo & Ted Burgoyne Bill Cleverley Geoffrey Read Trinity School Mass in the Church Stations of the Cross	SP: Church re-opens Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 8 April <i>Lent Feria</i>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish David Green Dermot Collins Teresa Parkin Maria Alice Spencer Irene Dias Costa	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: at call SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 9 April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Alf Woodward & Linda Scott (Anniv) Eileen Lawless Kathleen Guirr Rita Lutton Thanksgiving for Sr. Angela's 90th Birthday	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions

Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,245.68
2nd Collection: £1,376.18
Food Bank (Lenten Alms)
Thank you!

Second Collections Today: Mary's Meals (Lenten Alms)

Next Week:
Church Maintenance Fund

**We pray for the sick and the
housebound** who request our
prayers during their time of
illness and infirmity and whose
names can be found on the
noticeboard lists in the
church porches at OL & SP.
*Lord Jesus watch over all who
suffer and are in pain. Bless
those who care for them. Amen.*

Anniversaries

Richard Payne, Michael
McMahon, Christina Collins,
Stefan Pacitti, Michelle Connolly,
Brendan O'Regan, Anthony
McAndrew, Joseph McGrath,
Carmela Samperi, Dermot
Collins, Margaret O'Farrell.
*May they rest in peace and
rise in glory. Amen.*

Recently Deceased

Winifred Fox,
George Bates,
Michael Maxwell,
John Moore,
Joseph Connell, &
Terence Nicholl.
*May they rest in peace & their
loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

(CTL) Youth Worker. The Kenelm Trust looks after youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Youth Worker Project Team has been working closely with staff from the Trust and we are indebted to them for their vital input. By the end of this weekend Mass-goers at St Joseph's will have been the first of our churches to have had a taste of what's to come in Youth Ministry in the Leamington area. Thank you to all who have pledged – you will hear from us soon to advise how you can make your donation. If you're still thinking about making a pledge **it is not too late!** Email your pledge to patreddin@gmail.com.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend there is a Pastoral Letter to be read at each Mass from Archbishop Bernard Longley. As we draw closer to the final week of Lent and look forward to Holy Week, the Archbishop guides and steers our thoughts towards this most sacred and important time of year for Christians. The Catholics Together in Leamington churches' Holy Week Services are shown in this newsletter. The Warwick Deanery website has the times for all 17 churches in its area. So if you happen to find yourself in Stratford, Baddesley Clinton, Kenilworth or Southam - to name but four - the dates and times of services for Holy Week are all there.

Four candidates should be received into the church at the Easter Vigil this year: three at St Peter's and one at Our Lady's. Please pray for Emma, Zainab, Terry and Ruby who have been under instruction since last September. Also pray for our catechists Margaret, Gareth and Clare. At the beginning of Lent all the candidates were welcomed at a special service called the Rite of Election at St. Chad's Cathedral where the Parish Priest introduced them to the Archbishop. Each year I find it an incredible event and it reminds me forcefully of the missionary nature of the Church: to evangelise, to teach the faith, to celebrate the sacraments, to care for souls and to be a living sign of the presence of Christ among us.

Last weekend it was the turn of the altar servers to celebrate a Special Mass at St Chad's Cathedral. The parish hired a coach to transport the Guild of St Stephen based at St Peter's together with their families and our Master of Ceremonies Robert Jones. It was a beautiful sunny day and Bishop William Kenney spoke to us about the true meaning of working in the Service of God.

Today at the 5.30 pm Mass at St Joseph's, I will be welcoming the Archdiocese's Kenelm Trust youth team to a special Youth Mass. Over seventy parishioners have now pledged a total exceeding £15,000 towards the youth worker project and over 100 young people have indicated their desire to be part of the new Parish Youth Group. If ever we needed proof of the Holy Spirit in action it is here in our own community of Catholics in Leamington, Lillington and Whitnash. It reminds us of the desire of young people to live their Faith and learn more about it. Our efforts will help and support them in their aims and at the same time bring new life into our churches too. Thus our hearts need to be open to the opportunities of the Holy Spirit. Like Mary we hear God's invitation to share in his Divine Will and, like her, without knowing the full implications of our assent, we say a resounding "yes". Only in communion with God can we enjoy the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Please note that from Monday to Thursday St Peter's Church will be closed while essential maintenance work is carried out. The Monday 10.00 am and other 12.30 pm Masses will be celebrated in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. The church will be open again on Friday for the 9.30 am end-of-term Mass for St Peter's School, our 12.30 pm Mass and at 2.00 pm an end-of-term Mass for Trinity School.

Congratulations to Canon Edward Stewart who celebrates the Diamond Jubilee (60th Anniversary) of his Ordination to the priesthood on 6th April. For many years the Dean of Warwick and long-serving Parish Priest at St Mary Immaculate in Warwick, Canon Stewart continues to work as a Parish Priest (St Charles Borromeo, Hampton-on-the-Hill). In the same breath we wish Sister Angela McCormack (a parish sister based at St Joseph's) a very Happy 90th Birthday. Between the two of them they embody true service to God.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

No J&P Stations of the Cross this week due to the closure of St Peter's Church.

(CTL) Easter cards are now on sale in St Peter's Piety Shop. Other new stock is available as well as Catholic magazines and papers. Shop open after every Mass & from 10.30am on Wed. to Fri. Piety resources are also available at St Joseph's and Our Lady's after the Masses.

(OL) Music for Easter. Rehearsals for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday take place in Our Lady's Hall on **Wed 5 & 12 April** at 7.30pm.

(CTL) The Hand in Hand group meets on **Sat 8 April** at 2pm in St Peter's Main Hall. Please come and join us. Contact Mary on 01926 420045 for information.

(SP) SPAN: The next monthly meeting is **Mon 10 April**, 7.30pm, SP Main Hall. Donations last week you gave £55.00 (Gift Aid), £45.02 (General) and £47.48 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

(CTL) The Good Friday Ecumenical Service in Christchurch Gardens (top of Parade) on **14 April** at 12 noon. Two volunteers required to carry the cross from Holy Trinity Church to the gardens. Please call Jenny on 833378.

(OL) Cake Sale: Last Sunday's sale raised £60+ for Kindaid. The next cake sale will be on **28 April** after 9.30am Mass. Thank you to everyone who either makes for or buys at these sales.

(CTL) Kindaid's Race Evening on **Sat 6 May**, 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Church Hall. Tickets £6.00 to include a hot supper. These Race Evenings are unique and a lot of fun! There is no video and volunteers are required to control the horses! If we have a number of children coming we will organise races for them as well as for the adults. Contact Jo Mander 07980 315575.

(SP/OL) Gift Aid Envelopes to pick up: by St Anthony's statue (SP) or by Sacristy door (OL).

(OL/SP) Fatima Centenary 1917 – 2017: Celebration Event on **Sat 13 May**. St Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Centenary Year. Bring a packed lunch. Park in the multi-storey behind St Peter's. For details see the poster on our Fatima noticeboard opposite St Peter's piety shop

(CTL) Play on the Rock is a toddler group every Friday morning in St Peter's Main Hall, 9.30 to 11.30 am. Parents, grandparents, childminders, nannies, anyone who cares for pre-school children welcome. Volunteers sought to help put out resources etc Contact Jo Mander, on 07980 315575.

Tales of the Unexpected: While the boss is in the church I doze, when he is busy with his letters, his visits, his pressing tasks, I doze. Then when he sits down for a doze I am wide awake and ready to go for a walk and play. Warning to dogs. A master is for life and not just for Christmas. Best woofs, Bertie xxx

HOLY WEEK

ST PETER'S

Penitential Day: Tues 11 April, 10am-12pm & 1-8pm

Maundy Thursday: 9.15am Morning Prayer; 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper; Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

Good Friday: 9.15am Morning Prayer; 3pm Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross; 7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 9.15am Morning Prayer; 9.45-10.45am Confessions (no afternoon confessions); 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 8am; 11.30am

OUR LADY'S

Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper; Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

Good Friday: 12 noon Children's Stations of the Cross; 3pm Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 9.30am

ST JOSEPH'S

Penitential Service: Tues 4 April, 7pm

Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper; Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm (10.15pm Night Prayer)

Good Friday: 11.30am Children's Way of the Cross; 12 noon-1pm Hunger Lunch; 3pm Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross; 4.15pm Walk of Witness; 7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: (No confessions); 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 10am & 5.30pm



The Justice & Peace
**Rosary intention
for April** is 'to pray
for those whose duty
it is to serve and lead
us: may those who
make decisions always
be mindful of the
needs of all.'



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