

# Catholics Together in Leamington

## Our Lady & St Peter's, with St Joseph's

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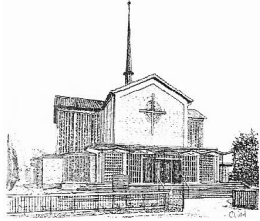
Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Peter's; Dean, Warwick Deanery: Fr John Cross

Assistant Priest Fr Noel Breslin; Deacon Rev David Palmer

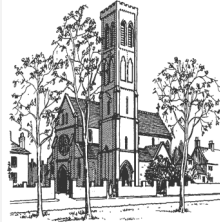
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Twenty  
Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time (A)



3rd  
September  
2017



<b>Saturday 2 September</b> <b>VIGIL</b>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	David Ayres Vera & Frank Sloane Patrick McHale Hugh Cashin	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm  <b>SP:</b> Vespers Concert by the Summer Choir.
<b>Sunday 3 September</b>  <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Jerry Noonan Michael Feely & Chloe Rousseau — recently married James Hannon Michael Dowling	<b>SP:</b> Holy Hour & Exposition 3.00- 4.00pm
<b>Monday 4 September</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i> <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Mary Woolley Jerry Noonan Micael Murphy	<b>SJ:</b> Mass with Novena to Our Lady
<b>Tuesday 5 September</b> <i>Feria</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	David Harwar Michael Dowling Sheila Sprawson	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SJ</b> 9.10am <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 6 September</b> <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Sarah O'Rourke Nora Burns	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 7 September</b> <i>Feria</i> Heritage Open Days	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Leo & Mary Hannigan Giovani & Silvana — Ruby Wedding	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Friday 8 September</b> <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Heritage Open Days	OL SP SJ	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Michael Hartnett James Moffatt No Mass today.	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP:</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 9 September</b> <i>St Osburg</i> Heritage Open Days <b>VIGIL</b>	SJ SP OL SP SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.00 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Gerry Quinn Charlotte Elizabeth Unitt <u>Wedding Service:</u> Adam Weller and Rebecca Possart James Hassey Solange Beccles	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am & Exposition <b>SJ:</b> 10.00-10.30am & Exposition <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 10 September</b>  <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i> Heritage Open Days	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Robert Gibbons Minnie Stack Charles McMahon Pascal & Eugene Dunbar Michael Joseph O'Connor	<b>SP:</b> Holy Hour & Exposition 3.00- 4.00pm

### Collections last Weekend

First Collection: £1,100.92  
 Second Collection: £430.14  
 Church Maintenance Fund  
*Thank you for your  
generous donations.*

### Second Collections

Today  
 Church Maintenance Fund  
Next Week  
 Catholic Education Service

### 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 Our Lady's & St Peter's.  
*Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them.  
Amen.*

### Anniversaries

Rita Calahane, Dympna Treanor, Ethel Sillitto, Vincent Holleran, Freda Norton, Barbara Hall, Alfred Preston, Cissie Hanrahan, James Quinn, Nora Dollard, William O'Leary, Stewart Smith, Michael Lilley, Dean Connolly, Attilio Dematteis, John O'Callaghan.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

### Recently Deceased

Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Minnie Stack, Jonas Kunigiskis, Anna Foley, Mary Woolley, Ellen Barrow.  
*May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted.  
Amen.*

Newsletter : [newsletterstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstpeters@gmail.com) [Deadline 4.00 pm Wednesday]

St Peter's Parish Centre : [dormercentre@gmail.com](mailto:dormercentre@gmail.com)

Websites: [www.stpetersleamington.org](http://www.stpetersleamington.org) — [www.stjosephswhitnash.co.uk](http://www.stjosephswhitnash.co.uk)

Warwick Deanery: [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk) — Archdiocese : [www.birminghamdiocese.org](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org)

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St Peter's Church & Centre: [www.facebook.com/stpetersspa](http://www.facebook.com/stpetersspa)

Dear Parishioners,

One thing about being a Christian these days is being used to receiving copious amounts of criticism. The Church is frequently attacked from all sides both from within and without but it isn't perfect no matter how much we might like to think it is. It is made up of people like you and me and while we are far from perfect we are not that bad either. Very little is reported of the fantastic work which is done with our support and prayers for the needy. We constantly reflect on the question "Who is my neighbour?" and seek to imitate the love and concern of Jesus in our care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

In our Parish we make every effort to support the needy. Next weekend the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Lillington will be asking the question: "Can we help?" The SVP visits people of every faith and of no faith, taking its patronage from St Vincent de Paul, a Frenchman who dedicated himself to caring for the poor. Recently I received an email from someone who asked if priests still visit the sick and the dying? We do. Organisations such as St Peter's Aid to the Needy and Kindaid receive our charitable donations for the support of individuals and groups of people across the world who ask for help. Our prayers are offered at Mass for the bereaved and for those suffering from the effects of war or natural disaster. The Justice & Peace group "grounds" us as a Parish leading us to practical action locally (the Saturday Friendship Group) and internationally to bring about God's plan for our world. To find out more about the group's activities please come to the Davenport Room at St Peter's after the 12.30 pm Mass on Tuesday for a shared lunch and its Annual Review at 2.00pm.

Very little of this is ever reported in the national press or in the media in general. Perhaps we are not very good at telling this good news and we know it is bad news that sells newspapers or drives "views" on social media. But we do have a wonderful, generous, kind and compassionate heart which is motivated by our faith in God, our belief in Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. So let us praise the Lord for the miracles he performs through those who love God with all their hearts and their neighbours as themselves.

Every Blessing,  
Fr John

**Key:** CTL (Catholics Together in Leamington); SP (St Peter's); OL (Our Lady's); SJ (St Joseph's)

### PARISH YOUTH WORKER

**(CTL)** Our new Parish Youth Worker Erin Doughty will be joining us on Monday 4 September. Once she settles in Erin will arrange to meet parishioners and speak at all Masses to introduce herself and give an overview of her action plan. Arrangements are already in place for her to meet Headteachers at all our primary schools and also our secondary school. This is a very exciting time for our three parishes and I have every confidence that you will give our new Parish Youth Worker all your support to ensure the success of this wonderful new project.

Speaking of the youth worker, there are a number of Pledge Payments outstanding and it would be appreciated if these could be made as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Church and either handed in at the Parish Office or posted to St Peter's at the address overleaf. Please mark the envelope 'For the attention of Royce McParland'. If you have any questions please contact Patrick Reddin (01926 491751).

**(OL) Traidcraft** stall at OL this weekend after both Masses. An opportunity to stock up on your fair trade goods.

**(SP)** Friday, 1 September, was **World Day of Prayer for Creation**, a subject that has received special prominence under Pope Francis after the publication of his letter *Laudato Si'* in 2015. It begins a Season of Creation lasting until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, during which we are invited to enjoy and care for our common home. This Tuesday 5 September there is a **Justice & Peace Mass** at St Peter's at 12.30pm to be followed by a bring-and-share lunch and the Annual Review meeting at 2.00pm in the Davenport Room.

**(OL) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at OL is starting every first Thursday of the month from 2-3pm. The first Exposition takes place this coming Thursday 7 September in the Lady Chapel.

**(CTL)** The **Hand in Hand group** meets on Thursday 7 September at 7pm in St. Peter's Main Hall. We are a group of people of mixed ages and abilities, from across the Deanery area, who meet monthly to deepen our faith through friendship, food and prayer. Contact Mary on 01926 420045.

**(SP/SJ):** St Peter's Aid to the Needy (**SPAN**) has received a letter of thanks from Gbanja town in Bo, Sierra Leone where Joseph Kaipumoh reports the successful installation of a new well pump, completed at the end of July. SPAN also paid for the original 10 years ago. They are hoping to sell some of the old one to help with future maintenance. They are grateful for your help through SPAN donations to provide safe drinking water that sustains the community. **Donations last week:** Gift Aid £50.00, General £45.31 and Crisis in Africa £38.69. Thank you.

**(CTL) Warwick deanery CAFOD meeting**, 16 September at St Peter's Church. Join us for Mass at 10am and light refreshments from 10.45am. Let Lizzie know if you plan to attend [ewignall@cafod.org.uk](mailto:ewignall@cafod.org.uk)

**(CTL)** On 23-24 September the second collection will be for **Father Hudson's Care**. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously

**(SP)** An occasional lift to the 11.30am Mass is needed for long-time parishioner and choir member **Doris Hall**, resident in Gaveston Road. If you can help, please call the office (see opening hours below, or leave a voicemail message).

**(CTL)** Violence – whether pushing a woman under a bus, driving a car into a crowd of protesters or launching a nuclear war – starts from the anger in each of us. The **Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly** in Solihull from 10.30 to 4.15 pm on **Saturday 14 October** has the theme 'Pope Francis and the call to active non-violence' and includes ten workshops on different J&P issues. Book now through [www.birminghamjandp.org.uk](http://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk). Cost £8.

**Tales of the Unexpected:** All those crumbs from the Master's table made me remember that my primary purpose is to keep the boss on his toes. He said we shall begin our fitness regime tomorrow. I don't believe a word of it. Best woofs, Bertie xx

### DIARY DATES: SEPTEMBER

Mon 4	Back to School!
Tues 5	Justice & Peace group Annual Review after 12.30 pm Mass in the Davenport Room. Bring-and-share lunch.
Thurs 7	OL Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every first Thursday of the month from 2.00-3.00 pm in the Lady Chapel.
Thurs 7	Hand in Hand group meets at 7.30 pm in SP Main Hall (details above).
Mon 11	SPAN monthly open meeting in SP Main Hall at 7.30 pm.
Wed 13	NEW COURSE "Come & See" talks about the Catholic Church (call Margaret on 01926 428399).
Wed 13	NEW COURSE "The Gift: Life in the Spirit" (call Caroline on 01926 257123).
Thurs 14	Our Lady's Prayer Group re-starts after the summer break. Newcomers welcome. Call Margaret on 01926 428399.
Fri 15	Parish Social: Quiz at OL (details soon).
Sat 16	Warwick Deanery CAFOD meeting at SP (details above).
Sat 16	Churches Together Country Walk, 10 am, Leek Wootton (see porch).
Sat 23	SVP Birmingham Region Annual Mass at St Chad's Cathedral. Call Peter May for SP (01926 421786) or Richard Gordon for OL on 07974 455732
Sat 30	Friends of the Holy Land national gathering at St Francis of Assisi, Kenilworth, 10.30 am to 4 pm. "Giving hope to vulnerable Christians". Call 01926 512980; email <a href="mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk">office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk</a>
Sat 30	ManUp Christian Men's Conference. St Paul's Church. Go to <a href="http://www.stpl.org.uk">www.stpl.org.uk</a> (poster in porch).

St Peter's Cleaning Team 1  
for this coming week.

Bookings/enquiries for **The Dormer Conference Centre & St Peter's Parish Centre:**  
email Royce McParland: [dormercentre@gmail.com](mailto:dormercentre@gmail.com)

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Tuesday to Thursday, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 2.30pm to 4.00 pm. **Closed** Mondays & Fridays (appointments only).