

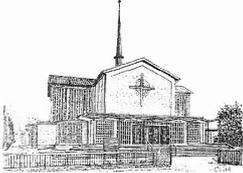
# Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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### First Sunday of Lent



### Sunday 5th March 2017



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Date	Church	Time	Stations of the Cross	Confessions:
Sat 4 March <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Margaret Fitzmaurice & Family Andrea La Barbera	SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 5 March <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	John Fenev Allan MacKay R.I.P Thomas David Wall Nicholas de Pinto	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions
Monday 6 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	SP Sch SJ	10.00 am 2.15 pm 7.00 pm	Phyllis Harrison Bernard Higgins School Mass, St Joseph's School Marie Devaney	SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 7 March <i>Commemoration of Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Martyrs</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Myrtle & Peggy Keating Jenny McGivney Bernard John Mortimer	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 8 March <i>Commemoration of St John of God, Religious</i>	SP OL SP	11.45 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	J & P Stations of the Cross William & Kathleen O'Shea Denise Chryssovergio	
Thursday 9 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Personal Intention Karen Wright Christina Lane	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 10 March <i>Commemoration of St Frances of Rome, Religious</i>	Sch SJ OL SP SJ	9.30 am 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	St Peter's School Mass (church) Bernadette Somohgi Eileen Lawless Fr Tim Burke Mick O'Keeffe Stations of the Cross	Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 11 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	SJ SP OL OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am Midday 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Peter Dyson Stations of the Cross Kay Fitzgerald Kitty Quirke Mary Kitchen	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: at call SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 12 March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Rev. Edmund Whelan People of the Parish John & Louisa French Fr John Laybourn Patricia Mills	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions

The church is grateful for your generous donations. However foreign coins are not recognised by the counting machine and end up causing many problems. Please only donate British currency. Thank you.

#### Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,284.01  
 2nd Collection: £1,527.27  
 (Saturday Friendship Group)  
 Thank you!

#### Second Collections Today: Cathedral

Maintenance. Next Week:  
 CAFOD Lent Fast. 19 March:  
 Lenten Alms Appeal (Coventry  
 Refugee & Migrant Centre)

**Pray for the sick & housebound:** The names of those who request our prayers during their time of sickness and infirmity are to be found on the Noticeboard List in the Church porches of OL & SP. Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them. Amen.

#### Anniversaries

Karen Wright, Beatrice Tarver,  
 Patrick Goroon, Brian Doyle,  
 Fr C Thornton, Enda O'Dowd,  
 Eileen Falkous, Isabel  
 Thurlow, Zofia Domiciewicz,  
 Michael Kundert, Louisa  
 French, Catherine Walsh,  
 Virginia Simeone.  
 May they rest in peace and  
 rise in glory. Amen.

#### Recently Deceased

Joseph Connell, Terence  
 Nicholl, John French, Tony  
 Melton, Margaret Pugh. May  
 they rest in peace & their loved  
 ones be comforted. Amen.

(SP) **Marriage:** We congratulate **Michael Cleaver & Katherine Moran** who married in St Peter's Church on 11 February. May God enrich their love and may he always be present to guide them on their married journey in this life. Amen.

(SP) **Baptisms** in January & February. We welcome into God's Family: **Dante Ashton, Edward Williams, Dennis Shearsby-Webb, Sebastian Bokor, Gabriel Berlino-Pinto, Eliza Stewart, and Chloe Hopewell.** May God watch over these children, guide them through this life and keep them in his loving care. Amen.

Newsletter *aficionados* unsure of the **CTL, SP, OL and SJ** short forms next to entries, these are meant to help readers identify which items pertain to a particular church and those of general interest to **all** parishioners of **Catholics Together in Leamington.**

**(CTL) Evangelisation Team:** Our next meeting is **tomorrow** (Monday 6 March) at 7.30pm in the Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre. **New members** are needed to help with our planning for this year including the Fatima Centenary event on Saturday 13 May.

**(CTL) The Big Picture course book** priced at £10.00 is back in stock at St Peter's Piety Shop. If you didn't manage to purchase one before the course started please stop by after Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we follow the Gospel story of Jesus as he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Here he was confronted by the devil on many occasions but resisted every suggestion to fall into sin. Overcoming the temptations of the devil gave Jesus the strength and fortitude to proclaim the Good News of God's love and mercy during his ministry and it also gave him the power to overcome the prospect of death. In our Lenten journey we too face many temptations. The devil is very good at making us think it is OK to give in, as Adam and Eve discovered to their cost and as we know from bitter experience. Learning to put our faith in God is quite difficult because we have a tendency to try everything else first but only when they fail do we turn to the one who really can help us in our difficulties and will pick us up however many times we fall. Whatever our Lenten resolutions are let us seek God's help in our efforts to overcome the lure of sin and stand firm.

You may have noticed last weekend a reference to the recent news from the Governors of The Trinity School for a temporary closure of the Sixth Form. I have printed some copies of the Consultation Document which will be available in each of our three Leamington Catholic churches. I ask those of you with access to computers to return your comments to the school. This is a matter for us all and not specifically for those who attend Trinity School. It is about the future of post-sixteen Catholic education in Warwickshire which is served by Trinity School. Without this facility our young people will be denied of many opportunities to learn about and live their faith in the community. Last year a group of the Sixth Form students came to help with the Parish Toy Appeal and there are many other examples of how they have responded to their Christian Faith. This situation is something which many schools are facing at this moment in time with a lack of money. Trinity Sixth Form is an excellent facility which provides a good education and many of the students leave with the qualifications they need to take up places in universities, colleges and skilled apprenticeships.

None of us can say "this has got nothing to do with me" because Catholic education is at the heart of who we are as Christians. We promote our Faith because it is Good News. I appeal to you to set aside some time this weekend or in the week to reply to the Consultation Document with any thoughts and views you might have. Please only take a hard copy if you have no computer access (five sheets is expensive to print out). The Trinity School website address is [www.trinity-school.org.uk](http://www.trinity-school.org.uk) and if you scroll down there is a link to the Consultation Document. The Consultation period will close on Friday 10 March. Thank you.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

**(OL) Count your blessings.** If you didn't pick up a blessings bag in the church porch last weekend there are still some left. If you prefer to use technology why not join Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church Facebook page where there will be a blessing each day. It's a bit like an Advent Calendar for Lent! All monies raised will be distributed among KINDAID's charities.

**(CTL) Fair Trade Fortnight:** The theme this year is "It's time to put Fair Trade in your break!" Is your tea, coffee, chocolate fair traded? Could you get your workplace to be Fair Trade? Our **Traidcraft stalls** to celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight are **this weekend at Our Lady's** at both Masses (Saturday 12.30 & Sunday 9.30am) and at both **St Peter's** Masses next weekend (5pm Vigil, **11 March** and 11.30am on **12 March**). Your support to farmers and their families in developing countries makes a massive difference to their lives. Education, training, health and more opportunities are within reach at last.

**(CTL) CAFOD Lent Fast Day** is this coming **Friday, 10 March**. You will read about Florence a hard-working mother who a few years ago, was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, saw how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet. They gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond to farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

**(CTL) Youth Worker Project:** We would be most grateful if you could put your pledges in the box at the back of church as soon as possible. Alternatively you can email your pledge to [patreddin@gmail.com](mailto:patreddin@gmail.com). So far we have had a wonderful response but more is still needed to ensure that this project goes ahead. Thank you so much to everyone who has pledged.

**(CTL) Trinity Catholic School:** There is another Community Information Evening on **Tuesday 7 March** 6-7pm regarding the proposal to close the Sixth Form. The consultation document can be downloaded from the school's website [www.trinity-school.org.uk](http://www.trinity-school.org.uk)

**(CTL)** Thanks have been received from the **International Refugee Trust** for the £400.00 donated on your behalf by SPAN (St Peter's Aid to the Needy) for the work of the Sisters in Jordan "Your support is precious and valuable ... for some of the world's neediest people", Sr Alessandra, Head of the Italian Hospital in Karak.

**SPAN donations:** Last week you gave £45.00 (Gift Aid), £53.59 (General) and £19.18 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

**(CTL) Living Simply - Hunger Lunch:** Come and join us for homemade soup etc at St Peter's Main Hall next **Saturday 11 March** between 10.30am – 12.30pm in aid of **CAFOD** during the Lent Fast weekend. Our regional CAFOD rep, Lizzie Wignall will be joining us to update us on what CAFOD is doing. Like to help? Please contact Jenny: [jenarmstrong@talktalk.net](mailto:jenarmstrong@talktalk.net)

**(OL)** Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz at Our Lady's

Church which made £200.00 for KINDAID's funds.

**(CTL)** Leamington & Warwick Foodbank is grateful for the support of our parishioners. At the moment there is a need for **long-life goods, milk and juice**. Any of these items would be especially welcome. Collection points are by St Patrick's statue at the back of St Peter's Church and in the entrances to Our Lady's. Thank you.

**(SP)** The **St Peter's Justice & Peace Rosary** intention for March is 'to pray for all those experiencing famine in Yemen, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Nigeria, and that we may respond to their need.'

**(OL/SP) Saturday Friendship Group:** A massive 'thank you' to everyone for their unbelievably generous response to our appeal last week, especially to parishioners at Our Lady's who heard of us for the first time and also those who have offered to volunteer at the Way Ahead drop-in. If you want any further information please contact Janice on 07881 882746 or email [stp.jandp@gmail.com](mailto:stp.jandp@gmail.com)

**(CTL) The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from **10 - 18 March 2017**. You are invited to send your petitions. Forms are located by St Anthony's statue in St Peter's Church. Please send them to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email: [novena@millhillmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millhillmissionaries.com)

**(CTL) Saturday 18 March: Lent Retreat – "Following Jesus, Friend of the Poor and Excluded"** (reflections from Luke's Gospel). St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7LL, from 10.30am to 4pm. Visit [www.birminghamjandp.org.uk](http://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk) for full information or phone Father Gerry Murray on 01788 813263.

**(CTL) The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017** takes place from **Saturday 27 May to Friday/Saturday 2/3 June**. There are two travel options by coach or air and prices start from £439.00. Booking forms are available on the heating ducts (by the statue of St Anthony) in St Peter's or on the tables in both entrances at Our Lady's Church. More information can be downloaded from [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com).

**(CTL) Using Social Media for Parish Catechesis and Evangelisation.** A talk on this very pertinent subject. **Monday 27 March**, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, St George's Church, 1 Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UG. Further information 0121 360 8118 (ext 166).

**(CTL) English as a second language:** Course starts on **Thursday 9 March** in St Peter's parish centre. Sessions are at either 9.45am – 12pm or 5.45 – 8pm. Your first lesson is FREE (£15.00 thereafter). To book your place please contact Carol Collingwood on [learnenglish2succeed@gmail.com](mailto:learnenglish2succeed@gmail.com).

**Tales of the Unexpected :** He's gone. THAT CAT has gone. He left a message to say he doesn't 'do' Lent and has gone walkabout. Well that's a relief but even though he sometimes made my blood boil I will miss him. He's not that bad really THAT CAT. I wish I could go walkabout too. There are no treats here during Lent. The boss is on a personal crusade. I doubt he will make it at this rate. Man cannot live on willpower forever (nor can dog). Best woofs, Bertie xxx



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