

# Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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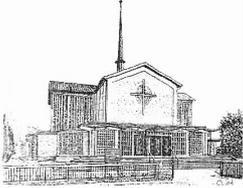
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*Fourth Sunday  
of Easter (A)  
World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations*



*Sunday 7th  
May 2017*



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<b>Saturday 6 May</b> <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	<b>VIGIL</b>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Noel O'Sullivan Terence Nicholl Sean Hurley	<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
<b>Sunday 7 May</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>VOCATIONS SUNDAY</i>		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Children of the Parish Henny & David Manning George Kajkowski RIP	
<b>Monday 8 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>		SP Sch SJ	10.00 am 2.15 pm 7.00 pm	Bernie McLoughlin Mass at St Joseph's School Wando & Richard Sawko	<b>SJ</b> Mass with Novena
<b>Tuesday 9 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Karen Ireson Eucharistic Service	<b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10am <b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 10 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>		OL SP SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm 2.00 pm	Eilish & Michael McGillicuddy Maura Lynch Funeral Service: Ernesta Guerrini	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 11 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>		SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Jean O'Reilly Mary Kathleen Reynolds	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Friday 12 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>		SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Theresa Papior-Brent Anthony Cross Lettie Anderson	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 13 May</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>		SJ SP SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Mass for the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima (Special Intention) Enthronement & Crowning of the Statue & Act of Consecration Harry & Margaret Tew Terence Nicholl	<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
<b>Sunday 14 May</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	John & Julia Sheehan (Anniv.) Francis Brennan People of the Parish Jennifer Allister & Family	

### Last Weekend

First Collection: £1,405.64

Second Collection: £477.81  
**Church Maintenance Fund**

### Second Collections

Today

Clergy Training Fund

Next Week

Special collection for Cafod's  
East Africa Emergency appeal

### 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

James Hughes, Seamus Coady, Mary Oliver, Philip Banholzer, Michael Carney, Victor Scott, Dorothy Fox, Noel O'Sullivan, Helen Turrall, Derek Hodgson, Mary Cunningham, Stephanie Norton.

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

### Recently Deceased

Sean Aherne, Pat Cahill, Margaret Tew, Judith Gregory, Elizabeth Mannion, Edward Burns, James Lamb, James Baker, Concetta Frondella, Ernesta Guerrini & Molly Benson.

*May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted.  
Amen.*

### Change to Parish Office Opening Times

From Monday 22 May 2017 until further notice the Parish Office will be open from **9.30am - 1pm & 2.30pm - 4pm** on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only**.

Emails and telephone calls to the office will be answered during these times.

Outside these times you may leave an answer machine message. Thank you for your understanding.

Dear Parishioners,

May is the month of Mary. A time of special devotion to Our Lady, Mother of Jesus. This month we will have a special Mass to celebrate the Centenary of the Apparitions at Fatima (next Saturday, 13 May). Details may be found in the porch. Later in the month (Thursday, 25 May) the children of Our Lady & St Teresa's School will process around Our Lady's Church carrying a statue of Mary crowned with flowers. This will be followed by prayers with their Chaplain, Fr Lawrence.

The Fatima event next weekend will allow all of us to become armchair pilgrims. If funds permit however you could join Archbishop Bernard Longley who will be leading a pilgrimage to Lisbon and Fatima from 9-14 July. There is a poster in the porch.

Today is Vocations Sunday and the second collection will be for the Clergy Training Fund. I think the most important aspect of today's special day is the prayer card or Rosary bookly you were handed as you entered the church or which you will find at the back of church. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few," said Jesus. "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:37-38) The numbers speak for themselves in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Over a four year period the number of students for the priesthood has gone down from 16 to 12. While the overall number of priests has stayed the same (254 down from 257 they are spread thinly across parishes and this is an increasing trend. Parishes with a parish priest number 149 (compared to 160) and there are now 37 parishes administered by a priest from another parish (compared to 27 previously). We have felt the effects of this here in our own town. Let us pray fervently that the Holy Spirit will raise up new vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. May it please God to inspire a generation of young men and women to dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel.

The Diocesan Vocations Office is promoting a Vocations Pilgrimage in Walsingham especially for Catholics aged 18-30 from Friday 30 June to Sunday 2 July. There's a poster in the porch for further information and also a poster about a retreat weekend for young women with the Faithful Companions of Jesus. In a possibly less reflective but still inspirational experience the Brightlights Festival for young adults takes place at Alton Castle, Staffordshire from 23-26 June.

May I give you advance notice of the Praise in the Park event on Sunday 4 June. Some of us may be involved in the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady's Church with the Archbishop on that same day. For those who are not otherwise engaged, the event is in the Pump Room Gardens starting at 11am.

When the new Mass times were implemented last July it was suggested there would be a review after about a year. At this stage Fr Bob and I would like two representatives from each of the three churches to discuss the creation of a consultation document. This will then be issued to all parishioners in June. If you are interested in being a representative for Our Lady's or St Peter's please email your name and contact details to me at [stpeterslspa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stpeterslspa@hotmail.co.uk)

Every blessing,

Fr John

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

**(SP/OL) Walk / bike / bus to Church.** Thank you to those who did their bit for the planet and walked, cycled or managed without the car this weekend! As a small reward put your name in the boxes at the back of Church and you could win two tickets for a Heartbreak Productions open air show in Leamington this summer. Now try a 'live simply challenge' and do something for the planet this week – a meat-free day? Turning down your heating? Switching to green energy? (Brian Austin can help with the latter, call 07989 667106).

**(SP / CTL)** The annual **Mass for the Sick** takes place on **Sat 20 May** at 2pm. This Mass has been an important feature of church life at St Peter's for many years. With our now extended Catholic community in Leamington it is hoped people from Our Lady's and St Joseph's will join in and receive blessings themselves and/or any people they bring with them. Parishioners are asked to donate homemade scones, cake, tea loaf and jam for the refreshments afterwards. These can be dropped off on the day from 10am in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. Call Carmel (859303) or Mary (420045).

**(CTL)** All parishioners are welcome to come to the **SPAN** open meeting tomorrow **Mon 8 May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The meeting will start with the AGM and committee member elections. Donations last week £90.00 (Gift Aid), £95.13 (General) and £37.84 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

**(SP) Evangelisation Team.** The next meeting is tomorrow **Mon 8 May** at 7.30pm in the Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre. All welcome.

**(CTL) Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.** Kate Tennyson will shortly be compiling the next rota to cover the period June, July and August which is the main holiday season. If you are planning to be away please let Kate know by **Fri 12 May** so that she can take it into consideration when compiling the rota. Contact 01926 314077 or email [kate.tennyson@googlemail.com](mailto:kate.tennyson@googlemail.com)

**(CTL)** All children who made their **First Holy Communion** last year are warmly invited to a **Reunion Mass** at Our Lady's Church next **Sun 14 May** at 9.30am. All children (whether prepared in school or in the Parish) and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments and a chance to catch up with each other.

**(SP/OL) Pentecost Bidding Prayers:** it has been the practice at St Peter's for a number of years to have the bidding prayers at Pentecost read in different languages. This is to celebrate and recognise the universality of the Church born at Pentecost. If you attend Mass at St Peter's or Our Lady's and if English is not your first language (and you would like to take part) contact Kate Tennyson on 314077 or email [kate.tennyson@googlemail.com](mailto:kate.tennyson@googlemail.com)

**(SP/OL)** Do you know of anyone who might wish to receive a visit from the **SVP**? Age and illness play a large role in social isolation but these are not the only factors. If you feel a visit would be helpful to someone, please contact Peter May for Leamington (421786) or David Burton (07713 246987) for Lillington.

**(CTL) Youth Worker** it is still not too late to pledge a donation. Forms are at the back of your church or you can email [patreddin@gmail.com](mailto:patreddin@gmail.com).

**(CTL)** The next **Churches Together Walk** is on **Sat 20 May**, 9.45am for a 10.00am start from Radford Semele. Full details on the noticeboard in the church entrance.

**(OL) May Procession of Our Lady** on **Thurs 25 May 2017**, 10am at Our Lady's Church.

**(CTL)** A new **Big Picture Bible Study Course** running **every Fri** at 28 Cubbington Road, CV32 7AB, starting at 10am. Contact Maureen Chatfield 773744 or just turn up on Friday.

**(CTL) St Peter's Celtic Football Club:** 2017 is the club's Golden Jubilee Year and a year of celebrations and events are planned from May onwards. The organisers are very keen to hear from anyone who has been involved with the club as either a parent or player. Please e-mail [stpetersceltic@yahoo.com](mailto:stpetersceltic@yahoo.com) or call Ted Forde (01926 710354 or 07534 743766).

**(CTL) Vocations Weekend** for young women "Discerning God's Call in my life", **26-28 May** in Broadstairs, Kent. The weekend with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) offers a chance to live community life. Contact Sr Lynne on [fcj@hotmail.com](mailto:fcj@hotmail.com) or visit website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org) (poster in porch).

**Brightlights Festival** – an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) – takes place **23-26 June** at Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come for a weekend of live music and journey together through liturgy and worship. To find out more go to [brightlights.org.uk](http://brightlights.org.uk) or find us on social media (poster in porch).

**(CTL)** Friends 1st is a Christian friendship and introduction agency that has been helping like-minded single Christians meet since 1999. Call 0121 405 0417 or visit [www.friends1st.co.uk](http://www.friends1st.co.uk) for information.

**(SP)** There is a **pro-life petition** asking that Marie Stopes International be stripped of its licence to perform abortions in the UK due to widespread violations of safety regulations uncovered by the Care Quality Commission. **Please sign the petition** on the blue noticeboard by the Piety Shop.

**Tales of the Unexpected:** The boss has been telling some tall stories about me again. When asked about my height he said, "He's only knee high to a grasshopper!" Best woofs, Bertie xxx

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