

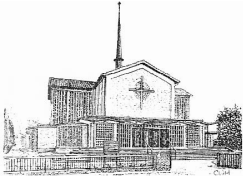
# Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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Sixth Sunday  
 in Ordinary  
 Time: A



Sunday 12th  
 February  
 2017



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<b>Sat 11 Feb VIGIL</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	OL SP SP	12.30 pm 1.00 pm 5.00 pm	Annete Frawley Michael Woodcock Wedding: Michael Cleaver & Katherine Moran Noel McGivern Richard Gould	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am (Exposition) <b>SJ:</b> 10.00 am (Exposition) <b>OL:</b> 11.45am, <b>SP:</b> 4.15 pm
<b>Sunday 12 Feb</b> <b>Sixth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time</b>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Monteiga and Saez Family People of the Parish Mark Green Eileen Murphy Ian Wilshire R.I.P	<i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>
<b>Monday 13 Feb</b> <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Nan O'Sullivan Michael O'Callaghan Tony Coombs R.I.P	<b>SJ</b> Mass with Novena
<b>Tuesday 14 Feb</b> <i>Feast of St Cyril, St Methodius, St Valentine</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Wellbeing of Chris Pratt Service of the Word & Communion	<b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10 am; <b>SP</b> Noon <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>
<b>Wednesday 15 Feb</b> <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Vito La Barbera Requiem Mass: Mary Kitchen	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP:</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 16 Feb</b> <i>Feria</i>	Sch SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Our Lady & St Teresa School Mass Derry Collins Donors Intention The Patterson Family	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP:</b> Noon
<b>Friday 17 Feb</b> <i>Feria</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Intention for Margaret Coombs Requiem Mass: Kathleen Taylor Margaret Soomro Mick O'Keefe	<b>SJ:</b> Mass with Novena <b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10 am; <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 18 Feb</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>  <b>VIGIL</b>	SJ SJ SP OL SP	9.15 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer People of the Parish Mary & Leo Hennigan Brenda Grimes Kath Taylor Margaret O'Shea Mary & Tom Beirne	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am (Exposition) <b>SJ:</b> 10.00 am (Exposition) <b>OL:</b> 11.45 am <b>SP:</b> 4.15 pm
<b>Sunday 19 Feb</b> <b>Seventh Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time</b>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Simon, Karen & their family Brian McHale People of the Parish Shaun Cotter (sick)	

### Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,389.86  
 2nd Collection: £516.86  
 (Church Maintenance)  
 Thank you!

### Second Collections

**Today: Racial Justice**  
 Next Week:  
 Church Maintenance Fund  
 26 February:  
 Saturday Friendship Group

**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

Matylda Librowska, Albert Lee, Delia Tully, Elizabeth Reynolds, Gwyneth Chetwynd-Chatwin, Daniel Hendry, Timothy Lyne, Dorothy Berry, Muriel Rowson, Jerry Collins, Anne Croasdell, Con O'Callaghan, Frances O'Donaghue, Michael Pearce, Jane Forde, Margaret Gauguskas.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

### Recently Deceased

Brian McCann, Michael Woodcock, Kathleen Taylor, Jesús Guntin, Mary Kitchen.  
*May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

**(CTL) Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today (12 Feb)** there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **St Francis of Assisi Church** in Kenilworth at 12.30pm until Benediction at 6.00pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and for an increase of awareness of the vocation within the Church.

**(CTL) During this Fatima Centenary Year** the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting various cathedrals and churches in 2017. The journey starts at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 18 February**. For full details see the new Fatima News noticeboard opposite St Peter's Piety Shop.

**(CTL) The BIG PICTURE:** You, the Bible & God's big plan: a 12 week inspirational bible course and DVD which gives a step by step journey through salvation history. Starts on **Thursday 23 Feb** at 1.30pm in St Peter's Main Hall. The course book for this event can be purchased from St Peter's Piety Shop for £10.00.

Bring a friend who may be interested. Please sign the flipchart at the back of St Peter's Church or contact Peter 01926 428399/ email: mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk. See the trailer at www.thebigpicturecourse.org

**(CTL) Marriage Preparation:** Couples marrying (or planning to marry) later in 2017 or in 2018. The parish's excellent preparation course will start on the **27 February**. A few places are available. Booking is essential. Contact martin\_foley@btinternet.com

**(SP) Lenten Reflections on the Pope's Encyclical:** Copies are available at the back of the church of the Columban's guide to the Pope's Encyclical on **Care for our Common Home** (Laudato Si'), which you might like to use at home during Lent. There are six reflections, one for chapter, and you might read one each week of Lent to guide you through the Encyclical. Please take one – it's free! But, the Encyclical itself can be bought from the Piety Shop at £4.95!

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I'd like to begin with a couple of "Thank You's" which have been waiting to be made. Post Christmas, I received a letter of thanks from the Warwickshire Social Services who wanted to acknowledge the effort of the parish to provide over 150 children with their Christmas toys. It was a tremendous achievement considering the time scale and vast amount of free time given by the band of helpers. So well done everybody.

The next thank you is for those who came to the Christian Unity Service at the Leamington Baptist Church. I invited you a few weeks back. You came, filled the benches and helped to participate with prayers, singing and a small report. Let's face it by 6.30pm most of us are well ensconced in our Sunday evening routine but for those who made the effort it was a joyous and uplifting Christian event. A retired minister from Rugby spoke about the theme of Reconciliation which spoke to the hearts and minds of us all and the band helped us to sing our hearts out - even though we didn't know all the hymns.

Last weekend the regular parishioners and guests at our Sunday 11.30am Mass filled the church to overflow. The Mass of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Kenney was a real family event. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time freely: singers, servers, readers, teachers, and all who helped to make this event so memorable and beautiful.

Finally thank you to those who spoke about our new Initiative for a Parish Youth Worker. It is something we have been working towards with a number of Diocesan agencies, schools, and a small parish consultative committee for some time. It is a response to the request of many (when the Parish Pastoral Council asked a few years ago what you thought we ought to do). We appreciate that a full time youth worker will require a big effort, especially financially. This has to be new money. Our weekly contribution to the upkeep of the parish is totally separate. As we heard last week and at the 11.30am Mass this Sunday, employing a Youth Worker is a response to help our young Catholics to use their faith and find the ability to respond and resist the overpowering influences in their lives. Our parish is spearheading this practical response and we hope other parishes in the Diocese and throughout the country will follow this example. I am sure you will agree that the chaplaincy work of clergy and sacramental preparation in our Catholic Primary Schools or through Catechism classes is a good start but it is the time after Primary School, it is the teenage years which need to be addressed. Currently we have nothing to offer as a Church but we know this is a time of life when our young people are challenged by peer group pressure and subliminal messages from media, fashion, friends and phones which fill their minds with a largely anti-Christian 'pop' culture. We need to help them to see that their Christian faith is more important than what the world and their peers see as 'cool' or 'hip'. Music channels make sex, drugs and a subculture of other negative and anarchic issues seem to be the norm. Obviously we cannot eliminate this youth ideology but what we can do is help our young people to see it for what it is, help to know how to respond in a Christian way and prepare them to stand firm against its temptations. It is these formative years which a Youth Officer will help us to target through example, response, liturgy, charity and role play and we need your help to pay for it. Look again at the yellow pledge forms. What can you give? £10.00 a month perhaps, we can help to set this up for you. Perhaps you would prefer to give a lump sum. Perhaps £1,000 or more in one go is easier; perhaps you may have received some money or bonus recently and are not sure what to do with it. Perhaps you have young children or grandchildren who may be recipients. If you pay tax we can Gift Aid your donation and get back 25p for every £1.00 you give.

So thank you to those who have already pledged and for those who are still thinking about it, please be generous and help us to give the faith of our young people a chance to grow and be a really meaningful and integral part of their lives.

Every Blessing,  
Fr John

**(CTL) Youth Worker Project:** As requested in the yellow leaflet issued at last week's Masses. We would be most grateful if you could put your pledges in the box at the back of the church by the **end of February**. After this date the decision will be made as to whether we can afford to employ a Youth Worker. In this early stage we have had a good response but a lot more are needed to ensure that this project goes ahead. Alternatively you can email your pledge to [patreddin@gmail.com](mailto:patreddin@gmail.com). Many thanks to all who have already given in their pledges.

**(SP) SPAN Open Meeting** at 7:30pm on **Monday 13 February** in the Main Hall, all welcome. We have heard from Howard Trillo that Shivalaya School in Nepal have started to rebuild their classroom after the earthquake. CAFOD also thank you for your donations through Crisis in Africa for support in Darfur, Sudan where 2 million people have been displaced since 2004. **SPAN** are still seeking a new **Treasurer**: ideally a parishioner who can use Excel spreadsheets, (and has kept accounts before). Please contact Jonathan Holden on 01926 420045 or email [jaholden@virginmedia.com](mailto:jaholden@virginmedia.com)

**SPAN donations:** Last week you gave: £10 (Gift Aid), £46.30 (General) and £18.00 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

**(CTL) Dinner Dance** for Medical Aid for Palestine on **Friday 17 Feb** in St Peter's Main Hall from 7.30pm Meal by Habibi Restaurant. £15.00. Phone Brian 07989 667106 for tickets in advance as it is usually a sell-out.

**(CTL) The next Churches Together walk** is around Ashow on **Saturday 18 February** at 10.00 am - details on the poster in the porch.

**(CTL) Catholic teacher required for St Mary's Catholic School, Aston Le Walls, Daventry, NN11 6UF** (Email: [head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk)). The school governors are seeking to appoint a **KS2 teacher**. Please contact them to make an appointment or request an application pack. Deadline: by 4pm on 22nd February. Full details are on the church noticeboard.

**(SP) Friday Luncheon Club** will be held on the **24 February** at 1.00pm at Seasons Restaurant, Warwick Street. There is a list on the noticeboard in the church porch to add your name and choice from the menu. We welcome new members to our group. For enquiries please telephone Carmel on 07941 840433, or John on 429326

**(OL) KINDAID:** Our next fun fundraiser is a Quiz in Our Lady's Church Hall on **Friday 24 February** at 7.30 pm. With Larry Connor as Question Master it is great fun with lots of banter. Entry £3.00 each. Refreshments essential & available.

**(CTL) Live Simply:** As a Parish and individuals we are reminded to 'live simply that others may simply live' - on the theme of Climate Change CAFOD is asking us to think about the environment at this time: what will we miss when climate change affects our climate? Worried about the bees? Look at the board in the porch at SP, put **YOUR** green heart up on the board. If we are worried imagine how people who are already vulnerable through severe weather feel? **Also think about Green Energy and switching** - renewables are doing really well and you can help positively by changing your supplier. See the board in the porch at SP for further details.

**(OL/SP) Fair Trade Fortnight from 27 Feb -12 March.** We are having **Traidcraft** stalls at Our Lady's on 4/5 March and at St Peter's on 11/12 March. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help. We just need another couple of people to look after the stall after the 11.30am Mass at St Peter's on 12th March. Contact Jenny on [jenarmstrong@talktalk.net](mailto:jenarmstrong@talktalk.net)

**(CTL) Women's World Day of Prayer - 3rd March at 2pm, St Mark's Church on Rugby Road.** This year's service has been prepared by the women from The Philippines. Calling all women and men to support this ecumenical event. Particularly we would love to hear from any Filipino members of our congregations, please contact Anna 07837437088

**(SP) We need a new (volunteer) CAFOD** representative for St Peter's. Anyone interested? It could be a multi job share! Contact Janice Austin on 01926 428635.

**(SP) 200 Club February Draw:** 1st Prize: No.1 Eileen Daly wins £50, 2nd Prize: No.59 Jack Cooper wins £20, 3rd Prize: No.286 Catherine Hayes wins £10. Congratulations to the winners.

**Tales of the Unexpected :** I received this message from the cat : "To the dog! You might be back but stay away because the Cat is close at hand!" It's all bravado. I'm not frightened of this cat. However just to be on the safe side I might just get the boss to check out the back garden before I go out. You can't be too careful. Especially with that cat! Best woofs, Bertie. xxx



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