

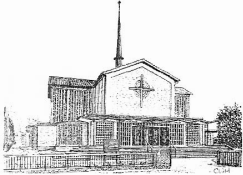
Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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Second Sunday of Lent



Sunday 12th March 2017



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Sat 11 March <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	VIGIL	OL OL SP	Midday 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Stations of the Cross Kay Fitzgerald Kitty Quirke Mary Kitchen	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 12 March First Sunday of Lent <i>Dementia Prayer Week</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
Monday 13 March <i>Lent Feria</i>		SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	In Thanksgiving Kath Spalding	SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 14 March <i>Lent Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Pat & Will Gallagher Matthew Dineen	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 15 March <i>Lent Feria</i>		SP OL SP	11.45 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	J & P Stations of the Cross Michael Hartnett Eileen O'Sullivan Denis O'Neill	
Thursday 16 March <i>Lent Feria</i>		SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Jack Badger Mary Timoney RIP	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 17 March <i>Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>		SJ Sch OL SP SJ	9.00 am 9.15 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Patrick & Agnes Mulvey St Patrick's School Mass (school) Emmet & Rose McKeown Special Intention Stations of the Cross	Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 18 March <i>Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Lisa Aryani	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: at call SP: 4.15pm
	VIGIL	OL OL SP	Midday 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Stations of the Cross People of the Parish Kenneth Bridden Laura Dhillow	
Sunday 19 March Third Sunday of Lent		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Arthur & Gertie Treanor Matthew Pettle Kathy Hardaker-Jones Private Intention	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions

Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,447.53

2nd Collection: £662.38

(Cathedral Maintenance)

Thank you!

Second Collections

Today: CAFOD Lent Fast. **Next Week:** Lenten Alms Appeal (Cov. Refugee & Migrant Centre)

We pray for the sick and housebound who request our prayers during their time of sickness 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

Norma O'Brien, Norah Tayler, Michael Hartnett, Cornelius Sexton, Michael Dendek, Bernard Wattebot, Betty McCarthy, Mary Burton, Eileen O'Sullivan, Christina Collins, Kathleen Connolly, Margaret Martin, Margaret Marsden, Gerard Maguire, Ada Ashton, John Badger, Denis O'Neill, Michael Dwyer.

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

Recently Deceased

John Moore, Joseph Connell, & Terence Nicholl.

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

ST PETER'S CHURCH OPENING HOURS: with Spring upon us the church will now open weekdays from 9.30 am until 4.30 pm.

(CTL) CAFOD Lent Fast Day Please return your envelopes this weekend and help get education, training, health and more opportunities within reach of more people in the third world.

(SP/OL) GIFT AID ENVELOPES are now available for collection. At St Peter's they can be found at the back of church next to St Anthony's statue. At Our Lady's they can be collected outside the Sacristy door.

(CTL) This week is **Dementia Prayer Week**, the Pastoral Care Project's annual appeal for your prayer and donations to help them

continue their inspiring work enabling all generations to support people with dementia. Donations can be made online at www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk or by cheque to Pastoral Care Project, St George's House, Gerards Way, Coleshill B46 3FG.

(CTL) St Peter's Aid to the Needy: There will be a short film on the work of **Mary's Meals** at 7.00 pm on **Monday 13 March** in St Peter's Parish Hall. The monthly **SPAN** meeting will follow the film – everyone is very welcome to stay for the meeting as well.

(SP) There are lots of cards and gifts for **St Patrick's Day** in St Peter's **Piety Shop** so pay a visit after Mass. Also it is **Mothering Sunday** on 26 March with plenty of cards to choose from.



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Our Lady's Church: www.facebook.com/ourladyslillington
St Peter's Church & Centre: www.facebook.com/stpeterslspa

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

Dear Parishioners,

The Second Sunday of Lent and hopefully we are beginning to adjust to our regime of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There has been a good response to the Stations of the Cross, an increase in the numbers attending the Sacraments and the Holy Hour from 3-4pm on Sunday afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday morning from 9am, and Confession.

This Sunday we have CAFOD Family Fast Day second collection which is our gift to the organisation which does such great work in response to natural and man-made disasters throughout the world. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer. What does Gift Aid mean? Well I am not an accountant but even I can see that to receive 25p free from the Government for every £1.00 donation is a gift. Whoever pays tax at source can give this gift to any charity of their choosing. So if you give a donation to the church and are a taxpayer but don't give us permission to have that gift we — the charities which are Our Lady's Church and St Peter's Church — do not enjoy that extra free gift from the Government. They keep your gift and use it to fund nuclear weapons and projects such as HS2. For those who have pre-arranged this gift to Our Lady's and St Peter's please collect your box of envelopes this weekend. Some parishioners use a Standing Order. Forms are available if you would like to Gift Aid to the church.

This week is Dementia Prayer Week, a special time to pray for those suffering with dementia and also for their carers. The Pastoral Care Project, based in Coleshill, is led by Bishop David McGough:

Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in you. This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Last weekend I mentioned the serious situation we have at Trinity School regarding the proposal to close the Sixth Form. I hope some of you were able to respond to the consultation by expressing your opinions about it to the School. I see in the local paper that all the schools in our area — both state and voluntary aided — will be experiencing funding cuts from their budgets. I cannot understand how and why this is happening. Please write to your MP to complain about these cuts.

Next Tuesday the Deanery Clergy will meet in Southam by kind invitation of the Parish Priest, Fr Bernard Garratt. We will be discussing the Trinity Sixth Form issue among other things and preparing for Easter We will also be planning a quiet day of reflection, reconciliation and prayer. The Review of the parish changes will begin after the Feast of Pentecost.

Next Friday, March 17th, is St Patrick's Day. There will be Masses at 9am at St Joseph's, 9.15am at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Cashmore Avenue), 11am at the Irish Club, 12 noon at Our Lady's and 12.30pm at St Peter's.

Last Sunday the Rite of Election took place at St Chad's Cathedral where Archbishop Bernard welcomed all the candidates who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil this year. Among them were Terry, Emma and Zainab from our Parish and we look to celebrating their Reception at St Peter's Easter Vigil Mass.

There is a Ten Minute Bill being presented to Parliament by MP Diana Johnson aimed at allowing abortion **on demand up to full-term**. This must be opposed in the strongest terms. Please look at the CitizenGo website — citizengo.org.uk/en — and scroll down the page to sign the petition against this Bill. If you don't have internet access (and even if you do) please pick up a letter from the back of church and send it to your MP. These pernicious efforts to push at the limits of permissible human destruction need vociferous opposition at all times whenever and however they appear. Please add your voice to protect the voiceless and vulnerable.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

(SP/OL) U.C.M. meeting at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 15 March** in the Davenport Room of St Peter's Parish Centre. Deacon David Palmer will be giving us a talk on his journey to becoming a Deacon. We would like to invite all Parishioners to join us for what promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

(SP/OL) Next weekend (**18/19 March**) there will be a speaker at the St Peter's and Our Lady's Masses talking about the work of the **Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre**. The second collection will go to support their work.

(CTL) CAFOD has written to thank parishioners for their contribution (*made via your SPAN donations*) to its work in Darfur, Western Sudan helping one million people each year.

(SP/OL) Sitting pretty. Mass-goers at Our Lady's have received some lovely soft bench cushions made especially by the **Pastimes Group** at St Peter's. A big thank you. They are scattered around the church on the benches and are for anyone to use.

(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. 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) The Big Picture course book 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.

(CTL) SPAN donations: Last week you gave £69.00 (Gift Aid), £78.78 (General) and £11.50 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

(SP) 200 Club March draw. 1st prize £50 Catherine Hayes. 2nd prize £20 Mr & Mrs Sullivan. 3rd prize £10 Philip Quinn. Congratulations to the winners!

(SP) Friday Luncheon Club. The next meeting is on **31 March** at 1.00 pm at Seasons Restaurant on Warwick Street in Leamington. There is a list on the Church noticeboard in the outer porch, to add your name and choice from the menu. New

members welcome. For enquiries please phone Carmel 07941 840433, or John on 01926 429326.

(CTL) Leamington & Warwick Foodbank thanks all parishioners for their continued support. At the moment **long-life goods, milk and juice** are 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 is 'to pray for all those experiencing famine in Yemen, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Nigeria, and that we may respond to their need.'

(CTL) The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10—18 March 2017**. You are invited to send your petitions. Forms are on the heating ducts near 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

(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 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 Stephen) 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.

(CTL) Wednesday 15 March at 7.00 pm in St Peter's Church Hall, the Leamington **Horticultural Society** has invited John and Jean Morgan to give a talk on allotments. Everyone welcome, non-members £3 on the door including coffee/tea and biscuits. Talk starts at 7.30 pm.

Tales of the Unexpected : Two ants are walking across a cornflakes packet and all of a sudden one starts running. "Can't you read?" he said to the other, "It says tear along the dotted line!" Best woofs, Bertie xxx