

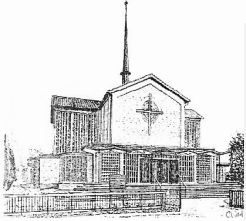
# Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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Nineteenth  
 Sunday in  
 Ordinary  
 Time (A)



13th  
 August  
 2017



<b>Saturday 12 August</b> <b>VIGIL</b>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Cyril Pepper People of the Parish Meg Lewis	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 13 August</b> <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</b>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	David Harwar Dennis Dineen Mary & Tom Beirne Gerry Quinn Terry Cooper	<b>SP:</b> Fatima Centenary 13th Day Exposition and Confession 3.00- 4.00pm
<b>Monday 14 August</b> <i>Psalter Week 3</i> <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am St.Joseph's	Manchester victims No Mass today (SJ)	
<b>Tuesday 15 August</b> <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  <b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	SJ OL SP SJ	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Micael Murphy Gerry Quinn Sarah O'Mullane Robert Gibbons	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SJ:</b> 9.10am <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 16 August</b> <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Eileen Lawless <u>Requiem:</u> Ellen Barrow	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 17 August</b> <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm St.Joseph's	<u>Requiem:</u> Timothy O'Connell No Mass today (SJ)	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Friday 18 August</b> <i>Feria</i>	SJ OL SP	St.Joseph's 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	No Mass today (SJ) Michael Dowling Patrick Thornton	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP:</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 19 August</b> <i>Feria</i>  <b>VIGIL</b>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Private Intention Elizabeth Clancy Kathleen Hannan Geoffrey Lawson Anita Rose Betty O'Halloran	<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 20 August</b> <b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</b>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	In Thanksgiving People of the Parish Geraldine Quinn People of the Parish	<b>SP:</b> Holy Hour 3.00- 4.00pm, Exposition

### Collections last Weekend

First Collection: £1,298.08  
 Second Collection: £553.61  
 Church Maintenance Fund  
*Thank you for your generous donations.*

### Second Collections

Today  
 Church Maintenance Fund  
Next Week  
 Church Maintenance Fund

### 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

Fr Francis Gwinnett,  
 Violet Metcalf, John Lucey,  
 Barry Joyce, Peter Wale,  
 Patricia O'Sullivan,  
 Kathleen Hannan, Helen  
 Bowen, Mary O'Connor,  
 Bernadette Bradshaw,  
 Catherine Lynn.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

### Recently Deceased

Anna Foley, Mary Woolley,  
 Ellen Barrow,  
 Sarah O'Rourke,  
 Anna Dalli, Nora Quirke,  
 Timothy O'Connell.  
*May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

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Dear Parishioners,

In total there were six apparitions of Our Lady to the three peasant children at Fatima in Portugal. When Mary first appeared in 1917 she asked the children to return to the same place on the same day (the thirteenth) of each month. During the centenary of these Apparitions we remember these incredible events. Today (Sunday 13th) parishioners are invited to a Holy Hour in St Peter's Church from 3.00-4.00 pm with Confessions and Fatima Prayers. The story of the events at Fatima can be found in leaflets in both churches. (Look for the DVD of the film *The Thirteenth Day*. There are also booklets and prayer accompaniments available for sale after Masses at Our Lady's and St Peter's).

This week (Tuesday 15th) there is the special Marian Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation where as Catholics we attend Mass in thanksgiving for Mary the Mother of the Church. Without her willingness to be the mother of Jesus we would not have the promise of salvation made possible through our faith. The magnificent windows in Our Lady's Church show the role of Mary in creation. On this day we celebrate when Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven to be with her Son. There are Masses at all the Catholic Churches: 9.30 am (SJ); 10.00 am (OL); 12.30 pm (SP); 7.00 pm (SJ). It is a day for all of us but we pray most especially for those whose mothers have gone to heaven. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

As a mother Mary understood the joys and the pains of motherhood. As a priest ordained by the Church to act in the person of Christ, the joy and pain experienced by mothers is evident in the pastoral visits of the clergy. Please remember them in your prayers.

When I read the prayers written in our Parish Prayer Intentions Book they become a collective prayer for the needs of our community. Some of our best prayer is when we pray for each other, even if we don't know them personally or even know their particular needs. We rightly take an interest in the lives and struggles of people across the world but do we pray for our fellow Christian sisters and brothers in our home community? If you are attending a weekday or Sunday Mass at St Peter's Church, write your prayer in the book and the community can pray your prayer with you. (The book is on a lectern by The Calvary statue).

As many people have reminded me (in case I didn't know) the Church is a community and, as such, our strength is how we as individuals interact with each other and most especially the wider world. A church which is only interested in itself and its own members, a church which only looks inwards is on a journey in the wrong direction.

Our faith requires us not to be introvert but extrovert. We are called to look outwards as we saw on the Feast of Pentecost when the apostles left the safety of the Upper Room in Jerusalem and went out to preach the Good News. This was a message for everyone who heard them speaking about the marvels of God in their native tongue. The strength of the church is the Mass which draws the community together in thanksgiving and to nourish by word and Sacrament. But the dismissal after the Final Blessing is the common commandment to us all "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord". It puts me in mind of the words of Blessed John Henry Newman:

"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the highest steeple,  
But God declared, "Go down again, I dwell among the people."  
Every Blessing,  
Fr John

PS For those who enjoy the works of Michael Morpurgo, there is a very poignant story of child migrants called *Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea* on BBC iPlayer (for the next 26 days).

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

**(SP) 200 Club Draw:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize £50 Kevin Houton; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £20 Andrew Kelly; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10 Eileen Daly. Congratulations to all!

**(OL/SP)** The Hand in Hand group is very proud to announce that Tomas and Ciaran Bevan, tennis players, of Our Lady's Church are to compete in the Special Olympics in Sheffield this week. The Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with learning disabilities through the joy of sport, every day, everywhere. We look forward to congratulating them on their return.

**(OL)** Cake sale in aid of Diabetes UK, in the church hall on **26 August** after the 12.30 pm Vigil Mass.

**(CTL) Choral Vespers** of 1610 by Claudio Monteverdi to be performed on **Sat 2 September** at 8.00 pm by The Summer Choir and Consort. Director Peter Irvine. Organist David Williams. Free entry. Retiring collection for Hunger-Aid through CAFOD.

**(SJ/OL/SP)** Bring-and-share **Family Picnic** in the Pump Room Gardens **Sunday 3 September** from 12.30 pm. Come along with your family or friends. If you are new to the Parish it is a good way to meet others and find out how you can become involved in Parish life in any of the churches.

**Harvington Pilgrimage – Sunday 3 September.** The coach leaves St Peter's at 10.15am and then departs St Francis Kenilworth at 10.30am. Tours of Harvington Hall have been booked (at no extra cost). Mass with Bishop Robert Byrne is at 3.00pm. Bring a chair and a packed lunch. Coach returns at 5.30pm. To book your place call Peter Dimambro 01926 428399. Please pay in cash on the day, maximum £15 (maybe less), under 16 free.

**(SP/SJ) SPAN** Donations last week: Gift Aid £15.00, General £36.29 and Crisis in Africa £25.50. Thank you for your generosity.

**(OL/SP)** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (**CAFOD**) has a new Climate Change campaign '**Power To Be**' and they're starting with a **petition** for local renewable energy to give communities in poorer countries access to electricity, powering schools, health clinics, homes and small businesses. Please read and **sign the card** at the side of the church (SP) or in the entrance (OL) and pop it in the box provided, any time during August. Thank you.

**(OL/SP/SJ)** The Society of St Vincent de Paul (**SVP**) Birmingham Central Council Annual Mass and Festival on **Saturday 23 September 2017**. Mass at 12 noon in St Chad's Cathedral, principal celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne. Buffet lunch in the adjacent Grimshaw Room followed by the Festival back in the Cathedral. Guest speaker Rt. Hon. Ann Widdecombe. Please speak to Peter May at St Peters (01926 421786) or Richard Gordon at Our Lady's (07974 455732).

**(SP) Red Boxes:** The deadline for the old pound coins is looming. If there are £1.00 coins mixed with the silver and copper in your box please drop it in the Piety Shop for emptying. Thank you.

**(CTL) The Gift: Life in the Spirit** new sessions will be starting on Wednesday afternoons from **13 September** over six weeks in Lillington (28 Cubbington Road, CV32 7AB). Contact Caroline Graham on 01926 257123.

**(OL/SP) (OL/SP) "Come and See" – talks about the Catholic Faith.** Do you have a relative, friend, neighbour, work colleague who might be interested in finding out what being a Catholic is all about? He/she could be a non-Catholic or a non-churchgoing Catholic. Would you like to refresh your Faith? Our weekly "Come and See" sessions will begin on **Wednesday 13 September**, 7.30pm in the Flint Room of St Peter's parish centre. Please take an invitation from the back of the church and give to someone who may be interested. Contact Margaret on 01926 428399 to register interest or for more information.

**(OL/SP)** Parish social events: The next event will be a **Quiz on Fri 15 September** followed by the annual pudding extravaganza, **Just Desserts** on **Sat 14 October**. Put the dates in your diary now! More details soon.

**(SP) CLEANING ROTA: Team 2** this coming week.

**Tales of the Unexpected** When his watch stopped the boss was all at sea. "What time is it?" he kept asking. Dogs do not have a watch but we know the time. When it is dark it is time to sleep. When it is morning it is time for breakfast. After breakfast it is time for a walk. After Mass it is time for lunch. When the doorbell rings it is time to bark. When the boss goes out it is time to cry and be miserable. When the boss goes in the kitchen it is time to eat. When we go into the garden it is time to play football. Who needs a watch? I don't! Best woofs, Bertie. xx

Bookings/enquiries for **The Dormer Conference Centre & St Peter's Parish Centre:**  
email Royce McParland: 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).