

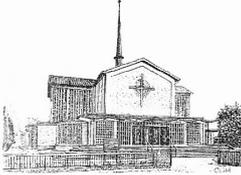
Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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Seventh Sunday
 in Ordinary
 Time: A



Sunday 19th
 February
 2017



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Sat 18 Feb VIGIL <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Brenda Grimes Kath Taylor Margaret O'Shea Mary & Tom Beirne	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am, SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 19 Feb Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	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)	
Monday 20 Feb <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Michael McKeon Paschal Dunbar Fr. Sean Kilcoyne	SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 21 Feb <i>Feria</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Private Intention Jim & Margaret McGreevy Theresa Coyne	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 22 Feb <i>Feast of the Chair of</i> <i>St Peter, Apostle</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Tara Fitzpatrick Margaret Tew Kathleen Taylor	Rosary: SP: Noon
Thursday 23 Feb <i>Memorial of St</i> <i>Polycarp, Martyr</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Peter Bogue Dermot Collins Private Intention	Rosary: SP: Noon
Friday 24 Feb <i>Feria</i>	SJ OL SP	12.00 pm 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Requiem Mass: Charles Shinkwin George O'Regan John & Mary Gaughan Carol Dunkin	Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 25 Feb <i>Our Lady on</i> <i>Saturday</i>	SJ SJ SP OL SP	9.15 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer Private Intention Kathy Hardaker-Jones Mary Beausang Carol McCarron Dominic Green	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 26 Feb Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	John McShane People of the Parish John Patrick Behan Noel Moffitt Mary McGarvey R.I.P <i>Anniversary</i>	

Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,315.22
 2nd Collection: £652.55
 (Racial Justice)
 Thank you!

Second Collections

Today:
Church Maintenance Fund
 Next Week:
 Saturday Friendship Group
 05 March:
 Cathedral Maintenance

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

Dermot Murphy, Peggy Bevan,
 John Behan, Frances Redmond,
 Mary Philpott, Anna Sanchez,
 Zena Godwin, Alan Powell,
 Elizabeth Reynolds, Timothy Lyne,
 Muriel Rowison, Paul Cullen,
 Teresa Bakewell,
 Margaret Gauguskas, William Punch.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Recently Deceased

John French, Tony Melton,
 Margaret Pugh, Brian McCann,
 Michael Woodcock, Kathleen Taylor,
 Mary Kitchen.
May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.

(SP) Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: New rotas are available now. If you haven't received it by email, please check the back of church where there should be a named envelope ready for you. If it isn't please contact Kate Tennyson on 314077.

(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 **Thurs 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 each 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,

We live in a society where we receive information constantly. The skill I suppose is to decide what we need to hear, and what we read or learn affects our lives. The explosion of technology over the last 20 years enables us to access and be the recipients of much information than ever before in terms of news, items of interest, shopping, clothes, photographs, videos, games and so on. In some ways the new media of electronic communication has brought us closer together but on the flip side it can also be the wedge that drives us apart. Nowadays a text message replaces a phone call, emoji's express emotions, games replace families talking to each other. Almost every occasion nowadays is marked by people checking their mobile phones.

Information comes to us from many different sources but when it arrives via the internet we may not even be aware that we are sometimes on the receiving end of anti-Christian opinions. In the same way that many daily newspapers take a political angle, so too we need to be aware that information gleaned from websites may be inaccurate and heavily biased. When we use our computers to discover information we like to think we have become experts but only a real expert would know whether what we are reading is true or false.

Catholic Newspapers can help to provide a balance to stories reported in the national press. Sometimes media organisations might have an axe to grind against the Church so this is where Catholic papers provide us with the other side of the story –the real truth. I wonder how much we know about the Church today except what we hear through the media? They love to report bad news (because it sells newspapers) but what about the Good News of the lives of Catholics, in the Diocese, in Britain, in Rome and throughout the world. The universal Church is vast but how much do we know about what happens in India, Africa, America, Brazil or Portugal? Probably very little. Catholic newspapers and websites tell us the other side of the story and their reports provide descriptions which are truthful and inspirational. I wonder how many people look at the Vatican website? How many read the English version of "L'Osservatore Romano" which provides news of what is happening in Rome. How many of us read the sermons and comments of Pope Francis? How many of us have read any of the apostolic letters and encyclicals of Pope Francis? We recognise that being informed is an important part of our lives and yet many Catholics are clueless about the Church in the World.

All our parish Piety Shops stock the mainstream Catholic papers. Take a look at the Diocesan Catholic News. Read all about it. Find out about what is going on in the Birmingham Diocese. Read The Universe or the Catholic Times. They are very interesting.

Last week we heard the sad news that Tony Melton, the first Headteacher of St Anthony's School, died recently. I am sure many of our parishioners will remember him as their Headmaster. May he rest in peace.

Last weekend Fr Patrick Mileham celebrated Mass for the first time for his parishioners at St Mary Immaculate Church in West Street, Warwick. Fr Stefan the former PP is to become the new Chaplain of Birmingham University. In his new role as Parish Priest of Warwick Fr Pat will be the Chaplain of Myton Hospice and also Chaplain of the Trinity School.

This week is Half Term. March 1st is Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross will be provided by Justice and Peace at St Peter's for the Wednesdays in Lent and has yet to be arranged at Our Lady's. Please keep those Youth Worker Pledges rolling in. We are heading towards £8-9 k which leaves a shortfall of £16k. That's an incredible effort in just 2 weeks so thank you to those who have already promised to help and please help us if you are still thinking about it.

Every Blessing,
Fr John.

(CTL) Youth Worker Project: As requested in the yellow leaflet issued recently. We would be most grateful if you could put your pledges in the box at the back of 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. At this stage we have had a positive response but a lot more is needed to ensure that this project goes ahead. Alternatively you can email your pledge to patreddin@gmail.com. A big thank you to all who have already pledged.

(CTL) SPAN Donations: Last week you gave: £55 (Gift Aid), £52.05 (General) and £36.15 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

(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.

(SP) Justice and Peace at St Peter's will be having their monthly meeting on **Monday 27 February** at 7.30pm in the Flint Room at St Peter's Parish Centre. All welcome.

(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

(CTL) Women's World Day of Prayer - 3 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.

(CTL) Let's meet up and speak English: If English is your second language and you would like to speak more confidently, join us in The Dormer Conference Centre at St Peter's, on Thursdays during **March on the 9th/ 16th/ 23rd/ 30th** at either 9.45am – 12pm or 5.45 – 8pm. Cost: £15.00 but your first lesson is FREE, so come and join us and find out how we can help you to improve your English. To book your place please contact Carol

Collingwood on Email: learnenglish2succeed@gmail.com or telephone: 07790 674 505.

(CTL) The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10 - 18 March 2017** at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send us 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

(CTL) Living Simply - HUNGER LUNCH: Come and join us for homemade soup etc at **St Peter's Main Hall on 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 are doing. Like to help? Please contact Jenny: jenarmstrong@talktalk.net

(CTL) Warwick & Leamington Foodbank - Annual General Meeting for the year ending the 31 December 2016: This is an Open Meeting for all members, supporters and volunteers of Warwick District Foodbank, on **Thursday 16 March** at 7.30pm until 9.00pm at The Lower Hall, St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 1JW. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

(CTL) Leamington Spa Street Pastor Co-ordinator - Job Vacancy (Part-Time): 26 hours a month as needs arise (£3,600 per annum). Full details are on the church noticeboard. For an informal chat about the role or for any queries please telephone: 07770 658450 or email: treasurer@lssp.org.uk

(SP) Piety Shop: We've had a recent delivery of St Patrick's Day cards, rosettes and badges, Mother's Day cards and devotional candles. Please don't forget you can also buy your copy of the following Catholic Newspapers: The Tablet, Catholic Herald, The Universe and Catholic Today. Please stop by the Piety Shop before you leave the church to see what we have to offer. Thank you.

Tales of the Unexpected : I am glad to report that the cat and I are now officially "friends" as we have signed a concordat to cement our common aims. We have agreed that the cat is the King of the Castle at night, while I am Top Dog during the day. And should our paths ever cross we shall both pretend we have not seen each other and look the other way. Best woofs, Bertie.



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