

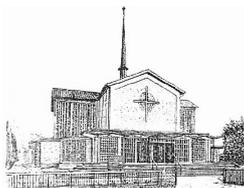
# Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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Sixth Sunday of  
Easter (A)



Sunday 21st  
May 2017



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<b>Saturday 20 May</b> <i>Psalter Wk 2</i> <b>VIGIL</b>	OL SP SP	12.30 pm <b>2.00 pm</b> 5.00 pm	Tara Fitzpatrick <b>Mass for the Sick of the Parish</b> Mary Timoney	<b>Confessions:</b> SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 21 May</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	SJ OL SJ SP SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 4.30 pm 5.30 pm	David Harwar (Birthday) People of the Parish <b>First Holy Communion Mass</b> — Intention for First Communicants Julia Dizon Reception: Margaret Tew Thomas Joseph Kelly	SP: 3.00pm Exposition
<b>Monday 22 May</b> <i>Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Requiem Mass: Margaret Tew Private Intention	SJ Mass with Novena
<b>Tuesday 23 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Patrick Cahill Gerry Martin	<b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10am <b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 24 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Mary & Paddy Donovan Requiem Mass: Judith Gregory	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 25 May</b> <i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable</i>	OL SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	May Procession of Our Lady Raymond L. Batton Private Intention	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Friday 26 May</b> <i>Memorial of St Philip Neri</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Fr Geoffrey Hargreaves Eilish & Michael McGillicuddy Requiem Mass: James Lambe	SJ Mass with Novena <b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10am <b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 27 May</b> <i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</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 Geoffrey Maddocks Judith Gregory Jo Doran Thomas Ryan	<b>Confessions:</b> SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 28 May</b> <b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Betty Manion Margaret Tew The Drury Family Mary and Monty Jenkinson	SP: 3.00pm Exposition  <i>World Communications Day</i>

### Last Weekend

First Collection: £1,172.48  
 Second Collection: £1,147.54  
 (CAFOD East Africa Appeal)

### Second Collections

Today  
 Church Maintenance Fund  
 Next Week  
 Catholic Communications

**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

Istran Barta, Edward Blake, Richard Burton, Nora Connolly, Martin Cosgriff, Joan Holmes, Geraldine Gandy, Guido Gianelli, Barbara Hall, Maudie Kafno, Henry Martin, Bridie McGerty, Bryan Morgan, Daniel Murphy, Anne Mwerckas, Kathleen O'Farrell, Angela Pickering, Mary Pigott, Daniel Sullivan.

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

### Recently Deceased

Madeleine Andrews, Sarah MacKay, Edward Heffernan, Gerry Quinn, John Higgins, Pat Cahill, Margaret Tew, Judith Gregory, Elizabeth Mannion, Edward Burns, James Lambe.  
*May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

### St Peter's Parish Office - Opening Times

This week (commencing Mon 22 May) the Office will be open on  
**Tues: 9.30am - 1pm, Wed: 9.30am - 11.00am, Thurs: 9.30am - 1pm & 2.30pm - 4.30pm.**

After this week the Office times will be  
**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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

The life of the Church constantly reveals the mystery of Christ among us. The joy of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, his appearance to the apostles and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in a few weeks time on June 4th, next weekend it is the Feast of the Ascension and this weekend our Feast is to celebrate Christ among us in the Holy Mass, which is his enduring gift to us, a gift of grace, hope, love and peace.

The month of Mary has provided many opportunities to give thanks for the intercession of our Blessed Lady. Last weekend we began our six months of special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima to celebrate the Centenary of the Apparitions in Portugal (1917 - 2017). The new statue of Our Lady of Fatima catches the sunlight at certain times of the day and is an inspiration in our prayers and efforts to overcome our sinfulness which makes us turn away from the love of God. In the apparitions of Mary to the children she asked them to make reparation for the sin of the world, she gave them a fleeting vision of hell as it opposes the goodness of God and exhorted us to embrace God's gifts of healing, mercy and peace.

This weekend the Mass for the Sick was an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. We note it is a Sacrament of healing for our journey of faith, a sacrament of faith in the power of God to save us and give us his peace. It is a sacrament for those who might be fearful in preparation for an operation or procedure in hospital or during the time of illness. It helps to allay our fears and worries, reminding us that through the presence of Christ Jesus, God is with us and close to us and thus rescued, we experience the peace of Christ.

This coming week the parish will be interviewing the applicants for the post of Youth Worker and hope to make an appointment. The Diocesan Kenelm Trust, together with the BCYS (Birmingham Catholic Youth Service) and representatives of the three Catholic churches of Leamington are looking towards the future of the Church. Please remember to pray for our young people and all who help to promote and proclaim the Good News, through roles of responsibility in the Church.

Every blessing,  
Fr John

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

**(CTL) Youth Worker:** you can still make a pledge. Forms are at the back of your church or you can email [patreddin@gmail.com](mailto:patreddin@gmail.com). Those of you who have already pledged will receive a letter soon regarding how to go forward with your donation.

**(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@googelmail.com](mailto:kate.tennyson@googelmail.com)

**(SP) Justice and Peace:** Our next meeting is on **Mon 22 May** at 7.30pm in the Flint Room (St Peter's Parish Centre). Please come and join us. Election Day is only around the corner, CAFOD have suggested you ask candidates/ canvassers at your door the following questions:

1. For more than a decade, all UK political parties have supported spending 0.7% of national income on aid. UK aid saves lives every day, and must always be focused on the needs of the most vulnerable. What will you do to continue to tackle poverty overseas?
2. In 2015, Britain joined with 195 other nations to agree urgent global action on climate change. How would you tackle climate change?
3. Whether it is in agreeing new trade deals or addressing the needs of refugees worldwide, Britain must recognise the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable. How will you ensure that Britain is an outward-looking and welcoming nation in the years ahead?

**(SP) U.C.M Mass.** It is our Annual House Mass on **Wednesday 24 May** for all our members. Please arrive promptly for a 7.30pm start. For information please telephone the Parish Office. Thank you.

**(OL) The children of Our Lady & St Teresa's School will have a May Procession of Our Lady on Thurs 25 May 2017, 10am in Our Lady's Church.**

**(OL) KINDAID Cake Sale:** There will be a Kindaid cake sale next Sunday **28 May** after the 9.30am Mass. Please let us know if you want to order a specific cake or just turn up and buy.

**(CTL) SPAN Donations last week** £45.00 (Gift Aid), £115.23 (General) and £32.92 (Crisis in Africa), £50.00 (Hope for Children, Zambia). Thank you.

**(CTL) Church Hustings:** there will be two hustings event taking place at Churches in the Warwick and Leamington constituency. Details of which are: Date: **Wednesday 31 May**, Time: 7.30-9.30pm, Venue: All Saints Church, Priory Terrace, Leamington Spa. All five candidates will participate. Questions can be submitted in advance and should be received at the Parish Office at All Saints **by midday on Friday 26th May**. On the night, candidates will introduce themselves briefly in turn; answer questions put by the Chair from those submitted in advance; each have a couple of minutes to summarise or give a mini-manifesto; and then circulate informally during light refreshments. **Admission is free** and there will be a retiring collection to cover expenses (notably the hire of the PA system, and any heating required). There will be a similar event at Castle Hill Baptist Church in Warwick on Monday 5th June.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:** Rotas for the period of **June - August** are now available. If you do not receive yours by email, please find it in church's Sacristy. Many thanks.

**(OL) Confirmation Mass** will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley at Our Lady's Church on **Sun 4 June** at the **9.30am** Mass.

**(CTL) Praise in the Park:** The churches in Leamington join together for an annual outdoor service, organised by St Paul's Church. The details for this year's service are: Date: **Sunday 4 June 2017**, Time: 11am, Venue: Pump Room Gardens. In the case of wet weather, the service will move to All Saints Church. After the service, we encourage groups to stay for a picnic in the park. Please mark this date in your diary. Thank you.

**(SP) Pentecost Party: Sun 4 June.** To welcome into our parish family Emma, Terry and Zainab, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, there will be a

special celebratory shared lunch on Pentecost Sunday, from 1pm in the Main Hall. All parishioners are invited. Please bring a plate of food savoury or sweet, for the shared table. Further details from Margaret on 428399.

**(CTL) Communications, press & media vacancies at the Archdiocese of Birmingham.** Two new full-time posts. See notice in porch. For an informal discussion/job description for either role please contact Gerry Dryden, Director of Human Resources via email ([gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org)) or telephone (0121 230 6224). **Closing date Friday 2 June 2017.**

**(CTL) The Marian Fathers are organising a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sat 3 June.** There is a poster in the porch for full details.

**(OL) Da Capo Concert:** Da Capo, a top notch local choir, are putting on a summer concert in Our Lady's Church on Saturday 15th July. More details will be available soon, but please put the date in your diary.

**(OL) Blessing Bags:** If you still haven't handed in your Lenten blessing bag, please can you give it in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**(CTL) TODDLER GROUP:** Play on the Rock toddler group meets **every Friday** (during term time) from 9.30am to 11.30am in St Peter's Parish Centre (Main Hall). It is a great place for parents, grandparents and people who care for young children to get together while the children explore the activities. It is a lively multicultural group open to everyone. We are also looking for people to help with the running of the group, so that it can continue to run. This can be either on a regular or an occasional basis. If you like meeting adults with children and are free on Friday mornings we would love to hear from you. If you are interested please pop by on a Friday morning and speak to us.

**(SP) Live Simply/ Walk to Church Weekend:** Well done to those who rose to the challenge and walked/ biked to church over the last 2 weekends. Maybe we could get into the habit? The weather was kind which helps. Congratulations to the winner of the prize draw for the tickets to Heartbreak Productions - Maria Murphy. Did you manage to complete some challenges for Live Simply week? Switching to Green energy is still something you can do for the planet. Contact Brian Austin on 0789 667106 for help.

**(CTL) FAIR TRADE:** Thanks very much to all the supporters of the Traidcraft stall at Our Lady's last weekend - we took £80 over the 2 Masses. If we could do the same at St Peter's we could double that! We are looking for a volunteer or 2 to sell the goods after the 5pm and 11.30am Masses. If you are interested please email: [jenarmstrong@talktalk.net](mailto:jenarmstrong@talktalk.net)

**(SP) Fatima News:** Last Saturday at St Peter's we celebrated the start of the Fatima Centenary Year. **It runs up to 13 October** and St Peter's is a Pilgrimage Church for the Birmingham Archdiocese during this time. Our new church statue of Our Lady of Fatima was crowned and we made the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please see the Fatima display area opposite the Piety Shop for various information and resources. Thank you to all those involved in helping to celebrate the day and especially to Fr. John for Mass and Jane McSharry with four children of St Anthony's school who played such an important part.

**Retrouvaille UK:** Separated, Divorced, or thinking about it? Do you want to try again? Retrouvaille helps couples worldwide work through challenging times. The next Programme commences with a residential weekend **9<sup>th</sup> - 11 June 2017** in Birmingham. To register for the forthcoming retreat, please go to:

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk/apply.php](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/apply.php)

To speak to someone in confidence please call: 07887 296983 or 0797 3380443. For more information visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Tales of the Unexpected:** Now that I am getting into middle age my Auntie Paula suggested I take a teaspoon of Cod Liver oil with my dinner. It has worked wonders for my coat and joints. I think the boss should take some too. It might work wonders for his bald patch! Best woofs, Bertie. xx