

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 23rd April 2017

Saturday 22 April <i>Psalter Week 3</i>				Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
VIGIL	OL	12.30 pm	People of the Parish	
	SP	5.00 pm	John Shannon Jim McGivern	
Sunday 23 April <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</i>	SJ	8.00 am	Giovanni Graziano	Divine Mercy Devotions , with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, from 3pm to 4pm in St Peter's.
	OL	9.30 am	Jerome Minihane	
	SP	11.30 am	Maria Alice Spencer	
	SJ	5.30 pm	Tony Hawkins	
Monday 24 April <i>Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England</i>	SP	10.00 am	Private Intention	
	SJ	7.00 pm	Karen Ireson	SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 25 April <i>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</i>	SJ	10.00 am	<u>Requiem Mass:</u> Tommaso Carciofo	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP noon
	SP	12.30 pm	Leo Cavanagh	
Wednesday 26 April <i>Easter feria</i>	SJ	10.45 am	<u>Funeral Service:</u> Monty Jenkinson	Rosary: SP noon
	OL	12.00 pm	Private Intention	
	SP	12.30 pm	Mary Phelan	
Thursday 27 April <i>Easter feria</i>	SJ	9.00 am 12.30 pm	Private Intention Val & Brian Murray No evening Mass	Rosary: SP noon
	SP SJ			
Friday 28 April <i>Easter feria</i>	Sch	9.30 am	St Peter's School Mass in Church <u>Requiem Mass:</u> Molly Benson Donor's Intention Tony Melton <u>Funeral Service:</u> John Moore	Rosary: SP noon
	SJ	10.00 am		
	OL	12.00 pm		
	SP	12.30 pm		
	SP	2.00 pm		
Saturday 29 April <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</i>	SJ	9.30 am	Success of B. Farrell's operation Jimmy Graham	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
	SP	10.00 am		
	VIGIL	12.30 pm 5.00 pm		
Sunday 30 April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	SJ	8.00 am	People of the Parish For the Sick (School Mass) Joanna Drozd Irene Dias Costa Joe & Rose McGreevy	Holy Hour at St Peter's 3-4pm
	OL	9.30 am		
	SJ	10.00 am		
	SP	11.30 am		
	SJ	5.30 pm		

Today's Second Collection
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 OL & SP.

Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them. Amen.

Anniversaries
John Newstead, Bridie Fitzgerald, Bridget Crotty, Larry McCarthy, Mary Wright, Margery Cuthbert, M. Tiasik, Irene Sudlow, Elizabeth MacDonald, Frances Feighoney, Kathleen Walsh, Molly Mulronee, Cornelius O'Mahony, Susan Hiron, William Leahy, Walerian Przeniczka, Bernard Abbott, Bozena Przeniczka.

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

Recently Deceased
Concetta Frondella, John Moore, Ernesta Guerrina, Winifred Fox, George Bates, Michael Maxwell.

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

Catholics Together in Leamington

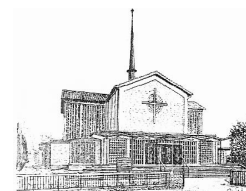
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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord



Sunday 16th April 2017



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Easter Sunday

Saturday 15 April <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>				Vigil Collection: Your gift to the clergy
VIGIL	SP	8.00 pm	People of the Parish Carlos Alberto Dias People of the Parish Christopher Petrie	
	SJ	8.00 pm		
	OL	8.30 pm		
Sunday 16 April <i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	SP	8.00 am	Palma Fucci Maisie Buckley Janusz Stankiewicz Lilian Keneally Marion Moran RIP	Easter Sunday Collection: Your gift to the clergy Holy Hour: 3-4pm
	OL	9.30 am		
	SJ	10.00 am		
	SP	11.30 am		
	SJ	5.30 pm		
Monday 17 April <i>Easter Monday, Solemnity</i>	SP	10.00 am	Jeanne Clavier & Family	
	SJ		No Mass	
Tuesday 18 April <i>Easter Tuesday, Solemnity</i>	SJ	9.30 am	Private Intention	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP noon
	SP	12.30 pm	Avril Clink	
Wednesday 19 April <i>Easter Wednesday, Solemnity</i>	SJ	10.00 am	No Mass <u>Funeral Service:</u> Winifred Fox	Rosary: SP noon
	OL	12.00 pm	Deceased members of the Connor & McCartney Families	
	SP	12.30 pm	Nora Linnane	
	SP	12.30 pm	Deceased members of the Burns Family	
Thursday 20 April <i>Easter Thursday, Solemnity</i>	SJ	7.30 pm	No Mass	Rosary: SP noon
	SP	12.30 pm	No Mass	
Friday 21 April <i>Easter Friday, Solemnity</i>	SJ	12.00 pm	No Mass Tony Melton NB: No Mass at 12.30 pm	Rosary: SP noon
	OL		<u>Funeral Service:</u> George Bates	
	SP	1.00 pm		
Saturday 22 April <i>Easter Saturday</i>	SJ	9.30 am	Len & Winnie Arran Lara Dunne	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
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Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,359.83
2nd Collection: £624.91
Church Maintenance Fund
Thank you!

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Anniversaries

John Ryan, Betty Butler, Kevin Purdy, James O'Regan, Ian Jermond, Margaret Aitken, Eileen Singleton, John O'Sullivan, Bernadette Cordina, Lily Jenkins, Vincent Reilly, Serafina Nigliazzo, Ellen Cleary.

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

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St Peter's Memorial Book
The name of a deceased loved one of St Peter's Church may be listed in our Memorial Book and they be remembered in our prayers. Take a leaflet from the stand next to the Memorial Cabinet. Each name is entered in beautiful calligraphy.

Church Maintenance Fund: Two weeks before Easter some emergency electrical work took place at St Peter's Church. Following an electrical survey of the building it was discovered that all of our fuse boxes needed to be replaced as a matter of urgency. This necessitated closing the church at a time when I would have preferred it to remain open but this had to be balanced against our safety. Thank you for your forbearance. The work has been completed but at a cost of £12,500 which will be paid for out of the Church Maintenance Fund. You give so generously to many, many appeals and you wouldn't be human if you didn't inwardly groan when a second collection is taken for this fund. Yet I hope the above gives you a little example of why it is needed. Thank you.

St Peter's Church is open from 9am to 5pm most days. Many people drop in to say a prayer or light a candle. On another safety note though, please do not place lit votive candles on the foil tray under the candle rack. The church doors cause an up draught which can create a fire hazard if this safety rule is not observed. There is a CCTV system for our safety and security.

The Guild of St Stephen: At the Last Supper Jesus gave an example of service to his apostles by taking the role of a servant and washing their feet. The Altar Servers serve at the altar to assist the clergy at masses and religious services. On behalf of the clergy I thank them and also invite new members to join. Reasonable mobility is required for the steps. Full training is given.

Church Music: At all our churches we are blessed with volunteers who support the singing of sacred music for religious services. I am grateful to them all. We also need new members and welcome those who are interested to meet the choir director after Sunday Masses for more information or to speak to one of the Priests.

Catholic Schools: We recently won a reprieve for the Trinity Catholic School Sixth Form to remain open. All our schools provide excellent education. There are five Primary Schools in the wider Leamington Parish: St Joseph's, St Peter's, Our Lady & St Teresa, St Patrick's, St Anthony's as well as Trinity Secondary School. In the forthcoming local election on Thursday 4 May ask your candidate about how they plan to support Catholic Education and about the national school funding formula which affects all our children's present and future education needs.

Looking for a Venue? The Dormer Conference Centre, Our Lady's Church Hall, St Joseph's Parish Hall are all available to hire. See websites for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

A very Happy Easter to you all. A big thank you to all those who helped to prepare the Services and Masses during Easter and those who served in them in one form or another. The help and support of our volunteers is much appreciated by us all and especially the clergy who could not do their work without your help and support. Congratulations and welcome to those received into the Catholic Church this Easter: Zainab Lawless, Terence Miller and Emma Rayment. Please pray for them.

We are now advertising for a full-time Youth Worker to work in our three church communities. With six Catholic schools and many young people in our Parish we hope to target two specific groups: 11-14 year olds and 14-18 year olds. This initiative will require a sea change for all of us though because in welcoming these youngsters back into our midst we must be open to their ideas. As St Benedict wrote in his rule: "It is often to the youngest that the mystery of God's will is revealed in all its fullness."

I look forward to welcoming you to one or all of our many parish religious and social events. Our parish community is vibrant because the Holy Spirit is at work in us. I ask you to invite a friend or neighbour to come with you to church and to let those who perhaps don't attend as often as they might to attend one of our many events.

On May 13th we begin our celebrations to mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima. Come and share a special day with us to mark this event. With the permission of Archbishop Bernard St Peter's will be a Pilgrimage Church. A new statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been donated by a parishioner and it will be blessed and positioned in the Lady Chapel. See the timetable opposite and come to see the film *The 13th Day* – some of which was filmed in Leamington and includes young actors from St Anthony's School.

There are copies of the Easter *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars in the Piety Shops at Our Lady's Church in Lillington and St Peter's. Prices are very competitive. We also have many other religious gifts in preparation for Holy Communion and other special events. The gift of a Sunday Missal or rosary beads is very meaningful to the recipient as those of us with rosary beads from our own First Holy Communion or Confirmation will know.

There is an Easter Card from the clergy at St Peter's and Our Lady's for our parishioners and something special for the children after the 9.30 am Family Mass at Our Lady's. Many thanks to all the clergy for their support throughout the year.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

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

(CTL) The two recent **Youth Masses** at St Joseph's Church were a great success and gave an indication of what's to come in Youth Ministry in the Leamington area. It is important to note that it is still not too late to return your pledges. Every pound you donate is most gratefully received and will be a great help in funding this vital project for the youth of our parishes. Pledge Forms are at the back of your church or you can email patreddin@gmail.com.

(SP) J&P: A big thank you to all who prepared or took part in the J&P Stations of the Cross in Lent!

(SP) 200 Club April Draw: 1st Maureen Wall – £50; 2nd Mrs McDermaid – £20; and 3rd Teresa Bicknell – £10. Congratulations to the winners!

(CTL) There is a **Union of Catholic Mothers** meeting on **Wed 19 April** at 7.30pm in the Davenport Room (above St Peter's Main Hall). The talk will be given by Jenny Armstrong on the subject of Fair Trade. Ladies of all three churches are very welcome.

(CTL) The **Churches Together Walk** is on **Sat 22 April** at 10.00am around Draycote Water. The next walk will be Sat 20 May, 9.45am for a 10.00am start from Radford Semele. Optional lunch at the White Lion. A lunch menu will be available on the day; those staying can sign up for their order before the start. Leader: Dave Bishop 07854 085144

(SP) SPAN: The next monthly meeting is **Mon 8 May**, 7.30pm, SP Main Hall. Donations last week £285.00 (Gift Aid), £51.29 (General) and £20.37 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

(SP) The church's annual **Financial Summary** is available on the website. Go to "About" / "Finance Statements" / 2016.

(OL) As this month's **50/50 draw** falls on Easter Sunday we have decided to hold it the following **Sun 23 April** after the 9.30am Mass.

(CTL) The next Dormer Senior Citizens' Tea is on **Sat 6 May** from 1.30pm. Delicious food and friendly company. Come and join us.

(CTL) Kindaid's Race Evening on **Sat 6 May**, 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Church Hall. Tickets £6.00 to include a hot supper. These

Race Evenings are unique and a lot of fun! There is no video and volunteers are required to control the horses! If we have a number of children coming we will organise races for them as well as for the adults. Contact Jo Mander 07980 315575.

(CTL) Quiz night at St Anthony's School on **Fri 5 May**, 7.30pm start. All proceeds to Sylvie Allison's sponsored room in RMH, Birmingham Children's Hospital. Sylvie had an emergency liver transplant in May 2016 and her family depended on the unit during her 12 week stay in the hospital. Sylvie is now a pupil in St Anthony's Reception class. Entry £5 per person (to include light supper) with teams ideally of 4-6, but individuals and couples very welcome. Contact amtallison@hotmail.com

(CTL) The annual **Mass for the Sick** of the Parish will take place on **Sat 20 May** at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards until 4.00pm. For further information please contact Carmel Cleary on 01926 859303 or Mary Holden on 420045.

(SP) There is a **pro-life petition** asking that Marie Stopes International be stripped of its licence to perform abortions in the UK due to widespread violations of safety regulations uncovered by the Care Quality Commission. **Please sign the petition** on the blue noticeboard by the Piety Shop.

(CTL) St Peter's Celtic Football Club: 2017 is the club's Golden Jubilee Year and a year of celebrations and events are planned from May onwards. The organisers are very keen to hear from anyone who has been involved with the club as either a parent or player. Please e-mail stpetersceltic@yahoo.com or call Ted Forde (01926 710354 or 07534 743766).

(CTL) Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place **23-26 June** in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. Journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. Hear about the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

Youth Worker: The full details of the advertisement can be found at www.bcys.co.uk where the home page has a box entitled "Employment Opportunities" from which you can download the job description, person specification and the application form. (The information is also available from the Parish Office if required). It has an ambitious job description: organising after school/evening/weekend events for young people; providing a link to the Church for those young Catholics who are not attending Catholic schools; liaising with teaching staff and chaplains and assisting primary schools in the transition from primary to secondary school. Also vital to the role will be the ability to link with Christian youth workers from the other churches in the area and to develop a communication strategy for young people and leaders including a website for youth ministry in the parish, a regular newsletter and establishing and developing the appropriate use of social media for the purposes of parish youth ministry. Please pray that the right candidate will be appointed to support and strengthen the faith of our young people.



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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

NEWS ROUND-UP FROM PARISH GROUPS

'Justice & Peace at St Peter's' is not so much a parish group as a monthly parish meeting open to anyone to drop in without commitment. It is normally attended by people involved in the Saturday Friendship Group, the Leamington Night Shelter, Fair Trade, Live Simply and other CAFOD campaigns, Climate Change, and other issues as they arise. One of our aims is to communicate these ideas to other parishioners. For instance, one regular has been guiding people through switching their electricity and gas suppliers towards 'green energy' (and usually lower costs). Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 24 April in the Flint Room (next door to St Peter's Main Hall). Minutes of previous meetings are available on the J&P page of the website.

Kindaid is Our Lady's Church fundraising group. It has several charities which it supports through initiatives many of which are social events in the parish. Our next event is a *Race Evening* on Saturday 6 May (see below for more details). We also hold *Just Desserts* an annual pudding night, concerts and two quizzes a year. Twice a month the donations from after Mass teas and coffees go to Kindaid and on the fourth Sunday we hold a very popular cake sale. We hope you will try our events – you will not be disappointed.

Kindaid has recently been given a very generous amount of money which has been shared between the Kenyan orphanage, CORD and Helping Hands, all of which we feel are really good charities to support. Thank you! News from Kenya. Sr. Mariapia from the Kiirua orphanage that Kindaid supports tells us that the children are mostly well. The last money sent to her went on school fees for the older children and the amount we have just sent will help feed the children in their care. They are desperately waiting for rain.

Saturday Friendship Group [sfg] – **update:** sfg works in partnership with the Salvation Army Church at the Way Ahead Project for the homeless, vulnerably housed and those with addictions. Our contributions are through volunteers (we now have about 12) and finance to help with running the Saturday provision. The new project leader Yvonne McKinnon will soon be joined by two newly-recruited project workers. The sfg planning team is presenting to the Town Assembly on 24 April and will attend the Warwick District Civic Reception on 9 May which has a focus on Helping Families Manage. How can you help? You can offer to volunteer or provide a one-off or regular donation – contact Janice on 07811 882746 .

St Peter's Aid to the Needy: Thank you for your generous support through SPAN for the Lenten Alms Appeals. These raised a total of £4,389.63 for three causes: Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre, the Warwick & Leamington Foodbank, and Mary's Meals. Thanks and updates on current situations are reported to SPAN at our monthly meetings. Only with your support, can we give EVERY MONTH to the

local Foodbank, Night Shelter, SFG homeless drop-in support and to regional refugee support. We send to KNOWN overseas parishes, usually acting with local SVP or supporting vulnerable children e.g. in India, Zambia and Tanzania. Three mission hospitals in Uganda, Kenya and Sierra Leone receive funds and we regularly donate to Sisters running hospitals in Jordan for refugees and the 'House of Light and Hope' in Lebanon. Appeals are also responded to each month, recently we recognised: the plight of two formerly trafficked Nigerian women trying to rebuild their lives in our area; the needs of people in Sudan following drought and war. You are welcome to attend our next open meeting to see how we work and form a view about the appeals we receive; Monday 8 May, in St Peter's Main Hall at 7:30pm.

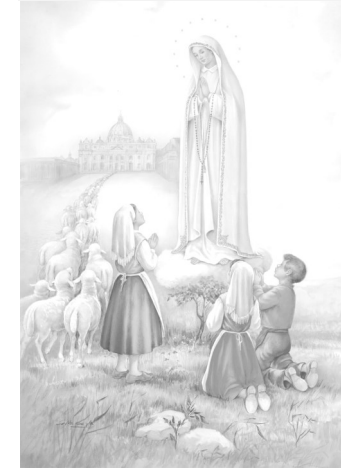
Fair Trade in the Parish – as Fair Trade Churches we promote Fair Trade and try to use it in all our meetings and gatherings (teas, coffees and sugar). On Palm Sunday we sold £90.00 worth of Traidcraft goods at Our Lady's by selling at both Masses. There are plenty of Fair Trade products to choose from in most supermarkets – look for the logo – and remember what a difference it makes to a struggling farmer/producer to have a reasonable return for their work – a realistic price and the Fair Trade Premium which can be used in the community for training, education, health or further investment. Many other goods are available – just look for the logo. **Would you like to be part of this positive work?** Volunteers are needed for St Peter's to sell occasionally at either the Vigil or 11.30am Masses. All the goods are supplied – you just need to sell after Mass. We can operate on a rota basis if we have enough helpers. Please contact Jenny on jenarmstrong@talktalk.net

The Hand in Hand Group: Following our trip to the international conference on disabilities in Rome last June, we have received a written report of the event in a document entitled "Culture and Faith". If anyone is interested in seeing this report please contact Mary on 01926 420045. The organisers of the conference are planning a follow up event in 2018. This time it will take place at St. Mary's College, Twickenham. We all hope to attend. Since the conference one of our members has become a reader in St. Peter's church. She was so successful in reading biblical texts during the conference, she was encouraged to develop her reading skills in her own parish. With help she has succeeded. Next mtg. Our Lady's on Sat 13 May at 2pm. All welcome.

The Union of Catholic Mothers sends a greeting card to those who are married in the church at the time of their first anniversary and in many other ways they help to pray for and support the community. The sacrament of Marriage and the family is the foundation stone of parish life and society. Throughout the year we keep ourselves informed about spiritual matters and Christian life as well as enjoying the friendship and support of each other.

Tales of the Unexpected: A very Happy Easter to all my friends who tell me they always read what I have to say first. I am glad Lent is over. The boss likes to use me for practicing his sermons which is a real penance I can tell you because I am not allowed to fall asleep! He also likes me to kneel down with him to say our prayers together at night. I find I cannot keep my eyes open because I am dog tired after a busy day guarding the church. In the summer time I enjoy going out in the garden. I love the sunshine and there is nothing quite like being outside. However the boss says we must take precautions so I have to wear a wide-brimmed dog hat and dark glasses. The things I have to do to keep the boss happy. Here's my joke. Someone said to the boss recently: "Have you seen the dog bowl?" "No," he said "but I did see him make a good catch on the lawn the other day." Best woofs Bertie xxx

Fatima Centenary Celebration



There is an exciting programme for this day long celebration on **Saturday 13 May** at St Peter's.

At 9.00am there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Confession; 9.40am Morning Prayer; and 10.00am Mass. At 10.30am there will be the Enthronement and Crowning of statue and Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thereafter in the Parish Centre refreshments will be served from 10.45am. At 11.00am an introduction to the day sets out the programme: 11.10am Talk regarding Fatima, the significance of the enthronement of the statue, the First Saturday Devotion.

12.15pm Packed lunch. 1.00pm Talk regarding the film *The 13th Day*. 1.30pm Screening of *The 13th Day* (followed by a question and answer session). 3.20pm Tea/coffee and cake break! 3.40pm Enrolment of the Brown Scapular, Blessing of religious objects.

Procession back to church. 4.00pm Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by the hymn *Immaculate Mary*.

(Confessions up to 4.45pm and vigil Mass for Sunday at 5pm).