

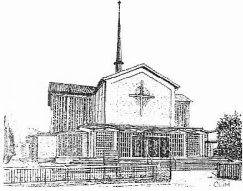
# Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
Laetare Sunday



Sunday 26th  
March 2017



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Sat 25 March <i>Psalter Week 4</i>	OL	Midday	Stations of the Cross	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	VIGIL OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Paddy Dunbar Ernest & Marie Turner Kathleen Carney Lee Neale & Family	
Sunday 26 March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Mothering Sunday	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Mothers of the Parish Robert Corrigan Edna O'Dowd Christina Lane	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions
Monday 27 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	SP Sch SJ	10.00 am 2.15 pm 7.00 pm	Paul Fuller Daniel Kirkwood School Mass at St Joseph's School Private Intention	SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 28 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	Sch SJ SP	9.15 am 9.30 am 12.30 pm	Mass at St Patrick's School The Hedgecox Family (deceased) Bernard Cross	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 29 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 The Burns Family (deceased)	
Thursday 30 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	Sch SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	School Mass, OL & St Teresa Charlie McMenamin In Thanksgiving Private Intention	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 31 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Private Intention Eileen Lawless Mary Dineen Rob & Val Jones Stations of the Cross	Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 1 April <i>Lent Feria</i>	SJ SP OL OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am Midday 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Intention of KP Jenny McGivney Vincent Wright Stations of the Cross Joe Connell Terry Nicholl Carlos Alberto Dias Gerry Quinn	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: at call SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 2 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	SJ OL SJ SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	The Patterson Family Peg Jones Ian Wilshire & Alice Scannell Tony McAndrew People of the Parish	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions

### Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,248.94  
 2nd Collection: £1,369.33  
 (Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre)  
 Thank you!

### Second Collections Today: Food Bank (Lenten Alms)

Next Week: Mary's Meals  
(Lenten Alms)

**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

Richard Donovan, Dorothy Bissell, Marie Andrews, Robert Lynn, Eileen O'Sullivan, Denis O'Mahoney, Cyril Hey, Catherine Monaghan, Margaret Gannon, Mary Buckley, Edward Tierney and Noel Clarke.  
*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.*

(CTL) The Parish clergy has great pleasure in advising all parishioners that due to your wonderful pledge responses **we are now making plans to appoint a Youth Worker**. Thank you to all parishioners who have already made a pledge. We will be contacting you shortly to advise how you can make your donation. For those of you who are still considering making a pledge it is not too late! There are forms at the back of church with the Pledge Boxes or you can email your pledge to patreddin@gmail.com. To celebrate the project there will be a special **5.30 pm Youth Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 2 April**. Afterwards in the Parish Hall there will be a short presentation by the Kenelm Youth Trust which has been assisting us. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions about the Youth Worker Project. Do come along and help celebrate this new venture which is so important for our young people. Let us pray for God's blessing on our initiative, Frs John, Bob, Noel, Christopher, Laurence and Deacon David.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend all our Masses and other events are overshadowed by the tragic loss of innocent lives and the life-changing injuries suffered by many others on Wednesday in an act of terrorism on Westminster Bridge and in the grounds of the Houses of Parliament. The victims and their families are in our prayers and thoughts at each Mass.

For the mothers of the victims and for the family of the mother who will never return this cannot be a Mother's Day to celebrate. For our own community let this Mother's Day therefore be one of thanksgiving and a time to reflect on the special role of our mothers in our lives. As Sundays are not counted in Lenten observances, I hope all our parish Mums enjoy their deserved treats!

Have you visited St Peter's website recently? You will notice many improvements! I draw your particular attention to the website as you will find the latest financial report for St Peter's and Our Lady's churches. Click on "About", scroll down to "Finance Statements" and "2016". (*Some printed copies are also available at the back of church*). At this point I want to record my thanks to Alfonso Pacitti who has just stepped down as Chair of the Finance Committee after many years of dedicated service in this important role. Thank you Alfonso for keeping the ship on a steady course in sometimes turbulent waters. Thank you as well to Helen McParland for mastering the intricacies of the Archdiocese's financial system that enables the Finance Committee to make informed decisions.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see that the church is to be closed for essential maintenance for four days from Monday 3 April to Thursday 6 April. All Masses will be celebrated in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre during this time. Make a note also of the Mass times in the run-up to Easter and the special Penitential Day on Tuesday 11 April.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

**(SP)** Next meeting of **St Peter's Justice & Peace** 7.30pm on **Mon 27 March** in the Flint Room. All welcome. Please note that the **Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross** will **not** be held on **Wed 5 April** because of the closure of St Peter's that week.

**(CTL)** The **Hand in Hand group** is due to meet on **Sat 8 April** at 2pm in St Peter's Main Hall. Please come and join us. Contact Mary on 01926 420045 for information.

**(CTL)** The **Good Friday Ecumenical Service** in Christchurch Gardens (top of Parade) on **14 April at 12 noon**. Two volunteers required to carry the cross from Holy Trinity Church to the gardens. Please call Jenny on 833378.

**(OL/SP) Race night.** Kindaid's next social event is a Race Evening on **Sat 6 May** at 7.30pm in Our Lady's church hall. Tickets £6 (incl hot supper). Any companies/groups can name/sponsor a race for £20. Contact Jo Mander 07980 315575.

**(OL/SP) Fatima Centenary** 1917 – 2017 Celebration Event: **Sat 13 May**. St Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Centenary Year. Bring packed lunch. Park in the multi-storey behind St Peter's. For details see the poster on our Fatima noticeboard opposite St Peter's piety shop.

**(SP)** At the **SPAN meeting** this month £400.00 was donated to the CAFOD appeal for emergency aid to South Sudan. Donations in The Crisis in Africa box at SP go to CAFOD'S work in Darfur in East Sudan. You may label donation envelopes for these appeals. **SPAN donations:** Last week you gave £120.00 (Gift Aid), £94.28 (General) and £17.50 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

**(SP) Friday Luncheon Club.** Next one is **31 March** at 1pm, Seasons Restaurant, Warwick Street. List on the noticeboards in the porches, to add your name/menu choice. New members welcome. For enquiries please phone Carmel 07941 840433, or John on 01926 429326.

**(CTL) Knock Shrine, Ireland:** Pilgrimage **24 April 2017** with flights from Birmingham. Contact Patricia on 07740 175557

**(CTL) Walsingham:** Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, **Sat 13 May**, led by Bishop Robert Byrne. See noticeboard in the porch.

**(CTL) The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017** led by Archbishop Bernard Longley from **Sat 27 May to Fri/Sat 2/3 June**. 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. See [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com). The Pilgrimage seeks volunteers (particularly registered nurses) to help the pilgrims. Contact [lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org)

**(CTL) The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2017** led by Bishop William Kenney from **Mon 11 to Tue 19 September**. Information and booking forms in churches or contact Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 886666, [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

**(CTL) Lifefest 17:** March for Life, Sat 20 May with Bishop Robert Byrne [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk).

**(CTL) New pro-life** petition from the charity **LIFE** with the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child to protest about the violation of safety regulations uncovered by the Care Quality Commission. Available to sign on blue noticeboard next to SP Piety Shop.

**(CTL) Country Walk:** The next Churches Together Walk will be on **Sat 22 April** at 10am around Draycote Water – full details on the poster in the church entrance.

#### Job Vacancies:

**Archdiocese of Birmingham** various roles. See list on blue noticeboard by SP Piety Shop or see [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/job-vacancies/](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/job-vacancies/)

**Our Lady's & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School:** Business Manager (20 hours) per week and Midday Supervisor (10 hours per week). Contact the School Office 424420.

**St Anthony's Catholic Primary School** is looking for an Assistant Playworker at the Before-and-After-School Club. The vacancy is for 15 hours a week and further details can be obtained from [mary-moran@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mary-moran@hotmail.co.uk) or 428800.

**The Princethorpe Foundation:** there are a variety of vacancies. See noticeboard.

**Tales of the Unexpected:** I have found it is better to wait until I see the boss's dinner before I begin my own. Some dogs cannot wait to get their heads in the trough but I believe in checking to see what might fall from the Master's Table. Best woofs, Bertie xxx

#### **(SP) IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

The church will be **closed** from **Monday 3 April** to **Thursday 6 April** for essential maintenance work. Masses will be held in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre.

#### **HOLY WEEK**

##### **ST PETER'S**

**Penitential Day:** Tues 11 April, 10am—12pm & 1-8pm

**Maundy Thursday:** Morning Prayer 9.15am; Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm; Watching at the altar of repose until 10pm

**Good Friday:** Morning Prayer 9.15am; Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross: 3pm; Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm

**Holy Saturday:** Morning Prayer 9.15am; Confessions: 9.45-10.45am;

##### **No afternoon confessions**

Celebration of the Easter Vigil, Mass: 8pm

##### **OUR LADY'S**

**Maundy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm; watching at the altar of repose until 10pm

**Good Friday:** Children's Stations of the Cross: 12 noon; Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross: 3pm

**Holy Saturday:**

Celebration of the Easter Vigil, Mass: 8.30pm



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