

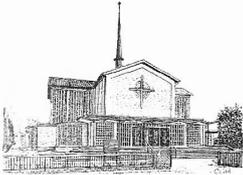
Catholics Together in Leamington

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*Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary
Time: A*



*Sunday 26th
February
2017*



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Sat 25 Feb <i>Psalter Week 4</i>	VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	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 <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		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>	<i>Day for the Unemployed</i>
Monday 27 Feb <i>Feria</i>		SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Dina Esslinger John & Helen McCann Private Intention	SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 28 Feb <i>Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Alfred & Eva Keating For Jodie	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 01 Mar <i>*Ash Wednesday*</i> <i>Day of Abstinence & Fasting</i>		SJ Sch SP SP SP SJ SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 11.45 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Private Intention Mass at Our Lady & St Teresa Sch Parish Lenten Observance J & P Stations of the Cross Tom Mulleague Margaret McLoughlin Private Intention Brian & Teresa Doyle	Rosary: SP: Noon
Thursday 02 Mar <i>Feast of St Chad, Patron of the Diocese</i>		SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Jenny McGivney Fr. Fred Bliss R.I.P	Rosary: SP: Noon
Friday 03 Mar <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>		OL SP SJ SJ	12.00 pm 12.30 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Sean Hogan Private Intention Rev. Peter Gallagher Stations of the Cross	Rosary: SP Noon <i>First Friday</i>
Saturday 04 Mar <i>Commemoration of St. Casimir</i>	VIGIL	SJ SJ SP OL OL SP	9.15 am 9.30 am 10.00 am Midday 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer People of the Parish Bernard Abbott Stations of the Cross Margaret Fitzmaurice & Family Andrea La Barbera	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00 am (Exposition) OL: at call SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 05 Mar <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>		SJ OL SP SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 3.00 pm 5.30 pm	John Feney (HU) Allan MacKay R.I.P Thomas David Wall Holy Hour with Confessions Nicholas de Pinto	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions

Last Weekend

1st Collection: £1,381.41
 2nd Collection: £570.91
 (Church Maintenance Fund)
 Thank you!

Second Collections

Today:
Saturday Friendship Group
 Next Week:
 Cathedral Maintenance
 12 March:
 CAFOD Lent Fast

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

Mary O'Hannigan, Mary Jones, Mary Kiernan, Dorothy Reeve, Patrick O'Hannigan, Enda O'Dowd, Kathleen Powell, John Thurlow, Thomas Mulleague, Delia Tully, Patrick Keegan, John Kelly
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Recently Deceased

Terence Nicholl,
 John French,
 Tony Melton,
 Margaret Pugh.
May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.

(CTL) Lent Walk with Me: Lent is truly a season of conversion, a time to return to God with all our hearts and an opportunity to renew our friendship with God. It is also a favourable time to open wide our hearts to the 'others' in our midst: to the refugee, the migrant, the recently unemployed or redundant, the prisoner, the lost, the elderly and the lonely. Walk With Me booklets are **now available** from the back of church and are free.

(OL/SP) Today is *Church Action on Poverty Sunday* and the **Saturday Friendship Group** will be making its annual presentation and appeal at all Masses at St Peter's and Our Lady's. The second collection will be for the Group. There will

be someone at the back of the church after Mass to give you more information about volunteering or giving regularly.

(OL) The monthly **Cake Sale** takes place after 9.30am Mass today (Sunday) in the church hall.

(CTL) Youth Worker Project: We would be most grateful if you could put your pledges in the box at the back of church *as soon as possible*. Alternatively you can email your pledge to patreddin@gmail.com. So far we have had a wonderful response but more is still needed to ensure that this project goes ahead. Thank you so much to everyone who has pledged.

(SP) Justice & Peace monthly meeting is **this Monday (27 Feb)** at 7.30pm in the Flint Room of the Parish Centre.

Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday! It is hard to believe but in a few days time Lent 2017 will begin our countdown to Easter. We are about to begin the journey which will determine how 2017 will be. It is God's grace during these 40 days of Lent which provide our souls with the spiritual spring clean they need as we prepare for the Easter Triduum. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting from luxuries, abstinence from alcohol. On Ash Wednesday (or before) we make the effort to keep an appointment with our Lord Jesus who will be our Personal Trainer during our spiritual workout. Fortunately he is knowledgeable about our lives and personal frailties and will design a spiritual fitness regime for each of us taking into account our issues. He gives plenty of encouragement knowing that it will probably take more than a few restarts before the Lenten body gets going. He says, remembering the words of that song: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!"

The spiritual gym is the Church itself. There are many opportunities for spiritual exercises either alone or in groups. We shall be provided with a journal called "Walk With Me". Each day has a message of reflection, encouragement and suggested prayers. There will be many additional events to aid your spiritual training regime. Check the schedule on the front of the newsletter over the next few weeks for: Stations of the Cross, Holy Hour, Hunger Lunch, Family Fast Day, The Big Picture, Bible Sunday, Lenten reflections on *Care for our Common Home*, the Kindaid Blessings Bag from Our Lady's Church. These will run alongside the existing schedule of weekday and weekend Masses, our almsgiving muscles. At St Peter's and Our Lady's we shall have some Lenten Appeals which this year will focus on the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, the Warwick and Leamington Foodbank and Mary's Meals. As well as the Cafod Family Fast Day. Check St Joseph's newsletter and website too.

One useful workout lasting about half an hour is Stations of the Cross which helps us to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ for us as he walked the steps of the Via Dolorosa. The Lord will share our walk along a similar path and will help us to our feet when we fall. The Sacrament of Confession is a key part of our Lenten journey. I wonder why we do not begin and end Lent with this Sacrament

This weekend the Saturday Friendship Group will make an appeal (at St Peter's and Our Lady's Masses) to aid the work of the Way Ahead project in partnership with the Salvation Army in Leamington to care for the homeless. This is an important commitment of care for those who seek our help to break the cycle of hopelessness and to provide a light of hope to rebuild lives and develop basic skills to cope in the future.

The situation at Trinity School following the decision of the Governors to close the Sixth Form is a very serious matter for post-sixteen Catholic education in this area. The potential lack of provision for Catholic Education is a cause for concern. Please check out the news item below to respond by attending one of meetings on the 2nd or 7th March. Check out the website and make your voice heard if you feel strongly about it.

Wishing you all a holy and blessed Lent.

Fr John

(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, you might like to read one each week of Lent to guide you through the Encyclical. Please take one - it's free!

(OL) Count your blessings. To help us to appreciate how lucky we are and to support those who have very little, please take a **Blessing Bag** from the church porches at Our Lady's and pull out one of the 40 blessings each day over Lent. All money returned at the end of Lent will go to KINDAID's charities. Why not do this as a whole family event?

(CTL) Women's World Day of Prayer This year's service has been prepared by the women of The Philippines. Calling all women and men to support this ecumenical event. St Mark's Church, Rugby Road on **3 March** at 2pm. Particularly we would love to hear from any Filipino members of our congregations. Please contact Anna 07837 437088.

(OL/SP) Fair Trade Fortnight starts this Monday 27 Feb, we will be 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.

(CTL) Trinity Catholic School: There are two Community Information Evenings for people to question the head, governors, local authority and the Archdiocese regarding the proposal to close the Sixth Form - Thursday **2 March** 12noon-1pm and Tuesday **7 March** 6-7pm. The consultation document can be downloaded from the school's website www.trinity-school.org.uk

(CTL) Dormer Senior Citizens. The first meeting of 2017 is next Saturday **4 March**. Everyone is most welcome. Can we tempt you to come along and enjoy some delicious refreshments? We indulge in a game of bingo and there is always a raffle. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of friendship and fun starting 1.30 for 2.00 pm in St Peter's Main Hall.

(CTL) SPAN Donations: Last week you gave: £5.00 (Gift Aid), £69.69 (General) and £31.59 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

(CTL) SPAN needs a new **Treasurer** this year. If you are a supporter of SPAN, can use Excel spreadsheets, have kept accounts before, and can spare a few hours a month (a bit more at year-end), please contact Jonathan Holden on 01926 420045 or jaholden@virginmedia.com.

(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 learnenglish2succeed@gmail.com or telephone: 07790 674 505.

(CTL) The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10 - 18 March 2017**. You are invited to send 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 is doing. Like to help? Please contact Jenny: jenarmstrong@talktalk.net

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

(CTL) The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 takes place from Saturday **27 May** to Friday/Saturday **2/3 June**. There are two travel options by coach or air and prices start from £439.00. Booking forms are available on the heating ducts (by the statue of St Anthony) in St Peter's or on the tables in both entrances at Our Lady's Church. More information can be downloaded from www.tangney-tours.com.

Tales of the Unexpected : That cat. THAT CAT!! He has reneged on our agreement. It is one thing to look the other way but wherever I look I see him smiling at me. On the fence post, on the wall, under the hedge. THAT CAT is everywhere. It's as if he made the rules and I have to keep them. Well there's a volcano boiling up inside me and if I see that THAT CAT goading me tomorrow when I am Top Dog I may have to go to confession! Best woofs, Bertie xxx



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