

Catholics Together in Leamington

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

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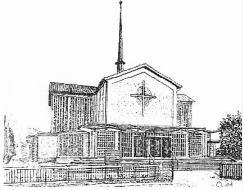
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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (A)



Sunday 28th
May 2017



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Saturday 27 May <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Judith Gregory Jo Doran Thomas Ryan	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 28 May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord		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>
Monday 29 May <i>Solemnity of Dedication</i>		SJ SP SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 4.30 pm	Nora Cawley Margaret Partridge Reception: Gerry Quinn	SJ No Novena to Our Lady BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 30 May <i>Easter Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Roy Stanford Requiem: Gerry Quinn	Rosary: SJ 9.10am Rosary: SP Noon
Wednesday 31 May <i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Eric Twissell Fr Adrian Morrin	Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 01 June <i>Memorial of St Justin</i>		SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Joyce Thomas James Lambe	Rosary: SP Noon OL Day of Prayer for Vocations: Exposition from 2.30—6.30pm
Friday 02 June <i>Easter Feria</i>		OL SP SJ SJ	12.00 pm 12.30 pm 5.00 pm 7.00 pm	Eileen Lawless Margaret Newsom Reception: Sarah Mackay Mr & Mrs Connelly	SJ Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 03 June <i>Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga & Comps.</i>	VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Requiem: Sarah Mackay The Drury Family Mike Godwin Jim Lambe	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 04 June Solemnity of Pentecost		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Intentions of Myrna & David CONFIRMATION MASS Margaret Tew Mary & Mont Jenkinson	SP: 3.00pm Exposition <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>

Last Weekend

First Collection: £1,044.99
Second Collection: £504.68
(Church Maintenance Fund)
Thank you for your generous donations.

Second Collections

Today
Catholic Communications
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

Mary Gordon, Ida Carter,
Michael Godwin, Doris Bales,
Dorothea Wolfenden, John Monaghan, Edward Blake,
Mary Harrison

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.

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

Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday to Thursday, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 2.30pm to 4.00 pm. Closed Mondays & Fridays (appointments only).

Dear Parishioners,

I think we are all still in shock at the horrific events in Manchester last Monday. We will be remembering the victims, the wounded and the grief-stricken in our prayers this weekend.

What makes a good hymn? Well I think there are two key elements required. First a good tune and second the right words. Of course there are other factors too but the words and the music need to be memorable. On the Feast of the Ascension one hymn springs to my mind, "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus". I wonder what came first the words or the music? For me the words suggest the music. They describe the story of the Ascension of Jesus. A hymn is a religious message, a prayer of faith. We engage in it by humming or singing it and it helps us to express this key moment for our spiritual lives. The Ascension hymn, "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" is a wonderful hymn of our Catholic Faith. Perhaps you might like to read or sing it today.

Every Blessing,
Fr. John

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

(CTL) General Election 2017: A letter to Catholics in England & Wales from their Bishops is available to pick up in church.

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne,
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore?'

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;

alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

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(CTL) Youth Worker: Those of you who have *already* pledged money towards this important project for the wider Catholic Parish of Leamington should have received a letter regarding how to go forward with your donation. If you *haven't* received a letter, please email patreddin@gmail.com. You can still make a pledge. Forms are at the back of your church. Interviews start on 16 June. Watch this space.

World Communications Day: The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord has been chosen to host World Communications Day as it reflects his mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news". Today, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image, online and offline. Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the collection. Some prayer cards are available at the back of church.

(SP) The St Peter's Justice & Peace **Rosary Intention** for June is 'In the centenary year of Our Lady's appearing at Fatima, we listen to her message and pray for peace in our world.'

(SP) Next weekend – Pentecost Sunday (**4 June**) – from 11am to 12.30pm in the Pump Room Gardens (All Saints, if wet), St Peter's J&P, SPAN, and other parish organisations will be displaying their activities – have a look at our stand! And on **17-18 June**, St Peter's will be opening the church to visitors for the Leamington Peace Festival weekend – please drop in to welcome them.

(CTL) Grandparents Association: Next meeting will be **Sat 1 July** at 10.30am in the Davenport Room.

(CTL) The Hand in Hand are due to meet on **Thurs 1 June**, at 7pm in St Peter's Main Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us. For information contact Mary on 420045.

(CTL) Celebrate, the Catholic Family Conference, is running a weekend for families at St Mary's College, Oscott on **1-2 July**. The theme is "Seek First His Kingdom". The weekend will be a faith-filled, fun event for all ages, providing Christian teaching from inspirational speakers with lively praise and worship. Teenagers and children have their own streams with age-appropriate input and activities. The website www.celebrateconference.org has full details of the programme and how to book places. Please contact birmingham@celebrateconference.org for more details.

(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 (which falls on **Sun 4 June**). 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

(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) SPAN Donations last week £425.00 (Gift Aid), £74.41 (General) and £23.72 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

(SP) 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.

(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, is putting on a summer concert in Our Lady's Church on **Sat 15 July**. More details will be available soon, but please put the date in your diary.

Tales of the Unexpected: Do political candidates receive any dog awareness training? What I would like to know is how they plan to improve the lot of man's best friend (sorry, we can't say that anymore)...a person's best friend. Best woofs, Bertie xxx