

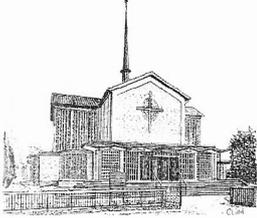
Catholics Together in Leamington

Our Lady & St Peter's, with St Joseph's

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Seventeenth
 Sunday in
 Ordinary
 Time



30th July
 2017



Saturday 29 July VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Michael Dowling Maureen Canavan Nellie Pigget	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 30 July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Paudy Molloy Edward Heffernan Derrick Hands	SP: 3.00pm, Exposition
Monday 31 July <i>Psalter Week 1</i> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	SP	10.00 am	Angela Blakey	
Tuesday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri</i>	SP	12.30 pm	Private Intention	Rosary: SP Noon
Wednesday 2 August <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Eileen Lawless Margaret Tew	Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 3 August <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Jerry Noonan Patrick Moran & deceased members of the Moran family	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 4 August <i>First Friday</i> <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	OL SP SJ	12.00 pm 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Tara Fitzpatrick Gerry Quinn David Harwar	Rosary: SP: Noon SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 5 August <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Jerry Noonan Patrick Thornton Rose & Glyn Clark Robert McManus	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 6 August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	David Harwar Denis Donegan Lawrence & Breda George Kajkowski	SP: 3.00pm, Exposition

Collections last Weekend

First Collection: £1,153.47
 Second Collection: £1,574.27
 The Missions
Thank you for your generous donations.

Second Collections

Today
 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 Our Lady's & St Peter's.
Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them. Amen.

Anniversaries

David Pugh, Daniel Ryan, Mary Pettipher, Concetta Clews, Filippo Turturici, John Rellis.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Recently Deceased

Timothy O'Connell, James Hannon, Denis Dineen, Marie Houlihan, Patrick Thornton, Brian O'Reilly.
May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.

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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire. They make interesting reading. I think it is probably the first time (ever?) where parishioners have had an opportunity to give their opinions, suggestions, compliments and ideas about the church and the practice of their faith. The outcome will require the Parish Pastoral Council together with representatives from the Archbishop's Council and clergy to work out how best to proceed. One of the overriding concerns evident in the replies is that each of the three churches should have a Family Mass, each should have a Vigil Mass and that there should be at least one Sunday evening Mass, although views differed about where this should be celebrated. There is a strong desire for an 8.00 am Mass, as there is for a sung Mass, although the time of 11.30 am is viewed by many as being too late in the morning as it delays the preparation of the Sunday lunch. Parents want a Sunday Mass which is early enough to allow their children to attend youth football or other sports events and training. Many people see the opportunity to attend Mass as the deciding factor in the way they organise their weekend while others focus on the importance of Mass as the place where a community can meet for coffee afterwards. So as you can see there is a whole range of views and thoughts to consider. Not least of these is the vital resource in this whole question: priests, permitted to celebrate two Masses each day and who need at least two hours between each Mass.

Last weekend Fr. Bob Devaney announced that he would be moving from St Joseph's to take up an appointment in Stafford. There he will be combining two churches and working in collaboration with the main church of St Austin's, similar to our own situation in Leamington. Currently there are seven Parishes in the Diocese without a Parish Priest but I was very pleased to hear that St Joseph's will have a new Priest starting in September. He will take over all the responsibilities of Fr Bob but also another role in Canon Law. This is similar to Fr Patrick in Warwick who is currently involved in the amalgamation of St Mary Immaculate and St Charles Borromeo and teaching one day a week at Oscott College. In this respect I too have an extra hat to wear as Dean (or area manager!) of Warwick Deanery. Here I have eleven full-time clergy and six retired; nine parishes; 15 churches (of which five have already amalgamated with their neighbouring church and three have clergy who will soon be - or already are - over 75 years of age).

The general trend seems to be for churches to amalgamate rather than to close and for the number of Masses to be reduced. We are also slowly moving towards a greater lay involvement in the liturgical, pastoral, administrative and practical aspects of the life of the Church community. Many of the tasks previously managed by the clergy are of necessity being shared with the laity and colleges such as Maryvale are offering part-time courses for lay people interested in exploring this further. We can see that many of stalwart members of our community have either retired, moved or gone to heaven. I was reminded recently that 40 years ago St Peter's was one of the first parishes to have Eucharistic Ministers. Nowadays we understand better the importance of this role to help the Priest to distribute Holy Communion and help to visit the sick and the housebound.

As we lose long-serving members of our community, we need new people to step forward and combine their gifts and talents with others for the greater good of the parish and the wider community as we are the sign of the presence of the Living Christ.

The last year has been a time of huge upheaval and change but let us not be disheartened even if that process has tested each one of us and taken us out of our comfort zone. Not one of us likes change and yet we live in an ever changing world where we must quickly adapt to the challenges of our age.

Trust in our church and the people of God who are the bricks, the mortar the love that binds us together with Jesus as our sure foundation.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

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

(SP/SJ) SPAN: Donations last week £78.38 (General), £110.00 (Gift Aid) and £82.00 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

(SP/OL) Former Mayor Jane Knight thanks all the generous parishioners who donated to her charities at the Civic Mass in April. The £415.58 which was collected will purchase equipment for diagnosing diseases at the Bo Children's Hospital in Sierra Leone.

(SP/OL) CAFOD's campaign 'One Climate, One World' is evolving and its new thrust is for renewable energy in poorer countries for education, now called 'Power to Be'. With one in six people still living without electricity, the hopes of millions of the world's children are all too often a distant dream. Renewable energy can transform their lives – so they don't have to depend on unreliable, dangerous and unhealthy energy sources. From next week we will have the opportunity to send a campaign card to ask for more support for renewable energy from the World Bank.

(CTL) Senior Citizens' Tea Party, Sat 5 August starting at 1.30 pm in St Peter's Church Hall, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA. We warmly welcome new members for a traditional tea, bingo, raffle and an afternoon of companionship. Just turn up, no pre-booking required.

(CTL) Hiroshima Day 2017, Sun 6 August. At 6.00pm there is a service at Coventry Cathedral: reflection with music, readings and silence. Information: David Fish on 07779 784786 or davidfishcf@msn.com

(CTL) Choral Vespers of 1610 by Claudio Monteverdi to be performed on **Sat 2 September** at 8.00 pm by The Summer Choir and Consort. Director Peter Irvine. Organist David Williams. Free entry. Retiring collection for Hunger-Aid through Cafod.

(CTL) Harvington Pilgrimage—Sun 3 September: Advance notice that a coach is being arranged. Details nearer the time but if you are interested, please keep a note of the date.

(CTL) The Gift: Life in the Spirit. The CaFE series, The Gift, will be running on Wednesday afternoons 1.15-2.45pm starting **13 September** over six weeks in Lillington (28 Cubbington Road, CV32 7AB). For more details please contact Caroline Graham on 01926 257123

(OL/SP) "Come and See" – talks about the Catholic Faith. Our weekly "Come and See" sessions will begin on **Wednesday 13 September**, 7.30pm in the Flint Room of St Peter's parish centre. Contact Margaret on 01926 428399.

Congratulations



Ian Guest & Katie Crawford who married at St Anne's in Wappenbury yesterday. We also congratulate parishioners who have recently married further afield:

Alexander Friend & Lily Hamnet

May the Lord God bless each of them with long, loving and fruitful marriages.

The Justice & Peace at St Peter's **Rosary intention** for August is 'We pray for young people facing change at this time of the year, that their future may be one of peace, growth and concern for others.'



(OL/SP) Parish social events: The next event will be a **Quiz on Fri 15 September** followed by the annual pudding extravaganza, **Just Desserts on Sat 14 October**. Put the dates in your diary now! More details soon. **(CTL)** The vital support provided by **local children's centres** is under threat. As funding becomes tighter there is a proposal to cut the nine centres in Warwick District down to three. WCC is holding a public consultation until 11 September. For more information and links to explanatory documents, see www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask.

(SP) Tales of the Unexpected: I had a nasty experience last week. One minute I was minding my own business and sniffing a lovely scent in the park on my morning walk, the next I was being hunted by a fierce Alsatian intent on my demise. Once captured the owner then accused the boss of not keeping me under control. We were both very shaken by the incident and I will report it to the dog warden. Can I ask you to pray for two friends of mine who have gone to animal heaven and their owners who are very upset at this time. Best woofs, Bertie. xx

St Peter's Cleaning **Team 4** for this coming week.

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).