

Catholics Together in Leamington

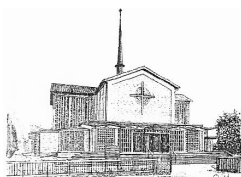
St Peter's, Our Lady's & St Joseph's: Working Together

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*Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary
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*Sunday 5th
February
2017*



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Sat 4 February <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	McGivern & McHugh Family Michael McKeown Brenda Margaret Dineen	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (& Exposition); SJ: 10.00 am (& Exposition); OL: 11.45am; SP: 4.15 pm
Sunday 5 February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		SJ OL SJ SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	John Fenev Peter Lawless Mary McGlynn School & Enrolment Mass Confirmation Mass: Bishop William Kenney Confirmation Children People of the Parish Teresa Owen	
Monday 6 February <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs</i>		SJ SP SJ	9.45 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Requiem Mass: Brian McCann Monica McVeigh Sr Mary Vaughan RIP	SJ Mass with Novena to Our Lady
Tuesday 7 February <i>Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Susan McGill Madgie O'Callaghan Sean Hogan	Rosary: SJ 9.10 am; SP Noon
Wednesday 8 February <i>Feria</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</i>		OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Vera Sloane Brian Rowlands	Rosary: SP: Noon
Thursday 9 February <i>Feria</i>		School SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Mass at Our Lady & St Teresa's School Joseph Hanrahan Vi Donagmie Maria Lazzara RIP	Rosary: SP: Noon
Friday 10 February <i>Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin</i>		School SJ OL SP	9.30 am 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	St Peter's School Mass in church Bridie Murphy RIP Rory & Peggy O'Rourke Richard Jauncey Joseph Slattery	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10 am; SP Noon
Saturday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.00 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Douglas Lowe Annete Frawley Michael Woodcock Wedding: Michael Cleaver & Katherine Moran Noel McGivern Richard Gould	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (& Exposition); SJ: 10.00 am (& Exposition); OL: 11.45 am; SP: 4.15 pm
Sunday 12 February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Monteiga and Saez Family People of the Parish Mark Green Eileen Murphy Ian Wilshire RIP	

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Dear Parishioners,

This is an important weekend for the young people of our parish. On Sunday nearly 40 youngsters from the three Catholic primary schools served by St Peter's will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11.30 am Mass. Bishop William Kenney, our Area Bishop for Oxfordshire, Coventry and Warwickshire, will call down this wonderful gift on our young Catholics to help them to become active in their membership of our community. We welcome them, their sponsors, families, friends and teachers to this special Mass.

Living our faith is rarely an easy option in the world today. It is a challenge to the mind, heart and will of each person as we respond to the invitation of Jesus who says, "Follow Me". The word "follow" requires us to make a choice to keep the Lord in mind and remain ever close to Him. This we try to achieve through our Catholic Faith which guides and informs the steps of our Christian journey. The Holy Spirit is the Gift of the God, Father and Son. It is the total giving of the Most Holy Trinity which unites human nature with the Divine and helps us to know God's enduring love in our lives.

To "follow" requires us to be vigilant as we watch and listen to Jesus who is our teacher and example. Through his Word, God is in constant dialogue with us and seeking our response to Him. The word of God is "love" and it is a word which is communicated to the whole of humanity. We know that love is the key to who and what we are as people, how we think and act, how generous we are in our response and most especially how we use the gift of love we have received. We also know what happens when love is misused or misunderstood. We know we have an awesome responsibility to share our understanding and experience of the faith with those who are learning what it means to be Christian.

For young people who are learning how to make informed choices, the Holy Spirit is a wonderful gift but with it must also come our guidance and example. Together (parents, sponsors, teachers & parishioners) we have a special responsibility to nurture the faith of our young people through the practise of our own.

Caring and promoting the youth of our parish, nurturing and encouraging their Christian faith is something we know we need to do better. Today as the Holy Spirit comes down on us I ask you to be open to the proposal to employ a Parish Youth Worker for the three Leamington Catholic Churches of St Peter's, Our Lady's and St Joseph's. The successful applicant will engage, teach and encourage all of us and especially our young Catholics to be active and joyful in our faith. This is about the future of our Church. Please listen, pray and respond to this proposal with a generous heart.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

The Justice & Peace at St Peter's **Rosary Intention** for **February** is "to pray for refugees suffering and dying from extreme weather conditions on the continent of Europe, and for those who are helping them."

(CTL) Marriage Preparation: Couples marrying (or planning to marry) later in 2017 or in 2018. The parish's excellent preparation course will start at end of the month (**27 February**). A few places are available. Booking essential. Contact martin_foley@btinternet.com

(SP) U.C.M. Meeting 7.30 pm this coming **Wednesday 8 February** in the Davenport Room. It is a discussion and planning meeting. Could as many members as possible please attend.

(CTL) Grandparents' Group: meeting on **Saturday 11 February** in the Davenport Room of the St Peter's Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass. All grandparents or stand-in grandparents etc are invited to come for coffee, a chat and sharing ideas for the future. Can you bring a poem about grandparents with you to share?

(OL) KINDAID: Our next fun fundraiser is a Quiz in Our Lady's Church Hall on **Friday 24 February** at 7.30 pm. With Larry Connor as Question Master it is great fun with lots of banter. Entry £3.00 each. Refreshments essential & available.

(SP) You, the Bible & God's big plan: The BIG PICTURE. For this year's Lent and Easter season there is a 12 week inspirational bible course and DVD. The main session for the parish of Leamington is on Thursdays and starts on **23 February** at 1.30 pm in St Peter's Main Hall. The book and DVD can be purchased from St Peter's Piety Shop for £10.00. Bring a friend who may be interested. Please sign the flipchart at the back of St Peter's Church or contact Peter 01926 428399 / email: mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

(OL/SP) Traidcraft: Could anyone help with a stall on the weekends of **5 and 12 March** at OL or SP, at any Mass? This will be Fair Trade Fortnight. Contact Jenny Armstrong on 885347.

(CTL) During this Fatima Centenary Year the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting various cathedrals and churches in 2017. The journey starts at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 18 February**. For full details see the new Fatima News noticeboard opposite St Peter's Piety Shop.

(SP) St Peter's Aid to the Needy seeks a new **Treasurer** this year: ideally a parishioner who can use Excel spreadsheets, (and has kept accounts before). Please contact Jonathan Holden on 01926 420045 or email jaholden@virginmedia.com

(CTL) The next Churches Together walk is around Ashow on **Saturday 18 February** at 10.00 am – details on the poster in the porch.

(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) Dinner Dance for Medical Aid for Palestine on **Friday 17 February** in St Peter's Centre from 7.30 pm Meal by Habibi Restaurant. £15.00. Phone Brian 07989 667106 for tickets in advance as it is usually a sell-out.

(SP) St Peter's has been a CAFOD Live Simply parish for two years. How are we doing? The Live Simply team had a review meeting recently as Jenny Armstrong reports: "The good news is that we are doing much better – less landfill waste and more recycling. However we're not always getting it right. Sometimes our recycling loads from the Parish Centre are spoilt by food waste. So please note that all **food waste** goes in the **black bins** for landfill not the recycling ones (at home you can put your food waste in the green bins." More good news: shrink wrap, cling film and bubble wrap can now be recycled.

(CTL) SPAN donations: Last week you gave: £50.00 (Gift Aid), £60.62 (General) and £19.43 (Crisis in Africa). Thank you.

Last weekend's collections : 1st Collection: £1,233.37, 2nd Collection: £1,392.04 (LIFE). Thank you!

Second Collections : Today - Church Maintenance Fund, Next Week - Racial Justice.

Tales of the Unexpected : I have had a great week at Kenilworth Kennels while the boss was away. Many thanks for their kindness and hospitality. Now an important message for the cat : "I am back !" Best woofs, Bertie

Pray for the sick and 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

Margaret Caves, Maureen Barriscale, Susan Linton, Witold Niewiarowski, Gerard Walsh, Frederick Plummer, John Moody, Kathleen Keane, Bill Lee, Matylda Librowska, Noel McGivern. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

Recently Deceased

Brian McCann, Anne Doyle, Michael Woodcock, Kathleen Taylor, Jesus Guntin, Mary Kitchen, Kathleen Hardaker-Jones, John Flanagan. *May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*