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This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. For our brothers and sisters in some of the Eastern Catholic Churches this is the day when cards and gifts are given, as it recreates the gifts given by the three wise men. As you know I have been with you a little while now and I feel it's time to gradually introduce one or two changes to the parish timetable. (Don't worry it won't be earth shattering!!) I would like to begin by offering a period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings at 6:30pm directly before the 7pm Mass. During this time of prayer the novena to Our Lady will take place. Some weeks I will lead it and some weeks it will be led by the parishioners. This then allows us to give focus to the Memorial or Feast Day that is celebrated by the Church on that day. The second slight change is that from next month the first Friday Mass at 7pm will permanently move to 9:30am in the morning. The novena to the Sacred Heart will take place at 9:15am each Friday. This again allows us to give the same respect to the memorial or feast that may be celebrated that day. Rosary on Tuesdays and Morning Prayer of the Church on Saturdays continue at 9:15am. We pray for the school as they return after their Christmas holiday. We hope staff and pupils are well rested and raring to go!! Have a great week and God Bless Fr Andy.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa, Anne Bergonzi, baby Joseph Gibbons

The Lawns

Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John

L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

Winifred Galvin

Clarence House

Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont

Clarendon Manor

Angele Handford, Christina Kelly

Castle Brook

Marjorie Smedley

Galanos House

NEXT WEEK 14.1.18	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Liz Leddy	Liam Kearns, Jill Sheard, Tony Harris
5.30pm	Salvatore Monastero	Josie Whittington, Pam Hamilton, Paddy Close



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day
candle burns
for the Recovery of Sue Cleary*

7TH JANUARY 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

Monday 8th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Therefore, we will be having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm when we will have our usual Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and our Mass will follow at 7.00pm. This will enable us both to honour Our Lady and to give the appropriate focus to the Feast Day.

All Counters! There will be a meeting on Thursday evening, after Mass, at 7.30pm and I would appreciate it if as many of our counters as possible would try to be present. The meeting will be in the Holy Family Room. Thanks, Fr. Andy

Cold Weather: This must be the worst time of year to be homeless and hungry. Please **don't forget the baskets in the narthex** for dried and tinned food to be given to those who need it so badly.

Monica Prayers: This gentle time is a specific opportunity for those present to pray for their loved ones who have abandoned their faith. The group will meet in church on **Fridays for about half an hour's** time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It will be held in one of the three churches each week, and will be announced in the newsletter. This week it will be at **Our Lady's at 10.30 (after Mass)**

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions: Would you like to **burn Our Lady's 7 Day Candle** in memory of a loved one, for **someone's intentions, in**

thanksgiving, or for any other reason? Then please complete an envelope located by **Our Lady's statue in the church.** The suggested donation is £5.

200 Club: The next collection will be on 14th January 2018. Membership costs only £1 a month and the 200 Club makes a significant contribution to the maintenance of the parish as well as being enjoyable for those fortunate enough to win!

A Quick Journey Through the Bible: Meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 28 Cubington Road, Lillington, CV32 7AB between 1.10—2.45pm For more information please contact Caroline on Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk/01926257123.

VACANCY: Caretaker/cleaner is required for our Parish Centre. This will require approximately 5 hours per week and the hours will be variable. If any parishioner is interested, please speak to Fr. Andy or Hazel as soon as possible.

Evangelisation Team: Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 8th January at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, **St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE.** It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help us share the Good News, especially as we start a New Year. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399

Car Parking: On those occasions when it isn't possible to get into the car park, please remember to park with consideration for our neighbours!

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Saturday 6 January <i>Psalter Week 2</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Josephine & Michael O'Neill Bridget O'Donnell	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 7 January Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish John Lane Philis O'Neill Susan Day & Tony McAndrew John Gately	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 8 January 2018 Feast of the Baptism of The Lord	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Thomas McDonnell & Family Bill McCabrey	SJ Exposition & Novena to Our Lady: 6.30pm
Tuesday 9 January <i>Feria</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	McGarrell & McSharry Families Edith Lucia Ryan & husband & son Michael	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 10 January <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	10.00 am 12.30 pm	Nora O'Callaghan Robert Szypillo & Family	Rosary: SP noon
Thursday 11 January <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Donal Duane & deceased of the Duane Family Intentions of Joan Gibbons	
Friday 12 January <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	SJ OL OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm	Holy Souls Fr Laurence Crowe <i>St Monica's Prayer Service</i> Madgie O'Callaghan	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon. Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 13 January <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Private Intention Jack & Hannah Daly Thomas Ryan; & Ann O'Keeffe	SJ: 9.15 Morning Prayer Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00am; OL: 11.45am
Sunday 14 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ** Peace Sunday **	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Robert Gibbons RIP Kathleen Josephine Taylor John Stephens May McCrea	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Brown, Janis Berganis, Enid Young, John Joseph Crowley, Joan Cotter, William O'Toole, Margaret Murphy, Evelyn Henn, Letitia Toye, Monica Silk

May they rest in peace

RECENTLY DECEASED

Olga Kelly who was resident in The Lawns died on 22nd December. We offer our condolences to the family. Her body will be received into church on Monday 15th January at 5pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 16th January at 11am followed by burial in Leamington Cemetery at 12.30pm.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory

BAPTISM

Sunday 21st January at 12 Noon
Dani and Kaci McCarthy

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.00am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
7.30pm Choir Practice
Thurs: *No Music Group*
7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World
Sun: 200 Club collection after Masses

LAST WEEK

31.12.17
Offertory Collection:
£516.50
Thank you

2nd Collection:
None
Attendance
221



New Year Shared Supper: Saturday 13th January St. Peter's Parish Centre after 5pm Mass and to include St. Peter's, Our Lady's and St. Joseph's. Bring food and drink to share. Entertainers wanted! Contact Peter 428399.

Those who lead/belong to a parish group or have a ministry in the Church are invited, eg. Sacramental Preparation, readers, SPAN, Mass co-ordinators, Christian Life Community, SVP, choir, Evangelisation Team, as well as other parishioners who would like to meet up with others in our parish community.

For catering purposes, could you please give an estimate of how many from your group are likely to come by Friday 12th please.

Laudete Si and the Parish Newsletter. Each week St Josephs and St Peters produce a paper newsletter. For the last three weeks the items on each newsletter have been more or less identical. This to me is a waste of time, energy and resources. So, I would like a list of people who would be willing to receive the newsletter by email each week. I will also meet with Fr John to discuss a realistic newsletter for the three Leamington Churches which will hopefully reduce costs to us and St Peters. This will also bring us more in line with the thinking of Pope Francis and his document 'Laudete si' which asks us to think outside the box a little bit more, to be caring for the environment around us and not to be wasteful of the Earth's precious resources.