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In the liturgy of the word this weekend we see how Job wrestles with his dilemma. He is faced with the tragedy of the human condition and the hiring of a slave who awaits his day's pay. Dilemma cause us to be restless just like Job and sometimes in order to solve dilemmas we must tackle them head on. This is not easy for any of us! In the second reading we see how Paul realises his preaching of the Gospel is a role of service and not a role of lordship. In preaching the Gospel he becomes "all things to all people". In the Gospel reading we see a very explicit characteristic of Jesus public ministry. That is the mission of healing. Jesus ministry is full of accounts of his healing of both psychologic and physical illnesses. This makes us realise that this healing ministry is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago. I hope by now the announcement of the new Mass times in Catholic Leamington has had time to sink in. Myself and Fr John feel that this is a positive move for the three churches and we hope you do so too. In the next week or so I will produce an overview of the parish finances. This is simply an opportunity for you to see the parish income and expenditure (and to cast an eye over your PP's expenses!!). I hope the overview will be satisfactory to you. God bless, Fr Andy.

28TH JANUARY 2018
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

NEW MASS TIMES AT ST. JOSEPH'S
From next Sunday, 4th February, St. Joseph's Mass
 times will be 9.00am and 5.30pm

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, Kathleen Hammond and Rosa Venatica. **John L'Estrange**
 Winifred Galvin

Clarence House Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
 Clarendon Manor Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
 Castle Brook Marjorie Smedley
 Galanos House

Enrolment for First Communion: This evening, at the 5.30pm Mass, we welcome the children who will make their First Communion later this year. The liturgy at this Mass will be led by the children.

Just a reminder: as we get used to an earlier start on Monday evenings with Exposition and Novena starting at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. This allows us to give the appropriate focus to the feast of the day as well as honouring Our Lady.

All Counters - The previously postponed meeting will take place this Thursday, 1st February, at 7.30pm and I would be very grateful if as many of those as possible who take part in the counting could attend. Thank you!

Mass Intentions: *In case you did not see a St. Joseph's bulletin last week, I have left this item in. My thanks to those who have responded.* As we begin a new year, it is perhaps appropriate to mention the pattern of requests for Mass Intentions. You will notice that for the Sunday Masses we often have to have two intentions for the same Mass, whereas during the week we often have no request for intentions at all! These Masses are usually put in as a 'Special Intention'. This rather puts the theory that the Mass Offering will feed the priest for a day in question - otherwise we'll have a very thin priest!

On a more serious note, it is an important part of our Catholic life to offer prayer for others and offering the prayer of the Mass is a most precious gift. Please give this some thought - I am reluctant to have to go to another parish to ask for extra Mass Intentions, but the fact is we no longer have any requests here.

Altar Servers: It always enhances the liturgy when there are servers on the altar. Perhaps parents could encourage their children to think about offering their services? Please **don't be put off volunteering** because you sometimes see servers already present at Mass—starting alongside more experienced servers is a good way to learn! We would really welcome more volunteers.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop William Kenney on Tuesday 10th July at 7.00pm. Let us remember to pray for those children who are preparing to be confirmed.

200 Club January Draw: The next collection will be Sunday 4 February.

Lectio Divina: Lectio takes place on the third Friday of each month. By the third Friday of February, 16th, we will just have entered Lent. Therefore Lectio will be held each week from then until Easter, starting at 10.00am and it will take place in the presbytery. All are very welcome.

NEXT WEEK 4.2.18	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Katherine Wimpenny	Jill Sheard, Tony Harris, Liam Kearns
5.30pm	Amy Cawood	Paddy Close, Josie Whittington, Pam Hamilton



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for A Private Intention (MM)

Services at St. Joseph's for the coming week

Date	Mass Time	Intention
Sunday 28 th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 4</i> 2 nd Coll: Parish Maintenance	8.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Betty Sheehan Teresa Owen Anniv.
Monday 29 th January <i>Feria</i>	School Mass 2.30pm 6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 7.00pm Mass	David Macaulay RIP
Tuesday 30 th January <i>Feria</i>	9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Thanksgiving (MT)
Wednesday 31 st January St. John Bosco, <i>Memoria</i>	<i>No service</i>	
Thursday 1 st February <i>Feria</i>	7.00pm Mass	Thanksgiving for Recovery: Baby Joseph Gibbons.
Friday 2 nd February The Presentation of the Lord <i>Feast</i> First Friday	9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart	Baby Joseph Gibbons, Thanksgiving
Saturday 3 rd February <i>Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 10-10.45am	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i> 2 nd Coll: Pro-Life	9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Len and Winifred Arran Peter and Mary Darby

Laudato Si and the Parish Newsletter. *If you are happy to receive your bulletin by email, perhaps you could post a note of your email address through the presbytery door. Thank you.*

I will be meeting with Fr John shortly to discuss a single, realistic newsletter for the three Leamington Churches.

Web Explorers: Information from St. Mary Immaculate Parish. How would you like to help our parishes to further advance in the digital world? Come to our web-builder workshop at the Parish Office this spring where you will learn everything to do with building a website from scratch. This will include hosting, editing and using different media etc. You will also be part of a great team, enjoying a hobby which is fun! The date of the workshop can be agreed with those interested. Please contact Sandra at St Charles' or Andy at the parish office (S.M.I.)

Ministers and Readers: By this time, you should all have received a request to confirm which Mass you prefer to accept duties at, in the light of the time changes announced last week. Please let Jan know a.s.a.p. what your choice is— including Mass times at the other churches. Information about anyone wishing to change venue will be passed to Kate Tennyson.

The flowers in church this week are donated by Kitty Crutchley in memory of her late husband Don



LAST WEEK
21.1.18
Offertory Collection:
£523.15 Thank you
2nd Collection:
None
Attendance
268



ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Talmage,
Myranda Lyntott,
Charles Shinkwin,
Richard Randall,
Linda Stoodley, Peter
Joseph Harding,
Thomas Shinkwin

May they rest in peace

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 2nd Coll: Parish Maintenance
Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.00am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
7.30pm Choir Practice
Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team 1
10.45-12.15 Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
7.30pm Counters' Meeting
Fri: 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30, 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World
Sun: 200 Club collection
2nd Coll: Pro Life

News from the Youth Erin, our Youth Worker, is formulating an exciting programme for 2018. This includes leading the youth of the three churches in Masses on the following dates:

March 25th
(Palm Sunday), April
29th, June
24th and
Sept 30th.



We are fortunate that these will take place at St. Joseph's at the 5.30pm Mass and we welcome all the young people and thank them for their willingness to enlarge our liturgy in this way.