

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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In our first reading today we see how the attitude towards those suffering from leprosy was not based on the contagious nature of the disease but on how those who suffer from the illness were to be feared and kept apart from society. This is also reflected in the Gospel reading where we see Jesus healing a leper to the surprise of the gathered crowd. This week marks the beginning of Lent. We have two Masses here on Ash Wednesday. Please do take the opportunity to receive ashes. Of course Lent is a time when the Church asks us to undertake the biblical disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Let us use this season to really take seriously these ideals. An extra prayer here and there throughout our day, a little more Friday fasting perhaps? In terms of almsgiving we will have plenty of opportunity to donate to various charities both at home and abroad over the Lenten season. We will also have a prayer donation tree in the Narthex and the donations will go to St Josephs primary school. I have been thinking that the Church, Hall and grounds are beginning to look a little 'tired' and maybe now is the time to give them some TLC. Further details in the coming months. I will also be following up Fr Bob's plan for a new sign for the Church. God bless you, Fr Andy

11TH FEBRUARY 2018
 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

NEW MASS TIMES AT ST. JOSEPH'S
 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, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa, Anne Bergonzi, baby Joseph Gibbons
- Warwick Hospital The Lawns
- Clarendon Manor Castle Brook Galanos House
- Mary Hendry
- Mary Behan, Kathleen Hammond and Rosa Venatica. **John L'Estrange**
- Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
- Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
- Marjorie Smedley

LENT

Ash Wednesday: This week sees the beginning of the Lenten season, with the distribution of ashes during Mass on Ash Wednesday. The school will be with us for the 9.30am Mass and there is a second opportunity to receive ashes at the 7.00pm Mass.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent we will have two Stations of the Cross each week. On Mondays, at 6.30pm instead of Novena to Our Lady, we will have different but more traditional Stations. On Friday evenings, at 7.00pm, we are fortunate in being able to experience a Justice and Peace inspired Stations of the Cross, which I can certainly recommend.

Lectio Divina: As always, during both Lent and Advent, our monthly Lectio moves to weekly meetings. Lectio will be at 10.00am every Friday, in the Presbytery and all are very welcome.

Lenten Alms: Our Tree of Intentions will once again be in the narthex. This year, the proceeds will go to the school.

During Lent, we will have 3 special collections: the first is to be for the House of Light and Hope in Beirut, the second for Zoe's Place, the Children's Hospice and the third for The Springfield Mind Mental Health Charity in Warwickshire. There will be a short presenta-

tion at our Masses about each cause.

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.

STAFF VACANCIES - ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:

Cleaner—10 hours per week (3.15-5.15pm Monday-Friday)

Middy supervisor: 6.25 hours per week (12 noon-1.15pm Monday-Friday)

Please contact the school office for an application pack and further details. (01926 427552)

Echoes of Erin Concert: St. Patrick's Irish Club, Adelaide Road, Leamington on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Adults £10, **Under 16's £5. Tickets available** from Donal Murphy on 01926 429434 or at the Club.

NEXT WEEK 18.2.18	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
9.00am	Carol Bowler	Ted Forde, Liam Kearns, Tony Harris
5.30pm	Honor Hynes	May Murphy, Julia Leask, Hilary Callow



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Harwar Intentions

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10 February <i>Psalter Week 3</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Philomena O'Neill People of the Parish Noel McGivern	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 11 February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SJ OL SP SJ	9.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Clarence & Patricia Harwar, & Ian Wilshire Private Intention Katie Hannan Mary, James & Betty Gilvarry & Maria Lazzara (Anniv)	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 12 February <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	John & Mary Smythe & Family Intentions of Mary K. Hendry	SJ Exposition & Novena to Our Lady: 6.30pm
Tuesday 13 February <i>Feria</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Ita Cotter, sick James Graham	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday	SJ OL SP SP SJ SJ	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm 7.00 pm	<i>With school</i> Anthony Lambert <i>With school</i> <i>With schools</i> Mavo Harrison Reception: Margaret "Peggy" Devanney Fr Jack Keegan Month's Mind	Rosary: SP noon
Thursday 15 February <i>Thursday after Ash Wed.</i>	SJ SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Requiem: Margaret "Peggy" Devanney Veronica Murphy Eileen Mary Dunton RIP, & Sue Cleary	Rosary: SP noon
Friday 16 February <i>Friday after Ash Wed.</i>	SJ OL SP SP SJ	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.00 pm 7.00pm	Intentions of Jill & Cyril Sheard Kathleen Hannan Bridget Lynch <i>St Monica's Prayers</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon. Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 17 February <i>Saturday after Ash Wed.</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mary Moloney, & Ann Hobbs Private Intention Eileen Lynn Margret Soomro Ellen O'Sullivan	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 18 February First Sunday of Lent	SJ OL SP SJ	9.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Murphy Family Intentions Private Intention Katie Hannan Josephine Lawson RIP	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Thank You: The Patterson family would like to thank parishioners for their kindness, thoughts and prayers for their son Brendan, during the last year. Brendan is now in remission and back at work.

200 Club February Draw: 1st prize Liam Dowling, 2nd prize Marian Dwyer

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 further exploring the possibility of a single, realistic newsletter for the three Leamington Churches. Watch this space!

Ministers and Readers: Thank you for your patience during this rather sudden change-over: as always, you fill in when necessary and gloss over any gaps, for which we are very grateful!

Dormer Senior Citizens: This is a reminder that the 2018 Teas are starting again on Saturday 3rd March at 2.30pm at St. Peter's and all seniors from the three churches are very welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret (Peggy) Devanney died on 29th January. We offer our condolences to her family. Funeral arrangements: Her body will be received into church at 5.00pm on Wednesday 14th February and her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 15th February at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood. *May she rest in peace and rise in glory*

ANNIVERSARIES

John Moran, Ian Wilshire, Robert Tagert, Maureen Halsey, Peggy O'Rourke, Edward Sullivan

May they rest in peace

BAPTISM

Dheekshara Charles Sunday, 11th February at 12 noon
Teddy Patrick Paul Williamson May 2018

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 12 Noon Baptism
Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.00am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
7.30pm Choir Practice
Thur: Church Cleaning: Team 2
No Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: 10.00am Lectio Divina, Presbytery
5.30pm Karate
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat: 7.30, 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World

LAST WEEK
4.2.18

Offertory Collection:
£644.91
Thank you

2nd Collection:
Pro Life £170.87

Attendance
275



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.