

Catholic Leamington: Our Lady's with St Peter's, and St Joseph's

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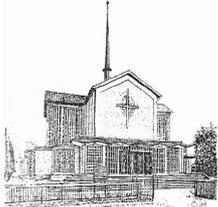
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



4th
February
2018



Saturday 3 February <i>Psalter Week 2</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	John Mealy Ann O'Keeffe Ann Quirke	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 4 February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	SJ OL SP SP SJ	9.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 5:00 pm 5.30 pm	Len & Winifred Arran Clive Hodges Martin Wall People of the Parish Reception: James "Gerry" Larkin Peter & Mary Darby	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 5 February <i>St Agatha</i>	SP Sch SJ	10.00 am 2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Requiem: James "Gerry" Larkin St Joseph's School Mass Gerry Larkin	SJ Exposition & Novena to Our Lady: 6.30pm
Tuesday 6 February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Mary McGarvey John F. O'Sullivan	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 7 February <i>Feria</i>	OL SP SP	10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Thomas McDonnell & Family Alberto Dimambro Reception: Kathleen Hannan	Rosary: SP noon
Thursday 8 February <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Requiem: Kathleen Hannan Robert Gibbons	
Friday 9 February <i>Feria</i>	SJ OL <i>OL</i> SP	9.30 am 10.00 am <i>10.30 am</i> 12.30 pm	Maureen Hughes Eileen Lawless <i>St Monica's Prayers</i> Joseph Hanrahan	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon. Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Bridie Murphy Jean-Louis & Francoise's Family Philomena O'Neill People of the Parish Noel McGivern	Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00am; OL: 11.45am
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	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Collections Last Weekend

First Collection:
£1,188.64

Second Collection:
£674.24
Racial Justice

Second Collections

This Week:
LIFE

Next weekend:
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 porch at St Peter's.
Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them. Amen.

Recently Deceased

Fr David Condon, Gerry Larkin, Julia Esslinger, Kath Connelly, Katie Hannan, and Richard Mulrone. *May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

Anniversaries

Margaret Caves, Maureen Barriscale, Gerard Walsh, John Moody, Kathleen Keane, Francis Noel McGivern, Kieran Long and John Croasdell. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

Music at 11.30 Mass

Mass The German Mass by Franz Peter Schubert

Motet – Steal away to Jesus – Traditional

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St Peter's Cleaning
Team 3 this week

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the new Mass times for Sunday in Catholic Leamington begin. I expect the changes will catch a few people out. Hopefully the slight alteration to the Mass times will settle down after a few weeks. Fr Andy and I will be introducing a new one sheet newsletter for the three churches which is a sign of how we are working together and liaising over common issues. Such joint initiatives also help to save money — more about that later.

We have a second collection this weekend for the charity LIFE. With such a spread of parishioners from different parts of this country and abroad, many of you may not be aware that this charity began life (excuse the pun) here in Leamington. To this day its headquarters remain here although its service extends throughout the country and beyond. LIFE seeks to provide a non-political and non-denominational service of care for women and men who are affected by abortion — those who are considering one, or who need urgent accommodation and support in their pregnancy as well as counselling. It also helps married couples who are experiencing difficulties with conceiving a child. I'm sure you will extend your customary generosity to this cause.

In two weeks' time Lent begins on St Valentine's Day. That's easy to remember. Someone suggested we make the mark of the ashes with a heart shape for Ash Wednesday. Our Masses will be at 9.30 am at St Joseph's for both Parish and School; 10.00 am Masses — one at Our Lady & St Teresa's School and the second at St Peter's Church for our other primary schools. St Peter's Church will have its usual lunchtime 12.30 pm Mass as well as a 7.30 pm Mass in the evening; St Joseph's will also have an evening Mass at 7.00 pm. At the St Peter's 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm there will be a collection — more about that later.

The diet of Lent is of prayer, penance and almsgiving. I have produced a sheet for each of us to see when we shall have our special services, extra Liturgies, Stations of the Cross and Lenten Laudato Si reflections. The Walk With Me booklets and calendars will be distributed next weekend. They are free but actually cost the Parish £1.00 each — more about that later.

So what is it all about? Well I don't talk about money too often but perhaps I should. The bottom line is that St Peter's is currently running a deficit of £25,000. There are a number of reasons for this. A series of expensive repairs to the church and property and a drop in income in real terms. Our congregations have changed too and perhaps people don't realise that the money you put on the plate is used by the parish and the diocese to fund the Mission of the Church. Every parish is levied to provide a contribution to the diocese. In our case it is about £25,000. Parishioners are incredibly generous to charitable causes but the church is itself a charity. St Peter's Aid for the Needy is a separate charity — not part of the administration of the parish but equally dependent on your gifts. As Fr Noel says a £1 coin in the church looks big but £1 in the supermarket is very small. Our overheads are considerable with heating, lighting, water, council tax and so many hidden extras (staff costs; electrics, boilers and plumbing repairs; £500.00 a time for the Walk With Me booklets; £500.00 + for copyright licences...) In some countries the Church is supported by the state. We are not. It is what you give that pays for the work of the Church.

So I need to ask everyone to think about how we can increase the income of the parish. Could parish groups who use the Hall make a small donation for example? One or two do, of course, if not regularly then a donation when they can. But groups in general are subsidised by the parish to the tune of at least £30.00 a session. With our serious financial situation we are constrained by staff costs as to how much time we can devote to the Hall now, and inevitably this is frustrating to those who are used to a certain level of customer service! Please be generous to the First Collection and to the Church Maintenance Fund Second Collection. Please Gift Aid if you can, this is a huge boost to the churches' coffers. I'm planning to give a lot more information to you about the building maintenance and repair programme so you can see where the money goes.

If you'd like to help with fundraising please let me know. Similarly if you could join the Finance or the Building committees the parish could benefit from your expertise. However the church is not a business, it is a charity. And a charity that needs you who belong to it, who worship in its churches, to give a bit more to support it financially. If you can each answer this rallying call for support with, say, the cost of a cup of coffee in town, what a fantastic start that would be.

With every blessing,
Fr. John

SPAN QUIZ: in aid of Saturday Friendship Group. **Friday 9 February.** Price £4.00. AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES!!! Time 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm quiz start in SP Main Hall. Contact Paul Hayden 07907 452235 for tickets or come along on the night.

Summit Prayer Group: Next session on **Tuesday 6 February** at 6.00pm in the Flint Room of St Peter's Parish Centre. Young people in Years 6 - 9 are invited to join. Just come along.

Country Walk: The next Churches Together walk is from Ufton on **Saturday 17 February** at 10am: full details on the notice in the church entrance.

This year's Lenten CAFOD Family Fast Day is on **Friday 23 February.** To support this important fundraising event for our National Catholic Charity, there will be a "soup and roll" lunch after the 12.30 Mass on this day in St Peter's Main Hall. Your support will be much appreciated.

TRAIDCRAFT Our next stalls will be during '**Fair Trade Fortnight**', **26 February – 11 March**, when we will have stall at both SP and OL (SP weekend 3/4 March and OL weekend 10/11th March). Anyone able to help at SP particularly would be a bonus. If you can help please email jenarmstrong@talktalk.net or ring 01926 885347.

FILM – Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Sequel" on Climate Change: St Peter's Hall 1.30-3.30pm after Mass on **Friday 16th February.** FREE. But please bring your own lunch at 1pm, drinks provided.

"Caring for Our Common Home" (Laudato Si'): Every Thursday starting on 22nd February at Our Lady's Church 7-8.30pm. A course about Pope Francis' encyclical. Please book in advance – sheet at the back of church.

World Women's Day of Prayer: Friday 2 March at St Mary's in Lillington. "All God's Creation is Very Good!" Women from Suriname lift up their voices to remind us that we are caretakers of God's creation!

J&P: This coming **Thursday 8 February** is the Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking. We can give thanks that the testimony of three residents of Caritas Bakhita House (a London refuge for women rescued from modern slavery), who had been trafficked from Romania and forced into

The Justice & Peace Group's Rosary Intention for February is to pray for those who are anxious about their future because of unemployment or redundancy or money problems.

prostitution in the UK, recently resulted in the jailing of their traffickers.

Grandparents: You are invited to an informal get together, coffee and chat on **Saturday 24th February** after the 10.00 am, Mass at St Peter's Church. Meet in the Davenport Room. We will have Mary Holden to talk to us about the Hand in Hand experience and working with people with special needs. We aim to share our grandparent experiences - the joys and difficulties and support each other. Contact John Armstrong on jarmstrong31@talktalk.net or 01926 885347.

Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion

If you have a child in Year 3 or above who wishes to be prepared for these Sacraments, sessions will begin at Our Lady's shortly. Please contact Mary Rouse on 07540 532785 or maryrouse@rocketmail.com for further information.

Used Stamps: Keep these and pop them through the Presbytery letterbox as they can be used for charity. There is no need to ring the bell.

Fr Hudson's Annual Fundraising Ball:

Saturday 17 February at the NEC in Birmingham. See poster in church entrances.

SPAN: Our treasurer has resigned due to health issues, so please help us find a new treasurer, someone with financial experience and able to use spreadsheets. **Gift Aid:** £140.00, **General:** £69.62, **Crisis in Africa:** £38.69, **Quiz Tickets:** £132.50. Thank you for your generosity.

Tales of the Unexpected: Through my mentoring Fr John is becoming a naturalist. He studies the birds, trees and the world while I spend time sniffing a scent. Sometimes I can spend 3-5 minutes when it is a good one. The best scent is comparable to salted caramel, once sniffed it is hard to drag myself away. Best woofs, Bertie. X

Bookings/enquiries for **The Dormer Conference Centre & St Peter's Parish Centre:**
email Royce McParland: dormercentre@gmail.com

The Parish Office is open for enquiries from Tuesday to Thursday. 10am - 4pm. We are not always able to answer the door so please make an appointment if you need to speak to a member of the clergy.