

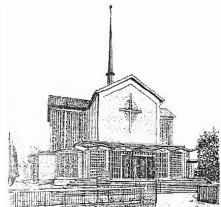
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*Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary
Time*



*11th
February
2018*



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 <i>Sixth Sunday</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick & the Unemployed</i>	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	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 James Graham	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 14 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i> <i>Mass, & Distribution of the Ashes.</i>	SJ OL SP SP SP SJ SJ SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 11.45 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	<i>At Church & with school</i> Anthony Lambert Lenten resolutions ***Stations of the Cross*** Mavo Harrison Reception: Margaret "Peggy" Devanney Fr Jack Keegan Private Intention	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 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 7.00 pm	Intentions of Jill & Cyril Sheard Kathleen Hannan Bridget Lynch <i>St Monica's Prayers</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	SJ: Sacred Heart Novena SP: noon. Rosary SP 11.00am Exposition
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 Gerry Larkin Margret Soomro Ellen O'Sullivan	SP: 9am SJ 10am Exposition SJ: 10.am Confessions SP: 9.15am Confessions OL: 11.45am Confessions SP: 4.15pm-4.45 Confessions
Sunday 18 February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	9.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Murphy Family Intentions People of the Parish Katie Hannan Josephine Lawson	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Collections Last Weekend

First Collection:
£1,303.42
Second Collection:
£942.90
LIFE

Second Collections

This Week:
Church Maintenance Fund
Next weekend:
SPAN Lenten Alms

Ash Wednesday

There will be a single Collection for:
Mission of the Church

We pray for the sick and the housebound

who request our prayers
Their names can be found on the noticeboard lists in the porch at St Peter's and Our Lady's .
Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them. Amen.

Recently Deceased

Peggy Devanney, Bridget Hayes, Giuseppe Arena, Patrick O'Keefe, Fr David Condron, Gerry Larkin, Julia Esslinger & Katie Hannan. *May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

Anniversaries

Terence Nicholl, Matylda Librowska, Gerard Walsh, Daniel Hendry, Gwyneth Chetwynd-Chatwin, Dorothy Berry, Jerry Collins, Anne, Croasdell *May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

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St Peter's Cleaning Team 4 this week

Dear Parishioners,

This is my last Dear Parishioners in its present format. From next weekend Catholic Leamington will produce one newsletter together. It will be a work in progress and helpful suggestions are welcome. More news will probably appear in the online version on catholicleamington.org.uk as it is difficult to cram everything and sometimes groups can feel short-changed on the amount of their news that it is printed. The joint newsletter will save printing costs but at the same time it would be helpful if more people signed up for an email copy.

This weekend is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time until June. On Wednesday we begin our 40 days of preparation for Easter with six weeks of fasting, prayer and almsgiving (remember, your parish is a charity). As well as the regular offering of Masses we have a good selection of extra events. With a spirit of cooperation between parishioners and clergy, a programme of events has been worked out which offers something for everyone and at different times across the day and weekend. Getting to a weekday Mass during Lent is easily achievable across three churches.

The 'Walk With Me' booklets and calendars for children will be distributed at Mass and in the schools as usual. This booklet will encourage us to follow the example of St Ignatius and the Spiritual Exercises. May our Lenten resolutions stay the course longer than our New Year ones... it may help to remember the words of the Gospel from Ash Wednesday: Don't parade your good deeds... your almsgiving must be in secret... pray in your private room... do not put on a gloomy face when fasting... your Father sees all that is done in secret and will reward you. So let us limber up to get ourselves in peak condition for Easter. *If you are able to, please contribute to the cost of the booklet — there is a wall box in the porch opposite the Piety Shop.*

On Wednesday 21st February the Archbishop has requested St Peter's Church as the venue for the Requiem Mass of Fr David Condon. He who served here from 1978-82 and was for over 30 years the Parish Priest of St Francis Assisi in Kineton. It is an honour to host this event on behalf of the Diocese. Bishops and clergy from across the Diocese will attend. The parish had five months to prepare for the last mega event like this when Fr Roger was Ordained. This time we have less than two weeks!

The Lenten study programme is Laudato Si. It is a good, solid text about the care of our creation. There are reflections and practical items for each week. The problem with plastic packaging and the way we recycle is one of the many topics covered in the Lenten Study Programme. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the churches.

Talking of sign-up sheets there is a signature sheet in St Peter's to try and stop the Council cutting down beautiful old trees and hedges as part of its plan to build 176 residential units on its Riverside site — with NO provision for social housing. Given the ever growing need in a town where families struggle to make ends meet, this is short-sighted to say the least. Let us pray that wiser counsel will prevail (no pun intended).

With every blessing,
Fr. John

PS Read Pope Francis Lenten Letter on Vatican News or via paper copies from Wednesday.

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.

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.

Pastimes: Pancakes are on offer after Mass this coming Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday. Come in and enjoy a pancake or two – and the usual good company – in return for a donation towards church repairs and maintenance.

Summit Prayer Group: Next session on **Tuesday 13 February** at 6.00pm in the Flint Room of St Peter's Parish Centre. Young people in Years 6 - 9 are invited to join. A core group has built up but more are very welcome — just come along.

A Lenten Calendar will be given to everyone this week for us to use during Lent and help us relate to Pope Francis' encyclical letter "Caring for Our Common Home" (Laudato Si'). Valentine's Day is the day the Climate Coalition is highlighting how climate change will put those things we love at risk. Following this a film **Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Sequel" on Climate Change** will be shown 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Dementia Awareness talk in St Francis's Parish Hall, Kenilworth, Thursday 15th February 7-9pm. There will be a presentation by a Kenilworth Admiral nurse (a dementia specialist) and a family member with relevant experience. Everyone is welcome and light refreshments will be served. Please contact David Burton on 07713 246987.

This Saturday 17 February 10.30 to 4 pm **Birmingham J&P Commission's Retreat** at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park led by Fr Dries SJ: reflection, silence, prayer for all interested in peace and social justice. £10 collected on the day. Bring packed lunch. Details and registration bham.jandp@gmail.com

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.

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

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!

Dormer Senior Citizens will begin again on Saturday 4th March.

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. 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.

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:** £30.00, **General:** £73.55, **Crisis in Africa:** £17.82. **Quiz Tickets:** £102.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Tales of the Unexpected: Stop and listen to the birds. They have so much to say to us at the moment. Fr J has put out some bird seed and we are helping to provide a haven for natives & visitors from warmer climes. I keep the pigeons at bay whenever I see them.. Best woofs, Bertie. Xxx

Music at 11.30 Mass

Mass Veni Sancte Spiritu by RR Terry

Motet – God so loved the world by J Stainer