

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

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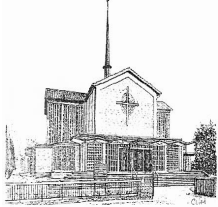
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



28th
January
2018



Saturday 27 January <i>Psalter Week 1</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Norma Forde Mrs N Quirke Hughie O'Sullivan	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 28 January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Racial Justice Sunday*	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Betty Sheehan Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Intention: Mary Kelly Franco Griffin Eddie & Mary Duffy Teresa Owen	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 29 January <i>Feria</i>	SP Sch SJ	10.00 am 2.30 pm 7.00 pm	John & Mary Smythe & Family St Joseph's School, Whitnash David Macaulay	SJ Exposition & Novena to Our Lady: 6.30pm
Tuesday 30 January <i>Feria</i>	Sch SJ SP SP	9.15 am 9.30 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mass at St. Patrick's Sch. Thanksgiving Martin Wall <u>Reception:</u> Richard Mulroney	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>	Sch Sch SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm	Mass at St. Anthony's School Mass at OL Sch. - Eileen Lawless <u>Requiem:</u> Richard Mulroney	Whole School Mass Rosary: SP noon
Thursday 1 February <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	M. E. Elsey Baby Joseph Gibbons	
Friday 2 February <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	SJ OL SP SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.00 pm	Baby Joseph Gibbons Tricia Fitzpatrick Phyllis Harrison <i>St Monica's Prayer Service</i>	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon. Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 3 February <i>St Werburg, St Blaise, St Ansgar</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Mary Mollan John Mealy Ann O'Keeffe Ann Quirke	Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00am; OL: 11.45am
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 <u>Reception:</u> James "Gerry" Larkin Peter & Mary Darby	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Collections Last Weekend

First Collection:
£1,245.17

Second Collection:
£582.94
Church Maintenance Fund
Thank you for giving generously.

Second Collections

This Week:
Racial Justice

Next weekend:
LIFE

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

Gerry Larkin, Julia Esslinger, Kath Connelly, Katie Hannan, Richard Mulroney and Olga Kelly.
May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.

Anniversaries

Brenda Dineen, Frederick Plummer, Carl Geaney, Michael Stack, Anne Rellis.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Music at 11.30 Mass

Mass Veni Sancte Spiritus by R. R. Terry

Motet – O Taste and See by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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St Peter's Cleaning
Team 2 this week

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend at each Mass you received a statement explaining the process of consideration and the implementation of change following the analysis of the questionnaires. Just to remind you that the new Mass times will begin on Sunday 4th February. At St Joseph's the first Mass is at 9.00 am, then Our Lady's at 10.00 am, St Peter's at 11.00 am and the usual evening Mass at 5.30 pm. There is no change to the times of the Vigil Masses at Our Lady's or St Peter's.

It has been very quiet in the Presbytery following the departure of our Y4 Seminarian Sean Gough after the 11.30 am Mass last Sunday. The experience of having such a dedicated and energetic young person has shown us that where there is a will there is a way. Filled with the Holy Spirit and bucket loads of drive, Sean's legacy shows us that anything is possible when we submit ourselves to the service of Our Lord. I asked him about who is in the pipeline in Year Three at Oscott College and was very dismayed to learn that there are no Seminarians for our Diocese in training at our local College so we won't be able to repeat the experience next year. Instead let us pray ever more intensely for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. I am sure we are all aware that the number of clergy is ever declining which means the opportunities for lay involvement is ever increasing! We need more helpers right across the board, both visible to parishioners at Mass (readers, servers and Eucharistic ministers) and invisible helpers such as cleaners, members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Saturday Friendship Group, people on various committees and active in parish groups. Those currently involved are the people who have responded to the call of the Holy Spirit to help. We now need those of Sean's age, those with families whose children are more independent, those who have an hour or two free from time to time and want to do something good for the community. Many people often hark back to experience gained through church involvement and volunteering. For those applying for jobs, such voluntary work provides an employer with a candidate who stands out from other applicants. Not that we necessarily volunteer to aid our job prospects but it can give us the edge.

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life come from people who are involved in the Church. Our Christian belief is based on the commandment of Jesus to love God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our might and to love our neighbour as ourselves. This should be our prayer every day, to think about how much we love God and how much we love our neighbour. When equated with how much love we give ourselves it puts the commandment into perspective.

With the season of Lent on the near horizon and Ash Wednesday on 14th February perhaps we might use this time of preparation for Easter to examine what the sacrifice of Christ means for us and how we can imitate the generosity of his love by what we can offer him through caring for our parish community.

Every blessing,

Fr. John

N.B. Blessing of the Throats after the Saturday Masses at St. Peter's and Our Lady's next week **3rd February**

Archbishop Bernard Longley writes: During this important year for the Church, and in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin and the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, I invite all within the Archdiocese to discover anew God's love revealed in Jesus Christ through the Eucharist. By attending one of the "Eucharist and the Family" days in 2018 I pray that our diocesan family will come to encounter more deeply the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and discover our true home in God's family, the Church, so that we can better share our faith with others." For further information see the posters in the porch.

KINDAID's The Ultimate Games Show: at OL Parish Hall, **Saturday 3**

February 6:30pm. This allows you to take part in all of your favourite TV quiz shows all on one night. Price: £7 (£3.50 for child under 12), £20 family ticket. Ticket includes 2 course supper. Places limited. **Erin adds:** "It's a great opportunity for families to come together and have fun. Any young people who come without families we can make a team up together. Email me to let me know you are coming and don't forget to reserve your ticket!"

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.

Justice & Peace meeting this **Monday 29 January** at 7.30 pm in the Flint Room (St Peter's Parish Centre Annexe). All welcome!

Summit Prayer Group: Next session on **Tuesday 30 January** 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.

The Hand in Hand Group is due to meet on **Thursday 1 February**, at 7.00pm, in St. Peter's Main Hall. We welcome new parishioners. For more information contact Mary on 420045.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL AT OL - Many thanks to all our supporters - we sold £100 worth of goods - mostly sale crafts which were real bargains - and chocolate to cheer up the January days! The profits go to those who work so hard to produce the goods so that they can get a fair price for their labours. Our next stalls will be during '**Fair Trade Fortnight**', 26 Feb - 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.

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 fund raising event for our National Catholic Charity, there will be a "soup and roll" lunch immediately after the 12.30 Mass on this day in St Peter's Main Hall. Your support will be much appreciated.

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.

For Parishioners who would like to attend **Kath Connelly's funeral**, this will be held at 10.30 am on **Wednesday 31 January** at the church of St Peter and St Paul, 552 Kingsbury Rd, Birmingham B24 9ND, followed by her interment at Oscott Cemetery.

Play on the Rock toddler group is always looking for more volunteers to put their name on the helpers' rota. Please contact Jo Mander on 01926 739993 if you would like to find out more about what is involved.

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: The last SPAN meeting heard about Panguma Mission Hospital in Sierra Leone and the House of Light and Hope in Beirut. We responded to appeals to alleviate dangers to children in Ghana, to provide basic needs of families in Uganda and to support a project in East Africa this Summer. 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:** £59.71, **Crisis in Africa:** £30.00. Thank you for your kindness.

Tales of the Unexpected: It is so quiet without Seanie. Every day he spared some time for me and I appreciated his attention. The legacy of our friendship is for him to realise that a dog is an indispensable part of Presbytery life. My counterpart in Whitnash is Monty, Fr Andy's Golden Labrador puppy. When he is old enough I shall share with him some suggestions about how to train his Master. (They think we obey them but in truth we help them to obey us.) Best woofs, Bertie. Xx

The Justice & Peace Group's Rosary Intention for January is to pray that Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

