

ST PETER'S, LEAMINGTON SPA



The J&P **Rosary Intention** for March: We pray for all those who are homeless that they may find shelter, security and hope.

SPAN: The next meeting is **tomorrow (12th) at 7.30pm** in SP Hall. Penelope Halpin will talk about the work of "Welcome Here Leamington Spa & Warwick" in supporting five Syrian refugee families resettling locally. Your SPAN contributions last week were: **Gift Aid** £15.00; **General** £18.98; **Crisis in Africa** £1.71. Thank you.

Lenten coffee morning: St Patrick's School in aid of St Chad's Sanctuary on **Thursday 15 March** at 2.30pm. All parishioners warmly invited.

Luncheon Club: The next luncheon will be on 23 March at 1.00 at Seasons Restaurant, Warwick Street. New members always welcome. Tel. Carmel 07941 840433

Altar Servers: rehearsals for Holy Week will take place on Good Friday (30 March) at 10.30 am and Holy Saturday (31 March) at 11.00 am. Please make every effort to attend.

The SP Choir, with Rob Forbes and David Borsada, will be singing The Crucifixion by John

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Erin Doughty our Parish Youth Worker on 07584 272629; erin@parishyouthministry.org.uk

Summit Prayer Group: Next session on **Tuesday 13 March** at 6.00 in St Peter's Parish Centre. Young people in Years 6 – 9 are invited to join. Just come along.

'**Fearless**' Retreat for Years 5–9 will be held from **20–22 April** at Alton Castle. It costs £69.00 (excluding transport). **Summer Camp** runs from **29 July to 2 August** at Alton Castle.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Wall, Richard Lawrence, Daryl Connon, Robert Szypillo, Christine Williams, Rita Devlin, Billy Higgins, Philly O'Connell, Carmen Cunningham, Bridget Hayes, Nunzia & Giuseppe Arena. *May they rest in peace and their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Paddy Sugrue (senior), Kathleen Farrell, Denis O'Rourke, Helen Werner, James Downey, Roland Wildman, Frank Benson, Rose Baldwin, Maureen Hurley, Eileen O'Sullivan, Christina Collins, Maureen Martin, Gerard Maguire, Jack Badger, Denis O'Neill, Mary Crosthwaite, Anthony Worrall, Nora Monica O'Brien, Norah Tayler, Michael Hartnett, Cornelius Sexton, Michael Dender, Bernard Wattedot, Betty McCarthy and Mary Burton. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

Stainer as a Lenten meditation in SP Church on Palm Sunday, **25 March** at 7.30pm. There will be a collection in aid of Epilepsy Research.

Churches Together in Leamington: The ecumenical service of the 'Raising of the Cross' on **Good Friday** needs two volunteers to carry the cross. Please call Jenny on 01926 833378.

Fr Hudson's Care: Please pick up a leaflet as the charity seeks to recruit foster carers locally.

Tales of the Unexpected: The house can be a very noisy place. We have many visitors to see everyday. I like to bark my warning before they even press the intercom. At night I can hear more clearly. Last week I barked a warning when there was a burst pipe in the loft. I never bark for fun... well only occasionally on my day off! Best woofs, Bertie X

Music at 11.00 Mass: Veni Sancte Spiritus by RR Terry
Motet: Ecce Paris, a Portuguese melody

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First Collection: £909.81

Second Collection: £724.11

Lenten Alms Springfield Mental Health

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEKEND

Second Collection: Lenten Alms — Zoe's Place

It is for young people in Years 7–13. This week is life-changing and well worth planning your summer holidays around. It costs from £195.00 to £265.00.

Deposits are now being taken for both these events. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Erin and she will email you the full details.

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Parish Priest St Joseph: Fr Andrew Franklin

Assistant Priest: Fr Noel Breslin

Retired Clergy: Fr Christopher Greaney

Deacon: Rev David Palmer

Sunday 11th March
Fourth Sunday of Lent

I remember family holidays to the seaside. Having travelled many miles of motorways, traffic jams and hours of country roads the first glimpse of the sea made me shout with joy: "I can see the sea!" Today we all experience that kind of heartfelt joy as we celebrate Laetare Sunday — taken from the Latin word which means rejoice! — in the knowledge that Easter is near. In a few short weeks we shall celebrate with joy the Resurrection of the Lord.

As we think about the joy of this day perhaps we might also thank God for the gift of our mothers as this is Mothering Sunday. Traditionally this was a day when house servants could return to their family home. So, as well as the flowers and gifts for our mothers, perhaps we might think about how we can return home to our Mother Church by participating fully in the Holy Week and Easter celebrations and experiencing the joy of reconciliation and forgiveness of our sins in preparation for receiving Our Lord.

Every blessing, Fr John

GENERAL NEWS

Dementia Prayer Week, now in its tenth year, runs from **Monday 12 to Monday 19 March**. Bishop

David McGough has written the following prayer for us to pray at this time:

Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in You. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Cleaning	Team 2	St Joseph's
Cleaning	Team 4	St Peter's
Monday	12th	6.30 Stations of the Cross, SJ
Monday	12th	7.00 Fourth session of Lenten Course Laudato Si', OL Hall
Monday	12th	7.30 SPAN Meeting, SP Parish Centre
Wednesday	14th	11.45 Stations of the Cross, SP
Wednesday	14th	6.45 Stations of the Cross, OL
Friday	16th	10.00 Lectio Divina, St Joseph's Presbytery
Friday	16th	1.30 Monica's Prayers, SP
Saturday	17th	St Patrick's Day

SERVICES THIS WEEK FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY <i>Psalter Week 4</i>	10 MAR	OL SP	12.30 5.00	Kath Connolly Antonio da Costa
SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT <u>LAETARE SUNDAY</u>	11 MAR	SJ OL SP SJ	9.00 10.00 11.00 5.30	Mary Barr RIP Raymond & Betty Brelsford Tony Iwanikiw Margaret McLeer RIP
MONDAY Lent feria Dementia Prayer Wk.	12 MAR	SP Sch SJ	10.00 2.30 7.00	John & Louisa French Mass at SJ School Kathleen Spalding RIP Maurice Griffin—sick
TUESDAY Lent feria Dementia Prayer Wk.	13 MAR	SJ SP	9.30 12.30	Intentions of Jamie Goodwin Service of the Word and Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY Lent feria Dementia Prayer Wk.	14 MAR	Sch SP	10.00 12.30	Mass at OLST School Eileen Lawless Denis O'Neill
THURSDAY Lent feria Dementia Prayer Wk.	15 MAR	SP SJ	12.30 7.00	Eileen O'Sullivan Private Intention
FRIDAY Lent feria Dementia Prayer Wk.	16 MAR	SJ OL SP	9.30 10.00 12.30	Anne Hobbs RIP People of the Parish Larry Sherry
SATURDAY Feast of St Patrick Patron of Ireland	17 MAR	SJ SP VIGIL OL SP	9.30 10.00 12.30 5.00	People of the Parish David Manning Katie Hannan Celestina Guierros
SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	18 MAR	SJ OL SP SJ	9.00 10.00 11.00 5.30	School Mass: Jimmy Dunne's Intentions People of the Parish Brian McCann Richard Lawrence RIP

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
SJ: 10.00
OL: 11.45
SP: 9.15 & 4.45
Sunday
SP: 3.00-4.00

EXPOSITION

Sunday
SP: 3.00-4.00
Friday
OL: 10.30
SP: 11.00
Saturday
SP: 9.00
SJ: 10.00

ROSARY

SJ: **Tuesdays & Fridays**, 9.10
SP: **Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays**, Noon

MORNING PRAYER

Saturdays
SJ: 9.15
SP: 9.40

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday Evening
SJ: 6.30
Wednesday Day
SP: 11.45 (J&P)
Wednesday Evening
OL: 6.45
Friday Evening
SJ: 7.00 (J&P)

ST MONICA'S PRAYERS

This coming Friday at SP at 1.30

ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH



Today's 2nd Collection will be for Zoe's Place, the children's Hospice

The Church: Our Church is now open from 9am until 7pm (or after the evening Mass). A locked Church simply says "we are closed for business". Please do avail yourselves of this opportunity for daily prayer and reflection, particularly during the season of Lent.

Parish Hall: If you are celebrating a baptism, birthday or special occasion or looking for somewhere to hold a funeral reception for a loved one, please consider using the parish hall. It is used by the wider community but was built by the pennies of parishioners to be used by parishioners. Further details and availability from the parish office.

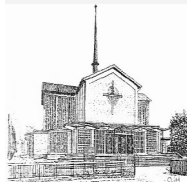
Lenten Alms: Our remaining Lenten Alms Collection after today will be the House of Light & Hope, Beirut, Lebanon on the 18 March.

Holy Week: Candidates for the washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday, readers and ministers for



At St Joseph's this week Our Lady's seven-day candle burns for the Sugrue and Murphy family intentions.

OUR LADY'S, LILLINGTON



Traidcraft: There is a stall this weekend. **Please come and browse and stock up on Fairtrade goodies.**

Vacancy: Class Teacher at Our Lady & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School. A full time position to join our wonderful school in September. Contacting the school for an application pack on 01926 424420.

Country Walk: The next Churches Together walk is at **10.00 on Saturday 17 March** to Whitnash – full details on the notice boards. This is, as its name suggests (!), an ecumenical group that meets monthly for fresh air, fellowship and pub grub. Email ctlwalkers@gmail.com to receive updates.

Pentecost Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Fr John will be leading a Pilgrimage to Walsingham from **21-25 May 2018**. It will include visits to the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, daily Mass, reflections

Palm Sunday and the Triduum are needed—please sign the forms in the narthex if you can help.

The Children's Stations of the Cross in Church: This will take place on Good Friday at 11.30am

The Hunger Lunch will be on Good Friday at 12 noon. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help.

Altar Servers: In preparation for the Holy Week services, practices will be arranged with Fr Andy and Nial for those who wish to take part. This is the most important week of the year in the Church, please try to attend.

Cards: for Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter are available in the Repository—do go and browse.

Feast of St. Joseph Monday 19th March: To celebrate our Patronal Feast, Mass will be at **9.30am** in church, with the school.

200 Club: Subscriptions will be collected at both Masses this weekend.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of the Church **Peter Leary**, who will be Baptised on Thursday.

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK: £628.70: Thank you.
SECOND COLLECTION: Springfield Mental Health Charity £253.29
ATTENDANCE: 244

on the Holy Spirit, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an afternoon trip out. Pick up a leaflet at any of the churches. Places are limited so please book early.

Fr Hudson's Care: There are leaflets available in **all the churches**. The charity wants to recruit foster carers in Warwickshire for the increasing numbers of vulnerable children.

Marriage Preparation: weekend course run by Worldwide Marriage Encounter from 29 June – 1 July at the Maryvale Institute. Bookings can be made online wwme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson 0121 244 7762.

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First Collection: £230.10
Second Collection: Lenten Alms — Springfield Mental Health £261.90. Thank you.

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