

ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH



Please remember, the church is open all day and the Lord will always welcome you.

During the season of Easter we will be using the Apostles' Creed in the Mass.

Easter Flowers: We are always grateful for donations so that the church can be beautifully decorated for Easter—the box is on the left as you leave the church.

Holy Week Lists: Please check that all the duties have been filled and volunteer if needed.

Altar Servers: The planned practice for those who wish to take part in the Triduum will now be at 6.30 with Fr. Andy just before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. This is the most important week of the year in the Church and we are hoping that all our Altar Servers will attend the practice.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist: The commissioning of ministers will take place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. Please try to attend if you possibly can.

The Children's Stations of the Cross in Church: These will



At St Joseph's this week Our Lady's seven-day candle burns for the John family intentions

YOUTH MINISTRY

'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. It is for young people in Years 7–13. This week is

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen Shorthall, Luiz Orlando Goncalves Dos Santos, Anne Bergonzi, Margaret Gordon, Jimmy Dunne, James Ballantine, Ann Collins, Maureen Wall, Richard Lawrence, Darryl Connon, Robert Szyppillo, Christine Williams, Rita Devlin, Nunzia & Giuseppe Arena. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Denis O'Mahoney, Cyril Hey, Julia Roddis, Catherine Monaghan, Peter Cronin, John "Jack" Badger, Denis O'Neill, Margaret Gannon, Mary Buckley, Edward Tierney, Noel Clarke, Winifred Fox, George Bates, Richard Donovan, Dorothy Bissell, Marie Andrews, Robert Lynn. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

take place on **Good Friday at 11.30.**

The Hunger Lunch: Good Friday at noon. There will be a sales table (cakes & preserves) and donations will be appreciated. They can be left on the J & P table on Maundy Thursday. Thank you.

The usual **Raising of the Cross** will take place at Chapel Green at 4.30 on Good Friday.

A Collection for the Holy Places will be taken at the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Boxes for 2018/19 are in the narthex. If you pay income tax, the parish could reclaim 25p for every £1 you give through Gift Aid. Last year the I.R. reimbursed £6,021 to St. Joseph's through the scheme, which is a huge help. To make your current donation part of this system simply requires a signed declaration. Please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711 346405 for information.

Fr. Andy would like to see a Mother & Toddler Group starting in our hall. Is anyone interested in investigating that possibility? Please see Fr. Andy.

The office email: secretary.st.josephs@gmail.com

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK: £554.33: Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: House of Light and Hope £364.39

ATTENDANCE: 290

NB: Easter Collections are always our offering to the clergy

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 25th March
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Let us reflect on the meaning of those two words "Holy" and "Week" and step back from our busy lives to consider how we can best spend this time. The celebration of the Sacraments and the Liturgy of the Church is our guide and accompanies us with the narrative of our Holy Week journey. On Tuesday there will an opportunity to go to confession at St Peter's. Eight priests have volunteered to hear confessions throughout the day from 9.30 until 8.00. Our three churches will be celebrating the Easter Triduum at the usual times. On Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper (7.30pm) we celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist. On Good Friday we attend the 3.00pm Service to listen to the reading of the Passion, venerate the Cross and receive Holy Communion. On Holy Saturday (8.00pm) we prepare for the light of Christ to enter into our world. As we take our palms home today let us be reminded that it is through the cross that Christ Jesus has saved us.

Every blessing, Fr John

TONIGHT

This evening there is a perfect introduction to Holy Week with the singing of John Stainer's *The Crucifixion* by St Peter's Choir at 7.30pm in the church. Entrance is free. Retiring collection in aid of Epilepsy Research.

THIS WEEK

Cleaning	Team 3	St Peter's
Cleaning	Team 1	St Joseph's
Monday	26 March	6.30 SJ: Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	27 March	9.30 SP: Day of Confessions 9.30-8.00. Last opportunity before Easter.
Wednesday	28 March	11.30 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Friday	30 March	11.30 SJ: Children's Stations of the Cross
Friday	30 March	12.00 SJ: Hunger Lunch
Friday	30 March	7.00 SJ: Stations of the Cross (for all Catholic Leamington churches)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY	24 MAR	OL	12.30	Maureen Salt
<i>Psalter Week 1</i>		SP	5.00	Colin Dunphy Kenneth Briddon
SUNDAY	25 MAR	SJ	9.00	People of the Parish
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT		OL	10.00	Paddy Dunbar
		SP	11.00	William Fogarty Frank Duffy
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments		SJ	5.30	<u>Youth Mass</u> Intention: Joan Ryan RIP
MONDAY	26 MAR	SP	11.00	<u>Requiem</u> : Darryl Connon
Monday of Holy Week		SJ	7.00	Deceased of McCarthy & Diggins families
TUESDAY	27 MAR	SP	9.30	Day of Confessions (until 8.00)
Tuesday of Holy Week		SJ	9.30	Pat Reidy & M. Reidy (sick)
		SP	12.30	Alice McGirr
WEDNESDAY	28 MAR	OL	10:00	Fr. Laurence Crowe
Wednesday of Holy Week		SP	12.30	Bernard Cross
		SJ	5.00	<u>Reception</u> : Margaret Gordon
THURSDAY	29 MAR	SJ	2.30	<u>Requiem</u> : Margaret Gordon Mass of the Lord's Supper :
Holy Thursday		SJ	7.30	Anne Bergonzi RIP
		SP	7.30	Niel Pier Walker
		OL	7.30	James Prendergast
FRIDAY	30 MAR	SJ	3.00	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's
Good Friday		OL	3.00	Passion, The Veneration of the
Bank Holiday		SP	3.00	Cross, Holy Communion
SATURDAY	31 MAR			Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter:
Holy Saturday		SJ	8.00	People of the Parish
		SP	8.00	People of the Parish
		OL	8.00	Private Intention
SUNDAY	1 APR	SP	8.00	Maureen Wall
SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD		SJ	9.00	Ian Wilshire
		OL	10.00	Annie & Patrick Boyle
		SP	11.00	Andrea La Barbera Katie Hannan
		SJ	5.30	Youth Mass: George Fraser Anniversary

CONFESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 27 March
SP: 9.30-8.00

SUMMIT YOUTH PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 27 March SP:
6.00

ROSARY

Tuesday 27 March
SJ: 9.10
SP: Noon

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday 26 March
SJ: 6.30

Wednesday 28 March
SP: 11.45 (J&P)
OL: 6.45

Friday 30 March
SJ: Children's Stations
SJ: 7.00 (J&P)

GENERAL NEWS

Crib Collection 2017: SP and OL parishioners have received a letter of thanks from Friends of the Holy Land for their generosity to the Crib Collection which raised £410.36: "Your support for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land will make a real difference."

Care for Our Common Home: the fifth and final week of the Lenten course was postponed due to the snow. It will

now take place on **Thursday 12 April** in the **Flint Room** at SP (not OL).

Holiday in Blackpool: a week in either July or August, aimed at anyone who would benefit from an affordable holiday, particularly for older people. Sponsored by Leamington Spa Rotary Club. Details in the Porch or call David Allen on 335364.

ST PETER'S, LEAMINGTON SPA



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

Eucharistic Ministers: Please remember that the re-commissioning of

Eucharistic Ministers will take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (**29 March**) at **7.30**. All Eucharistic Ministers should be present.

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

Gift Aid: the boxes for the new year are now available on the heating ducts by the statue of St Anthony.

Vacancy: St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is looking for a Mid-Day Supervisor from 30 April 2018. For an application form and job description please email admin3543@welearn365.com. Deadline for applications is Thursday 19 April. Interviews will take place during the week of 23 April.

Lost Property: Items are kept for three months and then donated to charity. Due to the arctic weather recent

items include a tartan scarf, matching snood & gloves, child's hat, adult's hat with distinctive bobble (!), ladies scarf, glasses and glasses case and three tupperware boxes. Please contact the Parish Office if you think they could be yours.

SPAN: Your SPAN contributions last week were: **Gift Aid** £20.00; **General** £82.55; **Crisis in Africa** £4.50. Thank you.

Tales of the Unexpected: There were three chocolate rabbits on the desk by the window. The boss said one had to go and visit a friend so then there were two. The next one disappeared about a week ago and now they have all gone. The paw of suspicion points to Fr John. He said they will return in a few days time but I have my doubts. Nothing made of chocolate is safe when he is around. Best woofs, Bertie xx

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First Collection: £822.99

Second Collection: £613.88

Lenten Alms House of Light & Hope, Lebanon

THIS WEEKEND

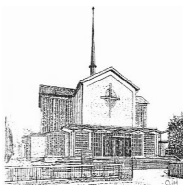
Second Collection: Easter Church Liturgical

NEXT WEEKEND

Single Collection: Easter Gifts to the Clergy

Last Week's Attendance: 289

OUR LADY'S, LILLINGTON



Gift Aid: the boxes for the new year are now available behind the altar.

Vacancy: Class Teacher at Our Lady & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School. A full time position starting in September. Contact 01926 424420 for an application pack.

Altar linens: A willing volunteer is needed to take over this vital service. If you can help, please let one of the priests know. Thank you.

Easter Eggs: Please can some small Easter Eggs be donated to give to the children after the Easter Masses. They can be given in at the Sacristy. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First Collection: £331.94

Second Collection: £477.27

Lenten Alms House of Light & Hope, Lebanon

Thank you

THIS WEEKEND

Second Collection: Easter Church Liturgical