

SERVICES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 16 Feb <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	OL	12.30	Horace Agius Dot Rafferty
	SP	5.00	People of the Parish Brigid Lynch
SUNDAY 17 Feb <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	SJ	9.00	Intentions of the Ireson Family
	OL	10.00	Barbara O'Rourke
	SP	11.00	Brian McHale Eugene Murphy
MONDAY 18 Feb <i>Feria</i>	SJ	5.30	People of the Parish
	SP	10.00	Eugene Murphy
	SP	2.30	Funeral Service: Kathleen Connolly
TUESDAY 19 Feb <i>Feria</i>	SJ	7.00	Doreen McCarthy – RIP
	SP	12.30	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY 20 Feb <i>Feria</i>	SJ	9.30	Richard Howard – RIP
	OL	10.00	Eugene Murphy
THURSDAY 21 Feb <i>St Peter Damian</i>	SP	12.30	Eric Duckett
	SP	12.30	Jim & Margaret McGreevy John Salt
FRIDAY 22 Feb <i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter</i>	SJ	7.00	Gerry Rush - RIP
	SJ	9.30	Special Intention (SB)
	OL	10.00	Patrick McCole
SATURDAY 23 Feb <i>St Polycarp</i>	SP	12.30	Theresa Elkay
	SJ	9.30	Barbara O'Rourke - RIP
	SP	10.00	Anne Harvey
VIGIL	OL	12.30	Harkin Family Intentions
	SP	5.00	Eric Duckett People of the Parish
SUNDAY 24 Feb <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C</i>	SJ	9.00	Bridget Kennedy – RIP
	OL	10.00	Barbara O'Rourke
	SP	11.00	Kenneth J. Cross Kathleen O'Brien
	SJ	5.30	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays

SP: 9.15
SJ: 10.00
OL: 11.45
SP: 4.15

EXPOSITION

Sundays

SP: Holy Hour 3.00

Mondays

SJ: 6.30

Wednesdays

(Term-time only)

SP: 7.00

Fridays

SJ: 8.30

OL: 10.30

SP: 11.00

Saturdays

SP: 9.00

SJ: 10.00

ROSARY

SJ: Tuesdays &
Fridays, 9.10
SP: Daily (except
Mondays), Noon

MORNING PRAYER

OL: Wednesdays
& Fridays, 9.40

Saturdays

SJ: 9.15

SP: 9.40

MONICA'S PRAYERS

Friday 1 March,
1.00: SP

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Parish Priest of St Peter Apostle, Our Lady's,
& Dean of Warwick: Fr John Cross V.F.
Parish Priest of St Joseph's: Fr Andrew Franklin
Assistant Priest: Fr Noel Breslin
Retired Clergy: Fr Christopher Greaney
Deacon: Rev David Palmer

Sunday 17 February 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a busy week. Last Saturday I joined some of our altar servers at St Chad's Cathedral for a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. There was a huge number in attendance from across the Diocese and after the Mass there was a lovely tea with sandwiches and cakes. There was not a morsel left. I thought to myself we ought to have a Thanksgiving Mass for our altar servers in Catholic Leamington too.

Last Tuesday the clergy of the Warwick Deanery had a special meeting to discuss what we considered to be our priorities for the future of the Sacerdotal Ministry. All agreed that the celebration and administration of the Sacraments is the beating heart of our work as priests. However as the number of active priests declines we need to see how priests and the laity can use their gifts and talents to build up God's Kingdom and work together for the good of the community. Self-evidently parishioners come to church for the Sacraments and as priests we are here first and foremost to celebrate and administer them. Yet at the same time each priest spoke of the increasing burden of many ancillary duties limiting their ability to give proper time and effort to the work of the Sacraments. It's a difficult question to deal with but in the end the reality of fewer and fewer priests will require a complete re-think about how parishes are organised and administered. In a few years' time you may well be compiling this newsletter and/or weighing up the printing cost.

On Tuesday evening, Bishop Kenney Confirmed 47 children from four of the five Primary Schools in Catholic Leamington. It was a fantastic service and much enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to those who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us welcome these young people and invite them to be more actively involved in the life of our parish. We recognise they have so much to offer and appreciate their energy and enthusiasm for the faith. I would like to thank the members of the Summit Prayer Group for their participation at the Mass as servers or singers and also serving refreshments in St Peter's School hall after the Mass with Emma Rayment and Jo Mander. Thank you also to those who I have not thanked individually.

Last Thursday I attended the twice yearly Deans' Meeting at Maryvale. The Deans meet with all the Bishops to discuss pastoral issues in the Deaneries and matters common across the Diocese as a whole. At the meeting the Dean communicates any serious concerns raised to him via his clergy and listens to other Deans as they discuss their pastoral issues. I am not the only Dean to find it increasingly difficult to arrange supply cover where priests are away on holiday or through sickness. Half-term this week. It seems to come around amazingly quickly! Have a good break.

Every Blessing,

Fr John.

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THE WEEK AHEAD FOR CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
SUN 17 Feb	12.30 pm 3.00 pm	After Mass teas/coffees, SP Hall Holy Hour, SP
MON 18 Feb	6.30 pm	Novena to Our Lady with Exposition, SJ
TUE 19 Feb	1.00 pm 6.00 pm	Pastimes Group. All welcome, SP Hall Summit Youth Prayer Group Meeting, Flint Room, SP
WED 20 Feb	9.40am	Morning Prayer, OL
FRI 22 Feb	9.00am 9.40am 1.00pm	Novena to the Sacred Heart, SJ Morning Prayer, OL Friday Luncheon Club, The Oxford Café, Leamington Spa
SAT 23 FEB	2.30-4.30pm	Workshop for Younger Readers, OL, Church Hall
SUN 24 FEB	1.00 pm After both Masses	CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON Roast Lunch in SP Church Hall The SVP Society will make a short presentations for its appeal at SJ



ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH

A Parish Social Team is being set up! Fliers will be available after each Mass today. Please take one and consider whether you would like to be involved in this exciting new venture.

200 Club Winners: Congratulations to Cath Johnson who won the 1st (£50) prize and Mary Enock who won the 2nd (£30) prize in February's 200 Club draw!

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) – Sunday 24 February at St Joseph's. David Burton will be giving a short talk after each Mass today on the Society, with a view to starting a group at St Joseph's. The SVP has a long history of seeking out those in need, to help them in the spirit of Christian love and to tackle the causes of poverty where they can. There are many neighbours who face poverty, loneliness and isolation and the SVP can give you the means to turn your concern into action by helping them. There will be a follow up meeting on **Thursday 28 February**, in the Holy Family Room, SJ, starting at 7.30pm. Please come along, all welcome.

Traditional Music Session: This will run on the **first Friday** of each month at SJ Parish Hall, 8.00-11pm. The first session will be **Friday 8 March**. Please do come and join us; refreshments will be provided.

Offertory last week: £593.55

Second collection: £246.37
(Parish Maintenance)

Attendance: 387

Second collection today: No second collection

Next week: No second collection

Sunday 24 February

9.00 am Mass: Tony Harris, Adam Borley, Georgina Thacker, Josie Whittington, Alex Jamison.

Readers: Sophia Brain & June Arran.

5.30 pm Mass: Salv Monastero, Hilary Callow, Ann Sayce, Julia Fan, Niall Herbert.

Readers: Anna Jelonek & Paddy Close

Counters: J & M

At St Joseph's this week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **The People of the Parish**



Coffee and doughnuts in the Hall (after 9.30am Mass) every Friday!
Come and join us!

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GENERAL NEWS/EVENTS FOR CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

Confirmation Preparation: Sessions begin shortly to prepare those not at a Catholic school. If you have not yet registered email or call Mary Rouse (maryrouse@rocketmail.com, tel: 07540 532785). If you have already provided your details, we will be in touch with you shortly.

Workshop for Younger Readers on Saturday 23 February from 2.30 to 4.30 pm at Our Lady's (starting in the Church Hall). Let Mary Rouse know if you're interested call 07540 532785 or email: maryrouse@rocketmail.com.

World Day of Prayer: this year it's the turn of St Peter's Church to host the **World Day of Prayer** in an Ecumenical Service prepared by the women of Slovenia on the theme "Come, everything is ready". Please come and join us on **Friday 1 March at 2.00pm** to accompany millions of people from all around the world in prayer. (We would also be grateful for contributions of cakes for the all-important refreshments after the service.)

SPAN Quiz – Friday 1.March, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start. Bar, refreshments and raffle. Proceeds to House of Light & Hope and Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre Destitution Fund. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses. Adult £5.00 or Youth £1.00.

TRADITIONAL ROAST LUNCH next Sunday 24 February: Treat yourself to a two-course Sunday roast (without you doing the roasting!) all for £10.00 (£5.00 under-12s). A glass of wine (or soft drinks/juice) is included in the price. Vegetarian food options available on request but *please pre-book*). The meal starts at 1.00 pm in St Peter's Church Hall. There is already plenty of interest so sign up (lists in the porches) as you leave church today or call Giovanna on 07780 543976. Let's make it a fun event for all our three churches.

SPAN donations this week: Gift Aid £60.00; General £76.84; Crisis in Africa £30.74. Thank you.

Walking together with Christ: you are invited to join an online retreat by signing up on the website:

pathwaystogod.org A local group will

meet weekly at 7.30 pm in the Davenport Room of SP Parish Centre from **Friday 1 March** Booking charge £20.00 payable at the first meeting. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399.

Fair Trade Fortnight runs from **25 February to 10 March** this year. I need volunteers to sell goods at both Our Lady's and St Peter's email if you can help jenarmstrong@talktalk.net

OUR LADY'S & ST PETER'S

Friday Luncheon Club meets this **Friday 22 February**, 1.00 pm at The Oxford Cafe, Clarendon Street at the top of town. Everyone welcome, please add your name to the list in the porch. Any enquiries, please call Carmel Cleary 07941 840433.

Thank you from Flor for the prayers offered by the Priests and Parishioners at St Peter's upon the death of her husband Eric. She and her family are touched by your support.

Tales of the Unexpected: It is good to be busy but we should pay attention to the bare necessities of life: two walks a day, two meals a day, two tummy rubs, one game of football, at least ten opportunities to bark at something suspicious, a meaty treat, a good stretch, a good scratch, rolling on my back, licking my paws, and at least a pint (of water). If we all had my bare necessities, we would be very happy indeed. Best woofs, Bertie.:-) xxx

SP Offertory £954.85

Thank you.

Second collection £483.56
(Church Maintenance)

OL Offertory £289.40

Thank you.

Second collection £144.56
(Church Maintenance)

Second Collection today:
Racial Justice.

Next week:
Church Maintenance.

Attendance:
(SP) 437 (OL) 250

Recently deceased: Adele Cooke, Mary Mortimer, Tony Sullivan, Barbara O'Rourke, Eric Duckett, Kathleen Connolly, Kitty Crowley, Frances Shakesheff, Seamus Keogh, Barry Woods.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Anniversaries: Andrea Luca, Ethel Locker, Kathleen Bellerby, Phyllis Hanson, Susan Taplin, James Dale, Michael Brogan, Peter Jeffrey, Mary Logan, David Colledge, Thomas Bannon, Thomas Russell, Margaret Gauguskas, Anna Maria Sanchez, Teresa Bakewell, Muriel Rowilson, Timothy Lyne, Elizabeth Reynolds, Delia Tully, Peggy Bevan, Joe Connell, Fr David Condron.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.