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Sunday 2 February 2020
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (A)

MASS INTENTIONS: 2 – 9 FEBRUARY 2020

SAT 1 FEB
Psalter Week 3
VIGIL MASSES

OL 12.30 Doris Hall
Private Intention (JD)
SP 5.00 Jeremiah Healy

SUN 2 FEB
Feast of the
Presentation
of the Lord
(A)

SJ 9.00 Enda McSharry RIP
OL 10.00 Michael Hogan
SP 11.00 Eileen Hagendyk
Marie Evans
SJ 5.30 J & G Goggins

MON 3 FEB
St Blaise
Psalter Week 4

SP 10.00 Jim McGuinness
SJ 7.00 Special Intentions of Patrick Ryan

TUE 4 FEB
Feria

SJ 9.30 McCourt Family Condolences
SP 12.30 Intentions of Rita Blake

WED 5 FEB
St Agatha

Sch 9.15 St Anthony's School Mass
OL 10.00 Kathleen Josephine Taylor
SP 12.30 Mary Cashman's Intentions

THU 6 FEB
St Paul Miki &
Companions

Sch 9.15 Our Lady & St Teresa's Sch.
Mass
SP 12.30 Marie Kelly
SJ 7.00 Marcelo Billsa

FRI 7 FEB
First Friday
Feria

SJ 9.30 Repose of the Soul of Bridget
(Delma) Keville
OL 10.00 Paddy Hanlon
SP 12.30 Clemence Myerscough

SAT 8 FEB
Our Lady on
Saturday

SJ 9.30 Geoff Stack RIP
Enda McSharry RIP
SP 10.00 Fr Roger Peck's Intentions

VIGIL MASSES

OL 12.30 Doreen Cook
Vera Sloane
SP 5.00 Paul McLoughlin

SUN 9 FEB
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time A

SJ 9.00 Mary McGarvey Anniversary
Marsh & Ruby Family
OL 10.00 People of the Parish
SP 11.00 Mary Mullan
SJ 5.30 Aiden & Anna Boyle

Racial Justice
Sunday

CONFESSIONS

Sat. SP: 9.15;
SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45; SP: 4.15

EXPOSITION

Sun. SP: 3.00;
Mon. SJ 6.30;
Fri. SJ: 8.30;

OL: 10.30;
SP: 11.00;
Sat. SP: 9.00;
SJ: 10.00

ROSARY

Mon. SJ: 6.30; Tues.–Fri. SP:
Noon; Fri. SJ: 9.00

MORNING PRAYER

Wed. & Fri.
OL: 9.40;
Sat. SJ: 9.15;
SP: 9.40

NOVENAS

OUR LADY Mon. SJ: 6.30;

SACRED HEART Fri. SJ: 9.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

First Friday monthly SP: 7.30
Next: Fri 7 February

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. Toddler Grp. 9.30, SJ

Memorial of St Blaise – Blessing of Throats, 10.00, **SP**

Tues. Pastimes, 1.00, SP

Wed. Art Group, 9.30, SJ; UNITE Youth Club, 5.00, SJ

Fri. Toddler Grp. 9.30, SP; Coffee & Cake, 10.00, SJ;

Encounter Evening, 6.30, **SP; Stations of the Cross, 7.30, SP;**

Traditional Irish Music Session, 8.00, **SJ**

Sun. Confirmation Enrolment Mass, 9.00, SJ

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February:

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Recently deceased: Deacon Michael Ainsworth, Kathleen Noonan, Peter Barton, John Dickerson, Patrick Murphy, Bridie Galvin, Enda McSharry, Rosaleen Lyne, Fr Brian Doolan.
May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Frederick Plummer, Margaret Caves, Maureen Barriscalle, John Moody, Kathleen Keane, Kieran Long, John Croasdell, Patrick O'Keeffe, Carmen Cunningham, Adele Cooke, Richard Randall, Linda Stoodley, Peter Harding, Thomas Shinkwin, William Nicholl, Thomas Jeavons, Mary McGarvey, William Ahern, Carlton Young, Dennis Dougherty, William Gallagher, John Preston, Fr Denis Clancy, Fr Joseph Connelly, Fr Thomas O'Carroll.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Dear Parishioners,

Seasonal Affective Disorder – or SAD as it is more commonly known – is an illness which affects many people at this time of year. It is caused by the lack of light and the many grey days which cumulatively affect the well-being of those afflicted by it. Various ways can be employed to overcome it: artificial light therapy and getting out into any sunshine. I recall someone recommended going to the supermarket vegetable section where the lights are the brightest.

At the beginning of February the Church celebrates the Feast of Candlemas. Note how the word 'Candlemas' and 'Christmas' bear the same suffix of 'mas' and the connection is a biblical one. The Presentation of the Lord, as this day is also known, was the moment when the Holy Family fulfilled the requirement of the Jewish Faith to offer or present their first-born male child to God. The way we use the word present or 'pre-sent' reminds us of gifts at Christmas. Giving and receiving presents reminds us of the gift of God who gave the world his Son.

During the Feast of Candlemas we bless our candles and remind ourselves of how they bring light into the darkness. Light which reminds us of the gift of Jesus, who is presented to God as the offering, the sacrifice who takes away the sins of the world. Sin is darkness and Jesus is the light. We overcome SAD with exposure to light. We overcome SIN with Christ who is our light, our Lord and Saviour.

Every blessing, Fr John.

ST JOSEPH'S

Confirmation Enrolment Mass. We look forward to this Mass which will take place next Sunday 9 February and will be led by St Joseph's School at 9.00 am.

Traditional Irish Music Session: This coming **Friday 7** February from 8.00–11.00 pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome to come along to listen and socialise.

E-news: Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via Mailchimp on Twitter, Facebook, the parish or deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/> With Mailchimp I am hoping to send out an occasional e-newsletter with, amongst other things, spiritual reflections, Saints' Day information, football updates etc!

New Parish Website: Alongside our Catholic Leamington Website we are now running www.stjosephs47.org.uk This website will help us to continue to grow and develop a sense of identity within the Catholic Leamington framework but also allow us to promote the work of the Parish and the Parish Community Centre. Updates on the regeneration and building project will also be posted here and on Twitter and Facebook.

Episcopal Visitors: In the middle of February we welcome Bishop Darius Trijonis who is visiting Fr Ramunas and the Lithuanian Communities that he is responsible for. We hope that the visit will be fruitful and enjoyable. On the weekend of 22/23 February we welcome Bishop William Kenney who will be conducting the Parish Visitation of St Joseph's. At the same time Archbishop Longley will be visiting St Peter's and Our Lady's. We pray these visitations will also bear much fruit and reaffirm the good work of our community.

Lenten Programme: Lent will soon be upon us and here are a few spiritual heads up for you. On Thursdays in Lent there will be an additional Mass at 7.00 am followed by breakfast in the parish hall. This will be an extra opportunity for those who work (or are early risers) to attend a weekday Mass. On **Saturday 7 March** there will be a Lenten Retreat Day led by Anne Cartwright, who also led a day for us last year. Further details to follow. Finally on **Sunday 15 March** at 2.30 pm there will be the Service of the Anointing of the Sick followed by an Easter tea. The homily will be given by Fr Chris Greaney.

Repair Work: The work on the back roof and coping stones is now complete. We are awaiting further instructions from the architect and the Archdiocese about further essential repair work.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic: If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic at Easter please see Fr Andy to arrange the course of instruction and Catechumenate.

Attendance: 373 **Offertory:** £608.52 Thank you. **2nd Collections:** Last week None; today: None; and next week Parish Maintenance **Counters:** C & K (9th Feb.)

The God who Speaks: Scripture Reflection*

The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40).

Avoiding issues to 'keep the peace'?

When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple, Simeon blessed them, saying their child would be rejected. When we take our child for Baptism, we are given a candle, a reminder 'to keep the flame of faith alive'. This can be difficult, but let us not avoid the issues 'to keep the peace', but grow in listening and trust together.

***from MARRIAGE MATTERS**
www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

OUR LADY & ST PETER'S

Kindaid Cake Sale TODAY after Our Lady's 10.00 am Mass.

St Peter's Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: If you are not on email, please let me know of any dates you are ****not**** available to exercise your ministry for the months March, April and May. Please also let me know of your availability for Ash Wednesday Masses – 26 February (12.30 pm and 7.30 pm) and Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday (Vigil Mass and daytime Masses). NB there will be an 8.00 am and an 11.00 am Mass on Easter Sunday (tel. Kate Tennyson 01926 314077).

Tales of the unexpected: The boss says I get under his feet. I say he should watch where he is going. Best woofs, Bertie :-)
xx

Attendance: 685 **Offertory:** SP £837.75 / OL £342.66 **Second Collection:** SP £387.14 / OL £177.82 **Church Maintenance Second Collection today:** Church Maintenance **Second Collection next week:** Life
SP Cleaning Team 3 (w/c 3/2/20).

GENERAL NEWS

Encounter evening next Friday 7 Feb from 6.30–9.00 pm in St Peter's Church Hall. An evening of pizza, praise & prayer for young people. Including live music from our modern worship band and inspiring speakers on relevant topics. Meet with friends and encounter Jesus! Speaker: Deacon David Palmer.

SPAN Valentine's Quiz night – Fri 14 Feb SP Parish Hall, 8.00 pm start. Entry £5.00 (£1.00 youth). Proceeds to *Hope for Children – Zambia*.

SPAN collections : Gift Aid: £50.00; General: £98.26; Crisis in Africa: £32.52.

Preparation for Confirmation for children in non-Catholic schools. Register by email: maryrouse@rocketmail.com

TRAIDCRAFT: We took £65.00 at Our Lady's last weekend. Thank you. See you in Fair Trade Fortnight (24 February – 8 March) when we hope to run stalls at all three Catholic Leamington Churches over two weekends.

Safeguarding: St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. The Archdiocese Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.