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Sunday 16 February 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

MASS INTENTIONS: 15 –23 FEBRUARY 2020

SAT 15 FEB
Psalter Week 2
VIGIL MASSES

OL 12.30 Mary & Leo Hennigan
David Dent
SP 5.00 People of the Parish

SUN 16 FEB
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Racial Justice Sunday

SJ 9.00 Carlos & Brady Family
Michaela Hogan RIP
OL 10.00 Agnes Shovlin
SP 11.00 McCartie Family
SJ 5.30 Rose McDonald RIP
Pauline Jenkins RIP

MON 17 FEB
Feria

SP 10.00 Brigid Lynch
SJ 7.00 Carmel Henderson RIP

TUE 18 FEB
Feria

SJ 9.30 Kath Noonan RIP
SP 12.30 John Moroney

WED 19 FEB
Feria

OL 10.00 Agnes Shovlin
SP 12.30 Requiem: Rosaleen Lyne

THU 20 FEB
Feria

SP 12.30 Margaret McCarthy
SJ 7.00 Chris Franklin

FRI 21 FEB
Feria

SJ 9.30 Paddy Murphy
OL 10.00 John Salt
SP 12.30 Jim & Margaret McGreevy

SAT 22 FEB
Feast of the Chair of St Peter

SJ 9.30 Enda McSharry
SP 10.00 Palma Fucci

VIGIL MASSES

OL 12.30 Brian McHale
Tom Healy
SP 5.00 Kathleen O'Brian

SUN 23 FEB
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

SJ 9.00 Nora O'Donovan – Birthday Intentions
OL 10.00 Sean Prior
SP 11.00 Fr David Oakley's Intentions
John Antao
SJ 5.30 Michael MacMahon

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THERE WILL NOT BE COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS AT EITHER ST PETER'S OR OUR LADY'S CHURCHES. AT THE SIGN OF PEACE, JUST WAVE OR BOW TO EACH OTHER TO SIGNIFY YOUR PEACE.

Recently deceased

Paul Rabone, Fr James McGloin, David Winter, John Moroney, Deacon Michael Ainsworth, Kathleen Noonan, John Dickerson, Patrick Murphy, Bridie Galvin, Rosaleen Lyne. **May they rest in peace.**

There will be a Requiem Eucharist for the late David Winter, former Head of Dormer Hall, Trinity School, this coming Wednesday 19 February at 7.30pm in Harbury Church. The funeral service is the following day at 2.00 pm also in Harbury Church.

Anniversaries: Edward Sullivan, Donald Rowe, Patrick Flynn, Francis Salters, Andrea Luca, Ethel Locker, Kathleen Bellerby, Phyllis Hanson, Molly Briggs, Muriel Rowson, Dorothy Berry, Timothy Lyne, Elizabeth Reynolds, Peggy Bevan, Joe Connell, May O'Sullivan, Eddie McGerty, Margaret McCarthy, Frances O'Donaghue, Margaret Gauguskas, Anna Maria Sanchez, Fr William Conefrey, Fr Joseph McEvilly, Fr Timothy Healy, Fr Terence McDonnell, Fr Francis Jordan, Fr Alexander McGavin, Canon William Roughan, Fr Francis Coyle, Fr Sean Farrell, Canon Sean McTernan, Fr James Wharton.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

CONFESSIONS

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

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

EXPOSITION

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

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

J&P Rosary intention for

February: 'We pray for courage to challenge the powerful with the values of the Gospel'

Sat. SJ: 9.15;
SP: 9.40

NOVENAS

OUR LADY Mon. SJ: 6.30;
SACRED HEART Fri. SJ: 9.00

MORNING PRAYER

Wed. & Fri.
OL: 9.40;

OUR LADY & ST PETER'S

Visit of Archbishop Bernard to our two churches.

Next Saturday 22nd February His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley will be visiting Our Lady's Church so I would like to invite the parishioners to meet him after the 12.30 pm Mass when there will be soup and bread. Later on Saturday the Archbishop will meet representatives from St Peter's parish groups. On Sunday the Archbishop will preach at the 10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's and meet you as you arrive for Mass. He will drive to St Peter's for the 11.00 am Mass. Afterwards there will be a buffet lunch in the hall for parishioners to meet His Grace. I will provide stickers and a marker pen for those of you who might like to write your first name and role (John Smith, parishioner; Mary Jones, choir etc) to help the Archbishop know who you are. Later on Sunday the Archbishop will meet the headteachers and chairs of governors for each of our five schools.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day – Friday 6 March: Have a simple meal, donate the money saved and it becomes a gift that will help save lives. At St Peter's there will be a soup and roll 'Hunger

We pray for twins
Thea and Nate
Cleaver who are
being baptised at St
Peter's this
weekend. May the Lord keep
them always in his care.



Lunch' in the Main Hall at 1.00 pm. If you can help by preparing a soup or by helping to serve on the day, please contact Jane Rebika in the Parish Office.

SPAN collections: Gift Aid £74.00; General £59.92; and Crisis in Africa £33.00.

St Peter's Choir 11.00 am Mass: The Heritage Mass by Owen Alstott; Motet is Ave Verum by Byrd.

Tails it is then: Happiness is being recognised—especially by the Archbishop! Best woofs, Bertie :-)) xx

Attendance: 583 **Offertory:** SP £867.64 / OL £255.20 Thank you.

Second Collection: SP £500.97 / OL £258.60 *Life*

Second Collection today: Saturday Friendship Group

Second Collection next week: Church Maintenance **SP Cleaning Team 1** (w/c 17/2/20).

UNITE CATHOLIC YOUTH: LEAMINGTON AND WARWICK

Half-term is upon us and as a result there will be no youth club this coming Wednesday 19 February at St Joseph's.

At the beginning of March a 49-seater coach with not a single spare seat will take our young people to Alton Castle on a retreat called Fearless. It will be filled with adventure, adrenaline, times of prayer, worship and an opportunity to enter into the sacraments.

A big thank you to the **Catenians** for donating £250 towards the cost of the coach; St Joseph's & St Peter's are paying £540.

TODDLER GROUPS at St Joseph's and St Peter's – Mondays and Fridays respectively – will be on holiday this week.

ST JOSEPH'S

Parish Visitation

Bishop William will be with us next weekend and will spend time visiting the sick, meeting with myself and celebrating our Sunday Masses for us. After the 9.00 am Mass there will be an opportunity to 'meet and greet' the Bishop. This is an opportunity for Bishop William to meet the parishioners and the various groups and committees that help make up our parish. Please do come along, say hello and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with the Bishop.

Murcott East Road parking

St Joseph's Parish is enjoying something of a rejuvenation because of the proximity of large-scale new housing developments. A real sense of community is back, with coffee mornings, toddler group, Childrens' Liturgy and a newly-formed SVP group. The Church Hall is proving to be a very useful venue for our social events and those of the local community.

We are blessed with a large car park which is large enough for almost all occasions... except Sunday Masses. Concerns have been raised about car parking on Murcott Road East especially at the 9.00 am Mass. Can I ask you to be considerate to our neighbours and also to remember that when you park it is essential that enough room is left for Emergency Vehicles to get through. It is important that safety comes first and I thank you for your co-operation.

Narthex and Noticeboards: I noticed recently that the Narthex had once again become quite untidy despite valiant efforts to keep on top of it. I have tidied it up this week and reassigned the noticeboards. We now have one for liturgical and pastoral, one for J+P/SVP and one for the Social Committee.

The notice board in the rear entrance will be for Vocations and will display various vocational themed posters, flyers and prayer intentions. Please stick to the noticeboard for your

particular group so as to keep the boards neat and tidy. The baskets for stamps and food for the Night Shelter are now more visible on the right as you enter Church. Many thanks.

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/>

Attendance: 401 **Offertory:** £658.37 Thank you. **Second Collection:** £329.70 *Parish Maintenance* **Second Collection today:** Saturday Friendship Group **Second Collection next week:** None **Counters:** M & S (23rd).

This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle burns
for the **Intentions of
my chums at St
Joseph's for 2020.**



The God who Speaks: Scripture Reflection*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; 1 Cor. 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37)

Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord's help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and talk about it?

*from MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Parish Statistics

Every year all Parishes give a tally of their pastoral activities to the Archdiocese. This information is the core data for statistical analysis by 'head office'. Some of the data is used to calculate the levy we pay to the Diocese.

Extrapolating the information from different sources gives the feeling of filling in a self-assessment tax return! On the other hand, this document crystallizes how much we achieve in a year.

In 2019 the churches of Our Lady's and St Peter's performed 36 Baptisms, 43

First Holy Communions, 47 Confirmations, 19 marriages (of which eight were couples marrying overseas where pre-nuptial paperwork is prepared here). Funerals numbered 60. Compared with 2018, 2019 was an 'easy' year for Baptisms and First Holy Communion (last year the figures were 68 and 62 respectively). 2019 saw 12 more Confirmations than 2018; while marriages and deaths stayed the same. Each number on the page represents a soul and it falls to us to take care of that soul at whatever stage it is in its journey to Christ's Kingdom. What better job could there be after all!

Fr John

St Peter's & Our Lady's Church Maintenance Collections – Where Does The Money Go?

Last year this important second collection was used for the maintenance and servicing of the buildings and site management for St Peter's and Our Lady's. The Church Maintenance Fund pays to maintain six buildings and two sites – it is a big responsibility. It can be frustrating too, as anyone who has had to wait in all day for an engineer to arrive will know!

Over the years we have had to spend a lot of money on repairs. Nearly £75,000 has been spent on the St Peter's tower. It was built at a cost of £7,000, and built well, but when the steeple was removed our problems began. The tower was never designed to have an open top. Repairs at this height are very expensive. Last year a crash pad outside the tower entrance was erected to protect us from crumbling stone. Eventually the steeplejacks, surveyor and Royce McParland, our site manager, removed loose stone work and 250 lbs was removed—much of it caused by poor previous repairs. We needed a cherry picker: the biggest available is £1,000 a day to hire.

Inside the church there are many challenges typical of an elderly building, the stained glass windows need to be repaired. Leaks appear anywhere there is a flat roof; blocked pipes and hidden pipes cause damp; lead gulleys split after 50 years! A recent mortar survey cost £5,000 and we are not allowed to repoint the brickwork without it. The car park wall has a huge crack in it which is being monitored. The cost to repair and replace it is £17,000.

As I write we await a replacement gas burner for the blower heater system in St Peter's Church. It will cost £3,300. Our two boilers date from the early 1960s. I am very grateful to the anonymous donation to repair them.

In total there are eight boilers on site. Last year the Presbytery boiler (one of two) was replaced with a Combi System at a cost of £3,466.08. The Quinquennial (see below) revealed some big issues for the house. A new roof, repair of the gables which have cracked badly. Repointing, the house is overdue for a repaint, sandstone decorative stone is crumbling in places. Two years ago gallons of water poured through the ceilings and it took nearly a year before repairs were completed. Thankfully the insurance paid for this but the hassle lasted forever (so it seemed!). We maintain the electrics, the emergency lighting, the fire alarms, the fire extinguishers, PAT testing, clearing the gutters and downpipes – all annual expenses. We try to get value for money.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTIONS

Every five years the church requires a building survey. Last year due to the age of St Peter's Presbytery and the Parish Hall these were included. The architects' Inspections Reports tells me how to prioritise our repairs. Category 'A' repairs require immediate attention. Category 'B' in the next 2-3 years and so on down to Category E.

Category 'A' works identified at St Peter's mostly relate to stonework: each face of the tower is eroding badly and has to be replaced before it splits and bits fall off (£40,000); and to repair above west doors (£5,000). At Our Lady's Category 'A' works relate to roofing, windows, doors and heating systems.

The parish hall Davenport Room needs a new roof. The disabled loo for the Flint and Jeffries rooms needs attention and the entrance there is damp.

Fr John

St Joseph's Quinquennial Inspection took place in August 2019. The good news first: the Presbytery is fine. The bad news: the Hall and Church are not.

It is no secret that we need to raise funds for Parish Maintenance (and thank you to everyone who has organised fundraisers and given to the Maintenance collections) but the scale of the issues we face is quite scary.

Once we investigate one problem another seems to rear its ugly head. For instance the leakage on the back wall gets sorted but reveals in turn problems with the sealant for the stained glass.

The Category 'A' repairs (immediate attention) for St Joseph's amount to £20,000. When it comes to repairs to the flat roofs – partial re-covering may be manageable but complete renewal for the Hall roof alone could cost £70,000.

I have always enjoyed a challenge and I am not downcast... but your prayers (and donations) are much appreciated! **Fr Andy**

Our Lady's Presbytery & buildings updates

When Archbishop Bernard asked me to take responsibility for the parish of Our Lady's in Lillington he and I knew what this would entail: the pastoral care of souls, the chaplaincy of Our Lady & St Teresa's School and the care and maintenance of the buildings. Taking over from a much loved priest of over 20 years isn't easy and as I have found although the church is much newer than St Peter's, the Grade 2 listing and some lack of maintenance over the years meant all the buildings needed a fair amount of attention to bring them up to an acceptable standard. The Presbytery had not really been touched for 40 years being more or less how it was since it was built. I consulted the Archbishop on this as the Presbytery needed to be renovated, redecorated, and given a new lease of life. He gave the project his full support.

Interior Designer Rebecca Teall – who had previously worked at St Peter's – took on the challenge to oversee the repair and renovation of the building. We are indebted to her. She has lived on a building site for the duration, managed the repairs, dealt with contractors, done much redecorating work herself, recycling furniture and caring for the local wildlife too. We are part of a project working with Warwickshire Wildlife.

Our Lady's Presbytery is now in much better shape. It will be used for clergy and religious who need to rest. Jesus said to his disciples: "Come away to a quiet place to rest and pray." Our Lady's is eminently suited for this purpose. Rebecca will remain as house-keeper. It is reassuring to know that, when we are not around Our Lady's church has someone giving eye and taking care of her.

The hall is now our next project. There will be a chance for parishioners to comment on plans. The church work is ongoing. More news later. **Fr John.**

LENT

Lenten Programme: St Joseph's

Stations of the Cross: Mondays, 6.30 pm

Lectio Divina: Fridays, 10.10 am (Presbytery)

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 10.00 am

Thursdays in Lent (starting **27 February**) 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.

Saturday 7 March there will be a Lenten Retreat Day led by Anne Cartwright, who ran a retreat here last year. Further details to follow.

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.

Lenten Programme: Our Lady's

Stations of the Cross: Sundays at 4.30 pm and Wednesdays at 10.30 am.

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in the church.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11.45 am

Lenten Programme: St Peter's

Stations of the Cross: Mondays, 10.40 am and Fridays, 7.30 pm.

Lectio Divina: Wednesdays, 7.00 pm in Hall

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 9.15 am and 4.15 pm.

There will be an additional **Lenten Penitential Day of Confessions on Tuesday 7 April.**

Hunger Lunch: CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day on Friday 6 March, 1.00 pm in Hall.

LIVE SIMPLY

Live Simply so that others may simply live (Mahatma Gandhi)

In essence Live Simply asks us: to take only what we need from the earth not to demand more and more; to take account of the impact of our choices on other people and the earth; and to live in solidarity with those living in poverty by making strong and lasting commitment to the common good.

Fairtrade is one way to support farmers who grow food in developing countries. Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 24 February to 8 March. We plan to hold Fairtrade stalls at all three churches during that time.

Future initiatives include: Walk to Church Sunday (4/5 April). Please join in if you can in this practical demonstration of our concern for the environment. Ecofest: Sunday 31 May in Pump Room Gardens. Theme: "Good for You and Good for the Planet". Catholic Leamington Live Simply will be having a stall. Please come along.

The next meeting is at 12.00 noon on Friday 1 May in the Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend, and it would be great to have some new people to share ideas with. There are more initiatives in the pipelines. See www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply

St Peter's is a Live Simply Church and the team that worked so hard to achieve this success now draws membership across all three Catholic Leamington churches. Jenny Armstrong

THE LEAMINGTON SHELTER

We try to make a difference

Based at the United Reformed Church on Radford Road in Leamington Spa, the Leamington Night Shelter is open not just for rough sleepers, but for all vulnerable and needy people.

We offer a hot meal, companionship and warm, comfortable and secure surroundings from 9.00 pm on Wednesdays and Sundays. We serve about 35 clients – some of whom will stay overnight. In the morning, breakfast and hot drinks are available, plus sandwiches to take away. We need your help to make all this happen.

We are grateful to both SPAN and Kindaid who have supported us financially over the past 10 years and Catholic Leamington is well represented in our volunteers. To carry on this work, we always need donations to cover our running costs and food. We also need volunteers to come in the evenings, stay overnight, or come in the mornings, on both or

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASSES

9.30 am ST JOSEPH'S

10.00 am OUR LADY'S

10.00 am ST PETER'S

12.30 pm ST PETER'S

7.00 pm ST JOSEPH'S

7.30 pm ST PETER'S

KINDAID: Before Christmas, Kindaid sent £1,200 to the Kiirua Orphanage in Kenya, and smaller amounts to CORD, the Night Shelter, Helping Hands and to Our Lady & St Teresa's School.

The vast majority of this money was raised through Parish social events. Our next event is a concert by the wonderful cappella choir, Da Capo, on Saturday 28 March. The monthly cake sales have proved successful and raise around £60 each time we hold one.

Please support these events which aim to build the church community as well as raising money for the charity.

Jo Mander 07980 315575

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 23 February

Buffet Lunch at SP, 1.00 pm

Monday 24 February–8 March

Fairtrade Fortnight

Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday: start of Lent

SEE LENTEN PROGRAMME

OPPOSITE.

Saturday 29 February

St Joseph's Leap Year

Bingo Night

Doors open at 7.00 pm play commences at 7.30 pm. Raffle.

Teas and coffees provided.

Bring your own drinks and snacks. Proceeds to the church maintenance fund.

Friday 6 March St Peter's Hall

Soup & Rolls at SP for CAFOD Lent Fast Day, 1.00 pm

Friday 6 March

The World Day of Prayer

(formerly known as Women's World day of Prayer) has been prepared this year by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. It is being held at 2.00 pm in Lillington Free Church. Please see the notice board.

Saturday 7 March

Dormer Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea at St Peter's, 2.00 pm

Saturday 7 March

Choral Concert at SP, 7.30 pm

Peter Irvine conducts his new cantata: *Into my heart an air that kills!* – for ladies' chorus and orchestra. It addresses the destruction of living species. Also works by R. Vaughan-Williams and the beautiful Three Motets by CV Stanford.

Saturday 28 March

Hand in Hand group – HOSANNA!

Holy Week events in song and mime SP, 2.00 pm

Saturday 28 March

Da Capo Concert, 7.30 pm fund-raising for KINDAID at Our Lady's

either days, regularly or on an occasional basis.

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