

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON SPA

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Sunday 14th May 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

PARISH MASS TIME REVIEW: When the new Mass times were implemented last July it was suggested that there would be a review after about a year. At this stage now, Fr. John and Fr. Bob would like two representatives from each church to discuss the format of a consultation document which will be issued to all parishioners on 11th June. These documents should be returned to the PPC's of the churches soon after and no anonymous documents can be accepted. Any parishioners interested in offering to be representatives for this process please include your name, address and telephone no. in an envelope and push them through the presbytery door, or email to the parish address. Very many thanks. This is an important exercise that will provide valuable feedback for us.

If we try to visualise the image of people gathering stones in order to build their church, as they literally do in some parts of the world, it might help us to see at a deeper level how St. Peter can describe the community of faith as the living stones that make a spiritual house. The Church is not so much the building as the community of those living close to Jesus, believing in Him and living according to His example. It cannot be over-emphasised just how much the great Temple in Jerusalem was in the minds of God's people at that time. After all, it was where God really dwelt; that holy place where God was experienced living among His people. Jesus' disciples needed time, because it was only after the events of Easter that the disciples were able to grasp the full meaning of what Jesus was telling them. Now, Jesus was Himself the sanctuary where God had made His dwelling among His people, and if Jesus has God within and of Him, then we also have God dwelling within us. When we eat the bread of the Eucharist we take in the one who created us and He alone enables and empowers us to come together as one loving community of peace, joy and hope.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mary Darby.

**Warwick Hospital
The Lawns**

Roy Stanford, David Harwar
Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

**Clarence House
Clarendon Manor
Castle Brook
Galanos House**

Winifred Galvin
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

Volunteer? Would anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister or Reader be prepared to co-ordinate the Rota, since Kate is now unable to continue? I'm sure Kate would be happy to offer tips and advice and pass on the lists of contact details etc. Please give it some thought - it is a vital role which keeps our Sunday Masses flowing seamlessly and with dignity. Thank you, Fr. Bob

Boxes or you can email your pledge to patreddin@gmail.com.

Our Piety Stall: This is well stocked with cards etc. for First Communions which are coming up very soon on the 21st May and Confirmations, which will be in July. Do go in and have a browse around. If you are not familiar with the shop, you are free to choose what you would like and place the money in the wall safe just outside.

Lectio Divina: Following the Lenten weekly Lectio Divina, we now return to the third Friday of the month, which in May is **this coming Friday, the 19th, at 10.00am** in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

First Communion Mass: This will be next Sunday, 21st May, at 10.00am. It is an important day for the parish and we keep our First Communicants and their families in our prayers. This Mass may be very crowded, so you may prefer to attend either the 8.00am or the 5.30pm on that day. Either way, I would ask everyone with cars to park with consideration for our neighbours, please. Thank you!

Youth Worker Project: Please consider supporting this project. Thank you to all parishioners who have already made a pledge. We will be contacting you shortly to advise how you can make your donation. For those of you who are still considering it, it is not too late! There are forms at the back of church with the Pledge

Flowers for First Communion: We would be grateful for any donations towards our church flowers to decorate the church fittingly for the First Communion Mass—please use the wall box by the entrance to the church. Our thanks to those who always contribute

| NEXT WEEK 21.5.17 | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| 8.00am | Sophia Brain, Carol Bowler | Sr. Angela, Jan Ireson, Katherine Wimpenny |
| 10.00am: 1st Communion | School | Kim Kearns, Liam Kearns, Adam Borley |
| 5.30pm | Honor Hynes | Julia Fan, Pam Hamilton, Mary Hendry |



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Margaret A. Thomas

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Saturday 13 May <i>Psalter Wk 1</i> | | | | | Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm |
| VIGIL | OL SP | 12.30 pm 5.00 pm | Harry & Margaret Tew Terence Nicholl | | |
| Sunday 14 May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> | SJ OL SP SJ | 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm | John & Julia Sheehan (Anniv.) Francis Brennan People of the Parish Jennifer Allister & Family | | SP: 3.00pm Exposition |
| Monday 15 May <i>Easter Feria</i> | SP SJ | 10.00 am 7.00 pm | Cathrine Helen Private Intention | | SJ Mass with Novena to Our Lady |
| Tuesday 16 May <i>Easter Feria</i> | SJ SP | 9.30 am 12.30 pm | Dagma & Tom Pendle Mont Jenkinson | | Rosary: SJ 9.10am Rosary: SP Noon |
| Wednesday 17 May <i>Easter Feria</i> | OL SP | 12.00 pm 12.30 pm | Joseph Keane Requiem: Concetta Frondella | | Rosary: SP Noon |
| Thursday 18 May <i>Easter Feria</i> | SP SJ | 12.30 pm 7.00 pm | Drury Family Lucy Trotter | | Rosary: SP Noon |
| Friday 19 May <i>Easter Feria</i> | SJ OL SP | 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm | Matthew Kelly Jane Cleary Requiem: Edward Burns | | SJ Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am Rosary: SP Noon |
| Saturday 20 May VIGIL | SJ SP OL | 9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm | People of the Parish Bridie McGerty Tara Fitzpatrick | | Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm |
| Sunday 21 May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> | SJ OL SJ SP SJ | 8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm | David Harwar (Birthday) People of the Parish <u>First Holy Communion Mass</u> — Intention for First Communicants Julia Dizon Thomas Joseph Kelly | | SP: 3.00pm Exposition |

Brightlights Festival: is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place 23-26th June in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. Journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. Hear about the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

Mass for the Sick: This annual Mass takes place at St. Peter's and is on **Sat 20th May at 2.00pm** Afternoon tea will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards until 4.00pm For information please contact Carmel Cleary on 859303 or Mary Holden on 420045.

Information for the Bulletin: It would be really helpful if any information which you would like to be included in the coming weekend's bulletin could be emailed to :-

Fr. Bob
(st.josephs47@outlook.com) and
Jan Ireson (janvireson@gmail.com)
needing to arrive by Thursday at the latest. Alternatively, a written note could be handed in to Fr. Bob or Jan. *Thanks to all who feed information to the parish through the bulletin.*

First Communions

The children who have been preparing will be receiving their First Communion at a special 10.00am Mass on Sunday 21st May. Please keep them in your prayers.

Anniversaries

Jennifer Allister, Molly Henderson, Thomas Kenny, John & Julia Sheehan, Breege Thacker, John Kavanagh, Innocenzo Martuccio, Eddie Hoare
May they rest in peace

Our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers **Robbie Burns**, whose Requiem is at St. Peter's Church at 12.30pm this Friday 19th May

Baptisms

Freddie Dyte 27th May 2017 at 12 Noon
Riley Underhill 24th June 2017

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
Thurs: 10.45-12.15pm Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: 10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR
5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30, 9.30 + 11.30am Slimming World
2.00pm Mass for the Sick, St. Peter's
Sun: 2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance
Hall booked for First Communions

Future Dates: First Communion - 21st May
Confirmation - 13th July

LAST WEEK 7.5.17

Offertory Collection: £449.89
Many thanks.

2nd Collection:
Clergy Training Fund: £204.98

Attendance
244

