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Newsletter

8th May 2016

The Ascension of the Lord

There are invitations and there are invitations, and the invite we are offered by Jesus is beyond our descriptive capacity. It truly is a life-long journey; from baptism (usually through parents' faith!) through the sacraments of initiation, through youthful, and adult, lapsing of faithful practice, through 'conversion' and acceptance in later (maybe deathbed) life. When we fully say our 'yes' to what Jesus has held out to us we come to realise the magnitude of the mystery of our faith. For a faith to endure across the world for two thousand years it has to be something very very special; in its essence and what it can offer humans. From the unpromising start, when an itinerant preacher and prophet was killed and his followers scattered, through internecine doctrinal 'warfare' and schism, and the rupture of the Reformation, to the all pervasive secularism of the present day; Jesus Christ's Church is as real and as life-giving as ever. Through two thousand years ideologies have come and gone, and great leaders (evil and benign) have lived and died and passed out of memory into the abyss of oblivion. But those forty days of Jesus' appearing, and His dramatic departure into the cloud, imprinted something so real and permanent in His followers that they were fully prepared for the Holy

Spirit to enter into them. So Jesus is present to them deeper and closer than when He walked with them on earth. We also will be transformed when we accept that invitation. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles would carry out that mission that Jesus had given them. However difficult it was for the apostles when Jesus ascended into heaven, it was a vital step on their journey and ours.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Chris Lane (MB)</i> <i>Second Collection for Catholic Communi- cations</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: George Kajkowski RIP</i></p> <p>12 Noon <i>Baptism: Amelia Chambers</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Sr. Elizabeth Delaney's Intention</i></p>	<p>Sunday 8th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p> 	<p>10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>2.15pm <i>School Mass: Fr. Liam O'Connor</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Bernadine's Intention Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 9th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>7.30pm Parish Evangelisa- tion Meeting, St. Peter's</p> <p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Margaret and Gordon Felthouse</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 10th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>10.30am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 11th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group 9.00pm Torchlight process- ion, Belmont Abbey</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Pat Commins RIP(St.JS)</i></p>	<p>Thursday 12th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 2 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Well-being of John Phipps</i> <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 13th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>10-12 noon Children's Dancing 4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>10-10.45am <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>2.00pm <i>Mass for the Sick: St. Peter's</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Thanksgiving for 50th Wedding Anniversary</i></p>	<p>Saturday 14th May St. Matthias Feast</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 10-4.00pm March for Life, Birmingham</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Jenny Allister RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Jim Ward (Johnson Ass)</i></p>	<p>Sunday 15th May Solemnity of Pentecost <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	<p>10.05 Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>Collections £423.60</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p>April's Maintenance Collection £231.75</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 1st May</p>	<p>Attendance: 231</p> 

Announcements

OUR SICK

Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage, Christopher Brown, Maureen Cowell

Warwick Hospital Rory O'Rourke
John Cotter

Woodside Angele Handford
The Lawns Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn,
Rosa Venetico,
John L'Estrange, Pierre de
Spa, Kathleen Hammond,
Colleen Scott

Clarence House Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H. Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly
Stratford Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home Robbie Burns
Galanos House Marjorie Smedley, Frances
Lovell

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Harding, Frank Harvey, Maurice Fitzgerald, John Curham, Billy Harris, Jenny Allister

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for the deceased members of the Conlon and McHugh families

Baptism

Amelia Chambers

8th May, 2016 at 12 Noon

Baptism: In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s should take first responsibility for bringing them up in the faith.

Procession in honour of Our Lady

Belmont Abbey, Hereford, has a torchlight procession on Wednesday 11 May starting at 9.00 pm. Speaker: Very Rev. Dom Nicholas Wetz

GIFT AID ENVELOPES - URGENT APPEAL

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX OF ENVELOPES:
IF YOU HAVE NUMBERS 28 OR 74 PLEASE CONTACT FR. BOB OR BRIAN MALONE (613693)**

Otherwise, please take your named box. Perhaps you would consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, if you are a tax payer. Just let Fr. Bob know if you are interested.
NB We have ordered fewer envelopes this year, so some people have been allocated new numbers.

The Need For Prayer

As our three local parishes begin to plan for and implement the changes to the number of Masses and their timing, we need to pray earnestly for help in how we work together during the next few months. We are forming a new community in essence (The CPL). Pastorally, and in terms of our ministry, there will be many challenges lying ahead.

Mass for the Sick at St. Peter's

On Saturday 14 May, there will be Mass for the Sick at 2.00 pm in St. Peter's Church, followed by tea. All are welcome and the organisers would be grateful for any contributions of cakes, scones, etc to supplement the tea in the hall afterwards. There is a list at the back of St. Peter's for those who intend to bring food but your offering will be welcome, even if you have not been able to sign up!

Discerning God's Call in my life

There is to be a vocations weekend, 27 – 29 May, organised by sisters from the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). It is an opportunity for young women to learn about vowed life. For more information visit the website www.fcjsisters.org

Parish Evangelisation—Warwick Deanery

We are holding our next meeting on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington. It is hoped that each parish in the Warwick deanery will be represented at the meeting. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Tracing a Parishioner

A Miss Marston (859172) is trying to make contact with a parishioner who used to go to St. Mary's Warwick. His name is John Bradshaw. If anyone knows of him and whether he comes to this parish would they please let Miss Marston know.

Next Week—15th May 2016

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Stephen McFadden, May Murphy
Myrna Harwar, David Harwar, John Ireson
Mary Hendry, Kim Kearns

Readers:

Marian Dwyer
Sophia Brain
Amy Cawood

7th May	2nd Coll: Catholic Communications
14 May	Mass for the Sick at 2.00 pm St. Peter's, followed by tea
26th May	7.00pm, Fr. Brian's Celebration Mass, 60th anniversary of priesthood
28th May	May Maintenance Collection
22nd May	Next Children's Mass
11th June	First Holy Communions
10th Sept	10-4.00pm Deanery Readers Day

**A Celebration for Fr. Brian
Thursday 26th May at 7.00pm**

Fr. Brian is aware of those coming in the coach to his celebration Mass. **Please let him know by Sunday 8th May if you are intending to go independently.** His contacts are: email fr.bee27@gmail.com or phone: 01905 773258 or letter: *Sacred Heart Presbytery, 208 Worcester Road, Droitwich, WR9 8AZ*.

The cost for those travelling by coach is £6 each, to be paid by 8th May. This can be given to Hazel or Fr. Bob after Mass, or put through the letter box. Or come and see Hazel on Mon. or Thu evenings. Please use an envelope labelled with your name and contact no

Many Thanks

A Day for Liturgy Readers

St. Peter's is in the process of organising a Deanery Readers' Day for Saturday 10th September from 10.30am - 4.00pm. There will be more information to follow, but please save the date - it is important that we have time for reflection and spiritual input in this Ministry that we have agreed to undertake.

Our Catholic Parish of Leamington

Those parishioners who were present over the last two weekends, would have heard the situation explained, regarding the proposal to form one Leamington parish from the Catholic communities of Whitnash, Leamington and Lillington. We are now in the last stages of finalising the new Mass times across the three churches. Mgr. Timothy Menezes should be coming to us very shortly to formally announce the new timings. St. Joseph's parish centre is likely to be the venue. More on the exact date/time later.

Pilgrimage to Rome 4th—12th October

This pilgrimage was advertised earlier in the year. If anyone is interested, please ring Carol Bowler on 01926 881274 - the cost (full board) is £779

**Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina
Change of Time and Venue**

The next Lectio Divina, Scripture Reflection Hour, will take place on 20th May, the third Friday of the month, at **10.15am in the Narthex**. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday:	Dancing
Tuesday:	Tuesday Club
Wednesday:	Art /Choir
Thursday:	Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday:	Karate
Saturday:	Slimming World

Items 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)

Ideally, this would arrive by Friday morning 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.*

March for Life UK

Life from Conception – no Exception: The annual March for Life UK will take in Birmingham on 14 May between 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. The march aims to help bring an end to the greatest violation of human rights in history. Every year an estimated 43 million babies are killed by abortion. For full itinerary see marchforlife.co.uk or call 07885 505116.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This is an opportunity to celebrate the Year of Mercy with Mary, Mother of Mercy on Saturday 4 June at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, 11.00 am - 5.00 pm. Led by Mgr. Keith Barltrop and Marian Fathers. Programme includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic procession, Exposition and Devotion to the Divine Mercy. For more information and coach booking, please contact Marian Fathers, Divine Mercy Apostolate on 020 8998 0925 or email: info@divinemercury.org.uk

200 Club

Winners for May

Congratulations to Pauline Mills and Eileen Hirons who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes of May's 200 Club draw.