

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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In our first reading today we see some Old Testament insomnia. Job, as a consequence of his suffering is experiencing a sense of depression and futility, a reminder that the Lord accompanies us through similar trials. In the second reading Paul presents us with the basis of evangelisation; the call to preach the Gospel out of a sense of need not out of a sense of duty. If our faith has become something that is simply a duty maybe we need to look again at our life of faith and ask, where can I best serve the NEEDS of the Gospel? Speaking of the Gospel, the passage from Mark reflects beautifully the sheer business of Jesus. After a long day he rises early and prays alone before another day of proclaiming the good news and healing the sick. This weekend sees the new Mass times being introduced in Catholic Leamington. Again I just want to reiterate this is not a "going back to what we had before" but the "start of a new chapter" in the Catholic life of this area. This week I have had a fruitful meeting with Father John about the various topics including a reformatted parish newsletter and the Lenten programme. Watch this space as they say! I have also met with more parish groups to gain a better understanding of their work, may God continue to bless us, Fr Andy

4TH FEBRUARY 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

NEW MASS TIMES AT ST. JOSEPH'S
9.00am and 5.30pm

Enrolment for First Communion: Last week, at a wonderful 5.30pm Mass, we welcomed the children who will make their First Communion later this year. Please keep these children in your prayers and encourage them in their eagerness to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Just a reminder: as we get used to an earlier start on Monday evenings with Exposition and Novena starting at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. This allows us to give the appropriate focus to the feast of the day as well as honouring Our Lady.

All Counters - Thanks to the counters who came to the meeting on Thursday evening. It was a useful and important discussion.

Mass Intentions: *In case you did not see this item in St. Joseph's bulletin, I have left it in. My thanks to those who have responded.* As we begin a new year, it is perhaps appropriate to mention the pattern of requests for Mass Intentions. You will notice that for the Sunday Masses we often have to have two intentions for the same Mass, whereas during the week we often have no request for intentions at all! These Masses are usually put in as a 'Special Intention'. This rather puts the theory that the Mass Offering will feed the priest for a day in question - otherwise we'll have a very thin priest!

On a more serious note, it is an important part of our Catholic life to offer prayer for others and offering the prayer of the Mass is a most precious gift. Please give this some thought - I am reluctant to have to go to another parish to ask for extra Mass Intentions, but the fact is we no longer have any requests here.

Altar Servers: It always enhances the liturgy when there are servers on the altar. Perhaps parents could encourage their children to think about offering their services? Please **don't be put off volunteering** because you sometimes see servers already present at Mass—starting alongside more experienced servers is a good way to learn! We would really welcome more volunteers.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop William Kenney on Tuesday 10th July at 7.00pm. Let us remember to pray for those children who are preparing to be confirmed.

STAFF VACANCIES - ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:

Cleaner—10 hours per week (3.15-5.15pm Monday-Friday)

Middy supervisor: 6.25 hours per week (12 noon-1.15pm Monday-Friday)

Please contact the school office for an application pack and further details. (01926 427552)

- Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers
- Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa, Anne Bergonzi, baby Joseph Gibbons
 - The Lawns Mary Behan, Kathleen Hammond and Rosa Venatica. **John L'Estrange**
 - Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
 - Castle Brook Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
 - Galanos House Marjorie Smedley

NEXT WEEK 11.2.18	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
9.00am	Ted Forde	Jill Sheard, Kim Kearns, Pauline Mills
5.30pm	Alison McLeary	Pam Hamilton, Tony Harris, May Murphy



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for 80th Birthday and Recovery of Mario Fasi

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 February VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	John Mealy Ann O'Keeffe Ann Quirke	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 4 February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	SJ OL SP SP SJ	9.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 5:00 pm 5.30 pm	Len & Winifred Arran Clive Hodges Martin Wall People of the Parish <u>Reception:</u> James "Gerry" Larkin Peter & Mary Darby	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 5 February <i>St Agatha</i>	SP Sch SJ	10.00 am 2.30 pm 7.00 pm	<u>Requiem:</u> James "Gerry" Larkin St Joseph's School Mass Gerry Larkin RIP	SJ Exposition & Novena to Our Lady: 6.30pm
Tuesday 6 February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Mary McGarvey RIP John F. O'Sullivan	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 7 February <i>Feria</i>	Sch SP SP	10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mass at OLST School Intention: Thomas McDonnell & Family Alberto Dimambro <u>Reception:</u> Kathleen Hannan	Rosary: SP noon
Thursday 8 February <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	<u>Requiem:</u> Kathleen Hannan Robert Gibbons RIP	
Friday 9 February <i>Feria</i>	SJ OL OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm	Maureen Hughes RIP Eileen Lawless <i>St Monica's Prayer Service</i> Joseph Hanrahan	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon. Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Bridie Murphy Jean-Louis & Francoise's Family Philomena O'Neill People of the Parish Noel McGivern	SJ: Morning Prayer 9.15am Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00am; OL: 11.45am
Sunday 11 February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	9.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Clarence & Patricia Harwar; & Ian Wilshire RIP Private Intention Katie Hannan Mary, James & Betty Gilvarry	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

200 Club February Draw: Subscriptions will be collected today at both Masses.

Lectio Divina: Lectio takes place on the third Friday of each month. By the third Friday of February, 16th, we will just have entered Lent. Therefore Lectio will be held each week from then until Easter, starting at 10.00am and it will take place in the presbytery. All are very welcome.

Laudato Si and the Parish Newsletter. *If you are happy to receive your bulletin by email, perhaps you could post a note of your email address through the presbytery door. Thank you.*

I will be further exploring the possibility of a single, realistic newsletter for the three Leamington Churches. Watch this space!

Ministers and Readers: Those who receive their rota by email should now have the new rota in the light of the new Mass time. This takes us up to the feast of the Ascension. There are envelopes in the narthex for those who receive a hard copy. Thanks to everyone for their commitment to these roles

Echoes of Erin Concert: St. Patrick's Irish Club, Adelaide Road, Leamington on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Adults **£10, Under 16's £5**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret (Peggy) Devanney died on 29th January. We offer our condolences to her family. Funeral arrangements: Her body will be received into church at 5.00pm on Wednesday 14th February and her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 15th February at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood. *May she rest in peace and rise in glory*

BAPTISM
Dheekshara Charles
Sunday, 11th
February at 12 noon

ANNIVERSARIES

William Nicholl, Thomas Jeavons, Mary Ellen McGarvey, William Ahern, Carlton Young, Dennis Dougherty, William Gallagher, Jack Preston, Salvatore Monastero, Eileen Godfrey, Maria Lazzara, John McEnery, Bridie Murphy, Clarence Harwar, Rev Wilfred Poultney

May they rest in peace

LAST WEEK
28.1.18

Offertory Collection:
£562.24 Thank you

2nd Collection:
Parish Maintenance £281.80

Attendance
351



THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 200 Club collection
2nd Coll: Pro Life
Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.00am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
7.30pm Choir Practice
Thurs: 10.45-12.15 Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
7.30pm SCJ Meeting 26 Green Close
Fri: 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30, 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World
Sun: 12 Noon, Baptism

News from the Youth Erin, our Youth Worker, is formulating an exciting programme for 2018. This includes leading the youth of the three churches in Masses on the following dates: **March 25th (Palm Sunday), April 29th, June 24th and Sept 30th.**

We are fortunate that these will take place at St. Joseph's at the 5.30pm Mass and we welcome all the young people and thank them for their willingness to enlarge our liturgy in this way.

