

Whitnash and Bishops Tachbrook

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## *Newsletter*

**12th April 2015**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

Our two readings this Sunday are interesting because they provide us with insights into different perspectives on the faith of the early community of followers. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles portrays a community (post Pentecost) united and strong where, not only were they able to testify to the resurrection with great confidence and strength, but they were able to live as 'the perfect church'. In other words, they were the ideal Christian community and, as such, are held up as the model we should be. Our critics will often use this model as the true way of life we have fallen short of in our striving to be followers of Christ. We can be accused of never being able or willing to live up to it. This can be understandable to an extent, but we must acknowledge that our faith is not, and never can be, an idealised 'model' because it is NOT an ideology. Our faith is most realistically understood in that room of 'fear' and

nervousness where scared and doubtful disciples were trying to come to terms with events, and needed powerful reassurance. We can sympathise with Thomas as we pray for the grace and power of the Holy Spirit to change us into Easter people; to sustain us through a life-long and lifetime conversion. This can only be truly existential and never merely an ideal; a real work of the Spirit at large within the imperfect mess of our lives of brokenness.



Services	This Week	Events
10.00am <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i> 3.00pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions, St. Peter's</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b>            12th April  <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>  <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>  <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p> 	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Kim Pope  6.00pm Youth Group
<i>No School Mass</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady</i> <i>Mass: Maureen Bannerton</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b>            13th April            Easter Feria</p>	8-9.00pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Patrick Henderson RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b>            14th April            Easter Feria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club
<i>No service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b>            15th April            Easter Feria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group
5.00pm <i>Reception of the body of Hugh Williams</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: William and Kathleen O'Shea</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b>            16th April            Easter Feria</p>	<i>Church Cleaning - Team 2</i> 10.45-12.15 <i>Music Group</i> 7-8.00pm <i>Weight Watchers</i>
<i>No Morning Rosary</i> 11.00am <i>Requiem Mass: Hugh Williams followed by burial at St. Margaret's Cemetery</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b>            17th April            Easter Feria</p>	10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR a.m. Hall booked 5-6.00pm Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Nan O'Sullivan</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b>            18th April            Easter Feria</p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 1-3.00pm Hall booked
10.00am <i>Mass: Intentions of Marketa Siekierska</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Josie Prendiville RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b>            19th April  <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>  <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Choir Group 
Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 Collection for Holy Places £198.10 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Last Week</b>            5th April</p>	Attendance: 328 

# Announcements

## OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Marie Kelly, Seren Robertson, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Eddie Hoare.

<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bert Brind, Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
<b>Clarence House</b>	Winifred Galvin
<b>Eversleigh N. H.</b>	Mollie Benson
<b>Clarendon Manor</b>	Mary Jenkinson
<b>Stratford</b>	Monty Jenkinson
<b>RLS Nursing Home</b>	Bernie & Robbie Burns

## Anniversaries

Michael Dennehy, Patrick Henderson, Betty Reading, Howard Burnett, James Kelly, David Shanahan, Thomas Maher, Teresa Webber, Mary Bowen

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

## Baptism

**Elias O'Driscoll**

Sunday April 26th at 12 Noon

**Caelen Lea Connolly**

Sunday 3rd May at 12 Noon

**Thomas Josef McGarvey**

Sunday 17th May at 12 Noon

**Baptism Preparation Meetings:** usually take place on the last Monday of the month, at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

## Recently Deceased

Hugh Williams, one of our parishioners, died on Friday 20th March after prolonged illness. We offer our sympathies and condolences to his wife Anne and all his family.

Funeral Arrangements:

His body will be received into church this Thursday 16th April at 5.00pm and his Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am on Friday 17th April, followed by burial at St. Margaret's Cemetery.

*May he rest in peace .*

## Safeguarding and Documentation

We need to have our safeguarding administration and documentation up to date. It has, for some time, been required practice for volunteers to complete the relevant forms. In parishes, the areas concerned will include: CHILDREN'S LITURGY, EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY, YOUTH GROUP WORKERS, ADULT ALTAR SERVERS, SACRISTANS AND CATECHISTS. We've already received a good number of these from our teams, but we need to make sure all volunteers have completed their relevant forms. Could any volunteers (from the above areas) who have not yet been given forms please see Fr. Bob or Honor Hynes [safeguarding co-ordinator] so that we can complete the process and make sure all documentation is up to date. Form completion will be fully explained and shouldn't be time consuming. We will guide you through it. Many thanks for your patience and understanding. We do rely upon our generous teams to allow the parish to function.

## Gift Aid

**The new tax year has started and the envelopes for this are in the porch.** Please take your named box. If you are not a tax payer, but would like a box, there will be a sheet of paper next to the blank boxes - just sign this and take one. Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, if you are a tax payer. Just let Fr. Bob know if you are interested. Thank you to those who were able to register following Patrick Murphy's recent appeal. Gift Aid provides the Parish with substantial income, every year, at no cost to individual parishioners. Patrick (07711 346405) will answer any queries you may have.

Patrick has the forms for anyone wishing to set up a bankers order instead of using envelopes. Our thanks once again to all who join or have joined the scheme and to Patrick Murphy and Brian Malone for keeping the records.

## Divine Mercy Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

This Sunday there will be Divine Mercy Devotions with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm to 4pm at St. Peter's. Pope Francis has just announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy in order to celebrate God's forgiveness, starting on 8<sup>th</sup> December this year.

## Next Week—19th April 2015

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil Jan Ireson, May Murphy  
10.00am **Adam Borley**, Pauline Mills, Tony Harris  
5.00pm Paddy Close, Sr. Angela

### Readers:

June Arran  
Sophia Brain  
Carol Bowler

25th April	Day with Jesus and Mary, St. Peters
25/26th April	2nd collection, Clergy Training Fund
30th April	7.30pm General Election Meeting All Saints

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### Thank You

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve the parish in the role of Special Minister of the Eucharist for the coming year. We are grateful to all our Eucharistic Ministers for their ongoing commitment to supporting the liturgy in this way.

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### Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

After Easter, we will revert to one monthly meeting, on the third Friday of each month, at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. The next occasion will be Friday 17th April. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

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### Justice and Peace

Many thanks to all those who came and supported the Good Friday Hunger Lunch which raised £82 plus £18 from sale of produce - £100 in total. Everyone said it was a lovely friendly atmosphere. A fantastic result!



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### A Day with Jesus and Mary

A Day with Jesus and Mary: On Saturday 25 April (after 10am Mass) at St. Peter's. From 10.30am to 4.30pm, in the Davenport Room, Parish Centre there will be a talk by Sister Pauline Giffard DW, Daughters of Wisdom, Romsey, Hants. There will also be a DVD on the spirituality of St Louis Marie De Montfort. Entry £7, please bring food for lunch. For information, contact Peter Dimambro - 428399.

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### The Easter Fayre

Many thanks to all those who came and supported the Easter Fayre on Palm Sunday morning. Thanks also to those who arranged it all and worked so hard to make it such a success. An amazing £583.68 was raised (to be shared between school and parish) - a wonderful result!

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### 200 Club

Congratulations to Julia Leask, Jackie Patterson and Jim Goggin, who won the April 200 Club prizes. The Easter Prize was won by Lorna Knowles.

## Parish Centre



### Weekly Events (during normal time)

<b>Monday:</b>	Dancing
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Tuesday Club
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Art /Choir
<b>Thursday:</b>	Music Group / Weightwatchers
<b>Friday:</b>	Karate
<b>Saturday:</b>	Slimming World
<b>Sunday:</b>	Youth Club

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### The General Election

On Thursday 30 April, Fr Christopher Wilson has arranged a General Election meeting at All Saints Church, Leamington, for the prospective parliamentary candidates. You are invited not only to attend at 7.30pm, but also to submit questions in advance to put to them through the Chair, either by emailing him at [vicar@allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk](mailto:vicar@allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk) or through his website [www.allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk/hustings-questions.html](http://www.allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk/hustings-questions.html)

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### My Thanks

We are repeating Fr. Bob's message of thanks from Easter Sunday, as we know some of you were away:

*Many thanks to all those whose hard work and preparation meant that the Easter Services were celebrated with the church freshly cleaned and beautifully decorated with flowers. Thanks to the musicians and choir, the altar servers, the readers and Eucharistic Ministers, whose efforts added to the dignity of the ceremonies and thanks to all those who attended and took part in the special liturgies of the season. Perhaps a special thank you to those who worked in the background to make sure everything went smoothly. A blessed and happy Eastertide to you all.*

**Many thanks also, to all the parish community, for the cards, best wishes and generous gifts I received this Easter. It is very moving. Fr. Bob**

