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Newsletter





19th April 2015

3rd Sunday of Easter

When we hear the term 'saints and sinners' I wonder what goes through our minds. Do we tend to look upon it as a light-hearted throw away phrase? Do we subconsciously categorise people as one or the other? Maybe, in the light of our great Paschal Mystery that we have just celebrated, we should give serious thought to the connection between saint and sinner. We are all definitely sinners but we are all called to sainthood so how do we make sense of this paradox? Well, I'm sure most of us wince at the oft-used accusation levelled at us by certain sections of society that we are 'church-going holier than thou hypocrites'. Most of us are painfully aware of the spiritual state we are in and few, if any of us, would deem ourselves as holy. Our faith, our practice, our Eucharist provide us with the means to sanctity through true humility because we allow our wounds to be healed by the wounds of the Crucified. When Jesus appears to His disciples He offers His wounds as the means through which their brokenness and sinfulness are healed. A saint is someone who recognises to the depths of their being that he or she is a sinner to the core but offers their weeping lesions to the open wounds of Christ, and sees their redemption within the Easter mystery. This invitation is for all of us as Jesus' parables and the Gospel message make clear. *Lord, look kindly and with mercy on us sinners.*

PEACE

**BE
WITH
YOU**

Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Nan O'Sullivan</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Intentions of Marketa Siekierska</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Josie Prendiville RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p> 	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Choir Group 
2.15pm <i>School Mass: Private Intention</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady</i> <i>Mass: Madgie O'Callaghan</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 20th April Easter Feria</p>	8-9.00pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 21st April Easter Feria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club
<i>No service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 22nd April Easter Feria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group
7.00pm <i>Mass: Anthony Hawkins RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 23rd April St. George Patron of England</p>	10.45-12.15 Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Hugh Williams RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 24th April Easter Feria</p>	4-6.00pm 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: Hugh Williams RIP</i> <i>There is a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 25th April Feast St. Mark</p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 10.30am Day with Jesus and Mary, St. Peter's 2-4.00pm Hall booked
<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> 10.00am <i>Children's Mass: People of the Parish</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Elias O'Driscoll</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Tuesday Club  6.00pm Youth Group
Collections £500.22 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Last Week 12th April</p>	Attendance: 237 

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.

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

Anniversaries

Mick Long, Mary Ruby, Paul Thacker, Rita Maltby

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
Saturday 16th 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

Carmila Samperi (a former parishioner) died on 3rd April. Her funeral is at St. Peter's at 12.30pm on 22nd April. *May she rest in peace.*

200 Club

The 200 Club will be collecting after next weekend's Masses (25th/26th). New members always welcome. It goes towards our maintenance fund.

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.

Parish Office

If you wish to book the parish centre for an event, you can contact the parish secretary on Mondays and Thursdays, between the hours of 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Either come to the side door and knock, or telephone on 01926 772712.

Next Week—26th April 2015

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Stephen McFadden, Josephine Whittington
Pauline Mills, Myrna Harwar, David Harwar
Mary Hendry, Shelagh Price

Readers:

Honor Hynes
School
Anne Kirby

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

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.

EMPLOYMENT

Princethorpe College: Teacher vacancies for Religious Studies and Philosophy & Ethics; and French. Details www.princethorpe.co.uk

Crackley Hall School: Full-time Key Stage 2 Class Teacher Details: www.crackleyhall.co.uk

Diocesan Education Service: Vacancies for a Senior Officer for Capital Projects and Place Planning and for an Adviser to Primary Schools Details www.bdes.org.uk

The Little Red Boxes

First and foremost, sincere thanks to all who hold the Missio boxes in their homes - the work of the Missions depends on this source of income and the parishioners of St. Joseph's are always very generous. Once again, it's time to ask you to bring your box in when you come to Mass *next weekend* and pass it to Lennie or June Arran, please. If you don't see either of them, please leave your box in the sacristy and it will be collected from there. Don't worry if your box is not filled yet - just bring it in as it is, and ***please make sure your box is named.***

Grateful thanks to all who hold the little red boxes and fill them so generously.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

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

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 or through his website www.allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk/hustings-questions.html

Volunteers?

The Helen Ley Care Centre is looking for volunteers to assist with the running of its reception gift shop. Duties will include selling greetings cards, postcards and toiletries plus making tea & coffee, mainly for 1½ to 2 hours either mornings or afternoons. The care centre, which is owned by the Castel Froma charity, provides 24 hour care for those with neurological conditions such as multiple sclerosis. All ages welcome. For further details or if you are able to help please contact Marie Bawden on 07595 466 751.

Discussion Groups on Evangelii Gaudium

A big thank you for those who attended the Lent Proclaim '15 sessions and gave such valuable feedback and ideas for follow up. It was noted that there was an interest in continuing with the Evangelii Gaudium groups. The group(s) is/are to restart on **Thursday 30th April** after 12.30pm Mass (please bring own lunch) at 1.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St. Peter's Parish Centre. For those who cannot attend a daytime group please contact Peter 428399