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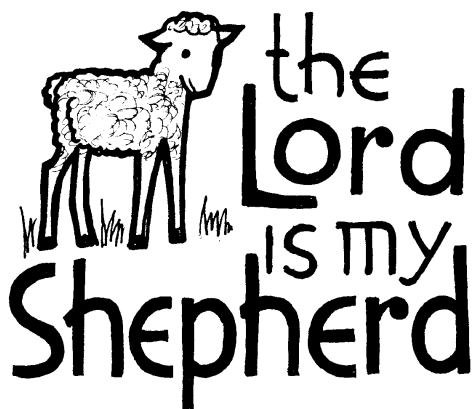


Newsletter




26th April 2015

4th Sunday of Easter

I think that the more we hear the Gospel the more we come to realise how far Jesus' way of life contrasts with our own. In the normal course of human living we get by through hiring our labour. We're paid to work; a universally accepted way of surviving. However, in much of Jesus' teaching we are urged to go beyond the notion of being mere hirelings in formation of God's kingdom on earth. Whilst Jesus refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd who spares nothing in caring for His 'sheep', it must be remembered that we are a very real part of Christ's body and, as such, have an extended role to play in sharing His care for His sheep. We are 'Shepherds' as well in a brotherly/sisterly kind of way. Laying down His life for the sheep is the manner in which the Lord shows how much He loves us and as we are part of this vocation we need to be aware of our own baptismal calling. This calling can be easily missed especially through a typical infant baptism celebration. But as baptised Christians we have a duty to 'look out for' others, which does not mean preaching a 'self-righteous' Gospel, but rather leading by genuine example. As is so often emphasised, it is how we personally live out our faith in the every-



day demands that makes people sit up and take note. By our authentic and selfless dealings with others, we let Jesus, the only Good Shepherd, work through us. We can be shepherds too as well as sheep.

Services	This Week	Events
<p><i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Hugh Williams RIP</i> <i>There is a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Children's Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>12 Noon <i>Baptism: Elias O'Driscoll</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Welfare of Anne Britton</i></p>	<p>Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p> 	<p>Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Tuesday Club</p>  <p>6.00pm Youth Group</p>
<p>2.15pm <i>School Mass: Private Intention</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady</i> <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Monday 27th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 28th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena Feast</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Joseph Marsh RIP</i></p>	<p>Thursday 30th April Easter Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 1 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 1.30pm Evangelii Gaudium meeting, St. Peter's 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers 7.30pm Meeting at All Saints, Leamington/ General Election</p>
<p><i>No Morning Rosary</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i> <i>Mass: Private Intention</i></p>	<p>Friday 1st May St. Joseph the Worker Patronal Feast First Friday</p>	<p>First Friday visitation of the sick</p> <p>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>10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Welfare of Helen Dunbar</i></p>	<p>Saturday 2nd May St. Athanasius Memoria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: B. O'Connor</i></p> <p>12 Noon <i>Baptism: Caelen Lea Connolly</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Welfare of Eileen Hogg</i></p>	<p>Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	<p>Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Justice and Peace Group</p> 
<p>Collections £368.76 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 19th April</p>	<p>Attendance: 236</p> 

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

Ernest Ransby, Leslie Rofe,
Dr. Lilian Fogerty-Doye

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: By appointment, application form having been completed, these usually take place on the last Monday of the month, at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

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, please take one. Do consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, if you are a tax payer. Just let Fr. Bob know if you are interested.

Patrick Murphy has the forms for anyone wishing to set up a bankers order instead of using envelopes.

Safeguarding and Documentation

We need to have our safeguarding administration and documentation up to date. Could any volunteers (from CHILDREN'S LITURGY, EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY, YOUTH GROUP WORKERS, ADULT ALTAR SERVERS, SACRISTANS AND CATECHISTS) 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.

This item remains because there are still roles which need to be covered by the Safeguarding forms.

REPAIR WORK TO THE PARISH CENTRE PORCH

We have recently expended a significant amount of money on repairs to this relatively new addition to the Parish Centre. Some roof glass has been replaced and just a little more work remains to be done to that.

More importantly, the outer electric doors have been repaired at great expense. Coming in from outside, the doors are sensor operated **so please do not try to push the doors open.** Exiting from inside, it is necessary to press the metal button, **it is not necessary to pull the doors.**

Used properly, the door system should operate successfully over some considerable time. However, we have to be particularly concerned about our youngsters using the porch as a leisure area, playing with the 'magic doors'. If parents could please be aware of their children during social activities in the hall it would help a lot.

Many thanks

Sponsorship

One of our parishioners, Marie Banner is doing a sponsored walk around Southam on 12th June to raise money for:

The Stroke Association
Epilepsy Action
Mind
Parkinson's UK

Marie will be at the back of church with sponsor forms

Next Week—3rd May 2015

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paddy Taylor, Jan Ireson
Myrna Harwar, John Ireson, Tony Harris
Kim Kearns, Paddy Close

Readers:

June Arran
Sophie Morton
Bernard Bergonzi

25/26th April	2nd collection, Clergy Training Fund
30th April	7.30pm General Election Meeting All Saints
21st June	First Communion
22nd Oct	Confirmations

EMPLOYMENT

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a Deputy Head Teacher from September 2015. Information from the school on 01926427552.

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 *this weekend or as soon as possible*, 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 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.

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 through his web-site 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

200 Club

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