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Newsletter

1st May 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

There are two things that all of us need to negotiate our way through the world we are born into: an interior sense of purpose and the need to belong to a wider group. These two basic elements help form our identity and both drive and support us throughout our lives. In the ancient world, belonging to a clan or tribe or city was what gave people their sense of identity. Some code of honour, or mode of behaving according to their status, gave them their interior motivation. However, we humans can easily end up being estranged from ourselves or each other. Because, if all that drives us is, say, consumerism, and we are only valued by our peers for what we have, then when these things disappear, so, in a sense, do we. In today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we are more than any earthly group can make us, and we are interiorly led by more than any human code or sense of honour. Through the giving of the Spirit we become dwelling places of the Holy Spirit; we become, in fact, Trinitarian. This teaching of Christ on the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is absolutely central to His Gospel. And it is vital for us to remember that this indwelling does not make us automaton (lacking free will) but, rather, it creates our freedom and helps us to act in a more human way; a graced human way

in fact. Unlike the members of primitive groups that 'set the interior and exterior agenda', we as Christians form a body; the Body of Christ. So when we are faced in life by situations that could destroy us we have the interior help of the Holy Spirit who gives us hope, and the community, of which we are part, providing us with love, mercy and forgiveness. The key, of course, is authentic prayer.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Chris Lane RIP (LM)</i> <i>Maintenance Collection for April</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Don Rowe RIP (D&M)</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Recovery from Illness of Marta</i></p>	<p>Sunday 1st May Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 2</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><i>Bank Holiday</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Chris Lane RIP (J&C)</i></p> <p><i>No Novena to Our Lady this evening</i></p>	<p>Monday 2nd May St. Athanasius Memoria</p>	<p><i>No Dancing</i></p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: William and Kathleen O'Shea</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd May Ss Philip and James Feast</p>	<p>10.30am Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 4th May English Martyrs Feast</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Nan O'Sullivan</i></p>	<p>Thursday 5th May Easter Feria</p>	<p><i>No Music Group</i> <i>No Weight Watchers</i> 6.15am-10.30pm - Hall booked for Elections 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 6 Chandlers Road</p>
<p><i>No morning Rosary</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Madgie O'Callaghan</i> <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 6th May Easter Feria First Friday</p>	<p>First Friday visitation of the sick 10-12 noon Children's Dancing</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</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i></p> <p>12 Noon <i>Lithuanian Baptism</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Chris Lane (MB)</i> <i>Second Collection for Catholic Communications</i></p>	<p>Saturday 7th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World</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>Collections £431.85 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 Catholic Church of the Ukraine £183.41</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 24th April</p>	<p>Attendance: 226</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,
Mary Cracknall

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

John Dorman, Frederick Walters

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle
burns for
Patrick Moran*



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 must 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 mdi-mambro@hotmail.co.uk

Help with Lost Relative

Someone from Ireland is trying to locate her uncle to let him know of her father's passing. He is known to have lived in Leamington, he is called Brendan (known as Bernie) Donaghy (brother's name Anthony). By now Bernie will be in his mid-70's. If anyone knows him then please give St. Peter's office a call.

Next Week—8th May 2016

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paddy Taylor, Jan Ireson
Adam Borley, Tony Harris, John Ireson
May Murphy, Shelagh Price

Readers:

Alison McCleary
Kate & Ella Graham
Anne Bergonzi

30th/1st May	April Maintenance Collection
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

**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 at last week-end's Masses would have heard me explain the situation 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 and they should be presented very soon, once Fr. John has spoken to Our Lady's parishioners about the proposed CPL.

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.

200 Club - An Update

The number of parishioners taking part in the 200 Club has gradually reduced over time. The 200 Club supplements the Building Fund and due to the decline in profits you will have noticed that Fr. Bob has recently introduced 2nd collections to make up the shortfall. In order to help the Building Fund further, we have reluctantly decided to drop the monthly 3rd prize of £20. The 200 Club is required to pay out half the contributions in prizes, but over the last year we have been paying out nearly three-quarters. We will continue to pay the £50 and £30 prizes for the next few months as well as the additional prizes at Easter and Christmas and will review it again later in the year. It would be lovely if more parishioners would join in and to make it easier for you, it is possible to pay by regular standing order rather than cash. It only costs £1 per month for each number and if you are interested in joining, please contact Anne Buttrum or Fr. Bob.

The 200 Club team will be collecting at all Masses this weekend for the May draw. There are plenty of numbers available if anyone would like to join.