

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON SPA

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There seem to be so many instances of warfare and violence within the Old Testament that we could be excused for doubting that this chosen people were elected for eventually being a 'peaceful' sign to the 'nations'. However, whilst they were being led by the great patriarchs, it was God Himself who showed them their 'enemies' and actually fought their battles for them. What was essentially required from this nation was unwavering and single-minded belief in the One God who would lead them to salvation. God no more hated the people's political enemies than he did them, but by urging this fledgling nation to 'hold out its arms' (through Moses) God was proving to them that they would be led to the Promised Land and to true Peace. Prayer and perseverance in holding onto Christ's promises would, as Jesus explains, move the hearts and minds of those who were opposed to justice. In our world today, when we might be tempted to think that humanity has sunk too low to be raised, Jesus is holding out the hope and indeed promise that our cries for justice and peace will be answered, but patience refines us.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Miceal Murphy, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, June Arran, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher,

**Heathcote
Warwick Hospital
The Lawns**

Doris Hall, Peggy Murphy
Rory O'Rourke
Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan
Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange,
Kathleen Hammond

**Clarence House
Eversleigh N. H.
Clarendon Manor
Stratford
RLS Nursing Home**

Winifred Galvin
Mollie Benson
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly
Monty Jenkinson

**Woodside
Galanos House
Ellen Badger Hospital**

Robbie Burns
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell
Mary Darby

16th October 2016 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Bob met with Bishop William this last week and during conversation it was agreed that the following be placed in our newsletter:

Dear Sisters and brothers
I have gathered from your newsletter of last weekend that there are plans to launch a petition concerning mass times in St. Joseph's.

The reorganisation of mass times for the three churches of St. Peter's, Our Lady's and St. Joseph's is necessary for two reasons. Firstly, that the number of masses be reduced as there is not the need of the ten masses as previously. Secondly, we need to be looking in the diocese at new ways of carrying out our pastoral duties.

The plan for the Leamington area is exciting and innovative, as it is a completely new way of approaching the pastoral life of this area. This does not mean that plan is perfect. We do need, however, to gain some experience of this way of working and seeing what its strengths and weaknesses are. In other words we need time and experience. I believe that it was always intended that there should be a review of this trial and I believe that might be suitable next summer, but we need to have tried to make it work before then.

Change is never easy. We are, however, a pilgrim church and pilgrimage means that there is frequently change. It is a change that with the grace of God gives life. The Leamington area is at the beginning of a new phase of its pilgrimage. This will be a time of God's grace and blessing. Let's move forward together on our

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journey to God's Kingdom. Be assured of my prayers for all my sisters and brothers in the Leamington area.

William Kenney CP
Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham
Area Bishop for the Southern
Pastoral Region

14th October 2016

Meeting of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers with Fr Bob on Sunday 6th November after each Mass. If you are a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please stay behind after Mass to get to know the "team" for your Mass.

Replacement Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers There are still some named rotas remaining on the table in the narthex.

"Caring for our Common Home" - Throughout October after the 5.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's parish centre, listening, discussing and reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical letter 'Laudato Si'. 6.30-8.30pm.

Confirmation: Looking forward to 2017 and the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, would any of our young people who are not in the Catholic school system but who would like to be confirmed please speak to Fr. Bob. Any adults considering Confirmation could also let Fr. Bob know.

Lectio Divina: This coming Friday will be the 3rd in the month, and our Scripture Reflection Hour will take place at 10.15am in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome to this gentle sharing of next Sunday's Gospel.

NEXT WEEK	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Wimpenny Family	Jill Sheard, Sr. Angela, Adam Borley
5.30pm	Carol Bowler, Anne Bergonzi	Paddy Close, Kim Kearns, May Murphy

THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SERVICES AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Date	Mass Time	Intention
Sunday 16th October Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	8.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish Klara and Sara Kordas (Frances Corrigan)
Monday 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch <i>Memoria</i>	2.15pm School Mass 7.00pm Mass with Novena to Our Lady	Private Intention Pascal Dunbar RIP
Tuesday 18th October St. Luke <i>Feast</i>	9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Mary Moran RIP
Wednesday 19th October <i>Feria</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Thursday 20th October <i>Feria</i>	7.00pm Mass	Derrick Bowler RIP
Friday 21st October <i>Feria</i>	9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart	Mary Connell RIP
Saturday 22nd October <i>Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</i> 	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	Michael Long RIP
Sunday 23rd October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i> Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	8.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish Peter Darby (Pat and Bridie O'Reardon)

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer at St. Joseph's:

Saturday at 9.15am

Rosary at St. Joseph's:

Tuesday at 9.10am

Friday at 9.10am

Confessions at St. Joseph's:

Saturday at 10—10.35am, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Novenas at St. Joseph's:

Novena to Our Lady Monday 7.00pm

Novena to the Sacred Heart Friday at 9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

John Miller, Elizabeth McMahon, Kathleen Vincent, Tess Harding, Teresa Sugrue, Anthony Hawkins, Sheily Miley

May they rest in peace

BAPTISM

6th November at 12 Noon
Olivia Sarah Dobson

13th November at 1.30pm
Ella Watton

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting 31st October at 7.45pm, HFR

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Today: 6.30pm Laudato Si, Hall
 2-5.00pm Festival of Mercy, St. Peter's

Mon: *No dancing*

Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club

Wed: 9.30am Art Class

Thurs: 10.45-12.15pm Music Group
 7.00pm Weight Watchers

Fri: 10.15am Lectio Divina, HFR
 5.30-6.30pm Karate

Sat: 8.30 + 10.30am Slimming World
 2-4.00pm Hall booked

Sun: 2nd Coll: World Mission Sunday
 6.30pm Laudato Si, Hall

LAST WEEK 9th October

Offertory: £433.59

CAFOD Harvest Fast: £620.36

Attendance 259



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Bill Drew RIP