

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON SPA

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*There is something wonderfully natural about the way Jesus begins to call His disciples. A 'working' town on the shores of Galilee sets the scene for Jesus' interaction with 'ordinary' men grafting away at their trade. The symbolism of the fishermen's scene points to the spiritual and pastoral vocation these men would follow, but Jesus is also sanctifying the work of the disciples, and, on a practical level, He is choosing men who are physically tough, used to dealing with sudden storms. Soon after, He chooses Matthew who, again on a practical level, would be able to read and write fluently. Notice that Jesus also uses the image of the shepherd often, so the world of work in general is sanctified by the teaching of the Lord. Whatever our line of work, whatever skills or talents we have, they are gifts of God but at the same time they are our own works, gifts and talents. What God does is to take what we have naturally, and raise it up to a supernatural level by His power. We have heard of the phrase: 'Grace builds on nature' and we can probably recognise where this applies in our own lives. God loves us so much He allows us to share in His great redeeming power.*

**Sunday 22nd January 2017  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**PARISH NEWS ITEMS**

**Crib Offering:** This year, throughout Advent and Christmastide, our Crib Offering was for Friends of the Holy Land to support the important work they do in the place of Our Lord's birth. Your offering this year amounted to a very generous **£377.21**. Thank you, once again, for your support.

**The Homeless:** This is the worst time of year to be without the basic comforts of home - the baskets in the porch are for tea, coffee and tins of non perishables to be given to those who have nothing. Thank you for all you give, consistently, to those in need.

**A team from Our Lady's Lillington are running ALPHA**, a 10 week faith-building course that explores Christianity, on Thursday evenings. There was an Introductory Supper on 19<sup>th</sup> January with testimonies from previous participants. Each week, there will be a DVD or live talk and an opportunity for discussion in small groups. **If you weren't able to come to the supper evening but would like to do the Alpha course, you are most welcome to come next Thursday, 26th January, 7.30pm** when the course will begin. The venue is Our Lady's Church Hall, (situated behind the Church), 170 Valley Road, Lillington CV32 7SJ. There is a car park just past the Church in Valley Road. For more details please contact June on 01926 511720 or e-mail

[june@finmandev.com](mailto:june@finmandev.com)  
**All Readers and anyone who wants to be a Reader:** There is another Deanery Readers' Day on Saturday 28th January 10.30-4.30, St. Gregory's Stratford upon Avon. If you missed the one in Leamington Spa in September, this is another chance to explore the spirituality and role of the Ministry of Reader and your part in it. How the Liturgy of the Lord and of the Eucharist fit together and practical aspects of being a Reader. If you are interested in attending, please phone Kate on 01926 314077 or e-mail [kate.tennyson@googlemail.com](mailto:kate.tennyson@googlemail.com)

**Headteacher Vacancy:** There is a vacancy for a Headteacher at Bishop Ullathorne School, Coventry, starting from September 2017. The details are on the noticeboard in the narthex.

**The BIG PICTURE**  
This is a 12 week inspirational Bible course and DVD which gives a step by step journey through salvation history. There are daily Bible study reflections and small weekly group sessions. They are to **start week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February**. It is hoped there will be one or more small groups in each of the Warwick deanery parishes. The book and DVD cost £10 (*orders over 10*). [www.thebigpicturecourse.org](http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org)  
Order 0845 050 9428 or contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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

**The Lawns**

Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan  
John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,  
Winifred Galvin  
Mollie Benson  
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Mary Darby  
Monty Jenkinson  
Robbie Burns  
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly  
Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

**Clarence House  
Eversleigh N. H.**

**Clarendon Manor  
Stratford  
RLS Nursing Home  
Woodside  
Galanos House**

NEXT WEEK 15.1.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Wimpenny family	Ted Forde, Liam Kearns, Jill Sheard
5.30pm	Kate Tennyson	Tony Harris, Kim Kearns, May Murphy



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Hollie Sauvage*

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Sat 21 January</b> <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	<b>VIGIL</b> OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Deacon David & June Palmer For Vocations Mick McKeown	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am (& Exposition); <b>SJ:</b> 10.00 am (& Exposition); <b>OL:</b> 11.45am; <b>SP:</b> 4.15 pm
<b>Sunday 22 January</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Christian Unity Week</i>	SJ <b>SP</b>  OL SP  SJ	8.00 am <b>9.00 am</b>  9.30 am 11.30 am  5.30 pm	Fr Joe McKenna R.I.P <i>Anniversary</i> <b>First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass</b> Franko Griffin Private Intention Deceased Members of the Scarisbrick Family Susan Day Phil Lane R.I.P Pauline Jenkins R.I.P	
<b>Monday 23 January</b> <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Elizabeth Cuthbert Pat Bradley R.I.P	<b>SJ</b> Mass with Novena
<b>Tuesday 24 January</b> <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	School SJ SP OL	9.15 am 9.30 am 12.30 pm 5.30 pm	Mass at St Patrick's School Sr Gertrude Connolly Joy Abrahams Reception: John Flanagan R.I.P	<b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10 am; <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 25 January</b> <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i>	OL OL SP	10.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Requiem Mass: John Flanagan R.I.P Josephine & Michael O'Neill Bill Lee Patricia Mills	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP:</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 26 January</b> <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	School SP  SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm  7.00 pm	Mass at Our Lady & St Teresa Sch, Cubbington Carol McCarron Mrs Greany Sr Margaret Aloysius Healey	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP:</b> Noon
<b>Friday 27 January</b> <i>Feria</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Sr Margaret Maher Peter Darby Anthony Lambert	<b>SJ:</b> Mass with Novena <b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10 am; <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 28 January</b> <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	SJ SP  <b>VIGIL</b> OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am  12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Neal Perry Hall Family  People of the Parish Thomas Ryan John Gately	<b>SJ:</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer  <b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am (& Exposition); <b>SJ:</b> 10.00 am(& Exposition); <b>OL:</b> 11.45am; <b>SP:</b> 4.15 pm
<b>Sunday 29 January</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	SJ OL SP  SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am  5.30 pm	Pauline Jenkins R.I.P Peter & Briget Woods George Hudson Adam Amadeo Joe McGreevy Gabriel McCague John Gately RIP (The Gately Family)	

### Anniversaries

Michael Crowley, Leslie Fishner, Ian Kirby, Teresa Owen, Kathleen McHugh, Donald Dorgan, Patricia Harwar, Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Hannah Grimes, Paddy Shanahan, Heremiah Bowen, Donald Leahy, Tony Talmage  
*May they rest in peace*

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember Brian McCann, a parishioner, who died last Thursday. His Requiem will be on Monday 6th February at 9.45am at St. Joseph's, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Brian's family.  
*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*

### | THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

**| Mon:** 8.00pm Dancing  
**| Tues:** 10.30am Tuesday Club  
**| Wed:** 9.30am Art Group  
**| Thurs:** 8.30-10.00pm Hall booked  
10.45-12.15pm Music Group  
7.00pm Weight Watchers  
**| Fri:** 5.30pm Karate  
**| Sat:** 8.30 + 10.30am Slimming World  
**| Sun:** 2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance

**LAST WEEK  
15th January  
2017**

Offertory:  
£382.71

No Second  
Collection

Attendance  
220