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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

*In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Jesus takes His disciples out of the City of Jerusalem before He departs. And He leaves them on the road where they are rebuked by two angels. They are left standing on the road staring up into heaven, but they have now been given a new role, because, they are no longer simply disciples, but apostles. This means people who have been sent out. In a way, the story of the Acts of the Apostles is a story of how the Church is forced out of Jerusalem and early on in Acts we learn about how many were scattered after St. Stephen's martyrdom. So the Church has to go out on the road and bring the Good News to the world. On one level, the Church is always on the road since, to reach completion, we are journeying to our 'end-point'; God's fullness Himself. We can travel all over the world but never really go anywhere. True travel is in the heart and it is from the heart that we can reach out to others. We might spend almost our whole lives in one place, yet still be able to stretch out our hearts to humanity. Ultimately, this is the power of our prayer which makes us Godlike. When we go out to spread the good news we do so knowing that the Lord is with us on our journey.*

**PARISH MASS TIME REVIEW:** When the new Mass times were implemented last July it was suggested that there would be a review after about a year. Six people from the three churches have now volunteered to help to construct a consultation document which will be issued to all parishioners on 11th June. These documents should be returned to the PPC's of the churches soon after and no anonymous documents can be accepted. This is an important process for the Leamington churches and its results will affect us all so I would encourage everyone to take part. Thank you, Fr. Bob

**The General Election:** The Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued a letter to Catholics concerning the election. This letter offers a framework for your own discernment of the issues at hand and copies are available for everyone in the narthex.

Teenagers and children have their own streams with age-appropriate input and activities. The website [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) has full details of the programme and how to book places. Please contact Birmingham@celebrateconference.org for more details.

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to all those children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Our thanks to all who have supported the children in their journey to that day, especially their families, catechists and their teachers who have prepared them. Thanks also to those who worked quietly behind the scenes to prepare the church for such an important occasion. Let us keep the children in our prayers as they continue to build their relationship with Jesus, receiving Him into their lives.

**Our Piety Stall:** This is well stocked with cards etc. for Confirmations, which will be in July and other occasions. Do go in and have a browse around.

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

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Savage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mary Darby.

**Warwick Hospital  
The Lawns**

David Harwar  
Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

**Clarence House  
Clarendon Manor  
Castle Brook  
Galanos House**

Winifred Galvin  
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly  
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly  
Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

**Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:** Rotas for the period June—August 2017 are now available. They have been sent by email. For those without email, the rotas are pinned to the notice board in the rear narthex.

**The Garden:** We have noticed that the garden in front of the church and around the parish centre needs attention. We plan to make it tidy and maintenance friendly. Our idea is to keep the rose bushes and make the rest of the area neat and easily looked after.

NEXT WEEK 4.6.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Carol Bowler	Jan Ireson, Adam Borley, Ted Forde
5.30pm	Alison McLeary	Hilary Callow, Tony Harris, Sr. Angela

**Celebrate Birmingham, 1-2nd July, 2017:** Celebrate, the Catholic Family Conference, are running a weekend for families at St. Mary's College, Oscott on 1-2nd July. The theme is "Seek First His Kingdom". This weekend will be a faith-filled, fun event for all ages, providing Christian teaching from inspirational speakers with lively praise and worship.

**Bishops Tachbrook Out of School Club Holiday Club:** Covering Half Term and the summer holidays. 8-5.30pm Call 07880802941 or email rowe.c@welearn365.com for more information.



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Maria Machin*

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

<b>Saturday 27 May</b> <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	<b>VIGIL</b>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Judith Gregory Jo Doran Thomas Ryan	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am & Exposition <b>SJ:</b> 10.00am & Exposition <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 28 May</b>  <b><i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i></b>		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Betty Manion Margaret Tew The Drury Family Mary and Monty Jenkinson	<b>SP:</b> 3.00pm Exposition  <i>World Communications Day</i>
<b>Monday 29 May</b> <i>Solemnity of Dedication</i>		SJ SP SP	<b>9.30 am</b> 10.00 am 4.30 pm	Nora Cawley Margaret Partridge Reception: Gerry Quinn	<b>SJ</b> <i>No Novena to Our Lady</i>  BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Tuesday 30 May</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Roy Stanford Requiem: Gerry Quinn	<b>Rosary: SJ</b> 9.10am <b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 31 May</b> <i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Eric Twissell Fr Adrian Morrin	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 01 June</b> <i>Memorial of St Justin</i>		OL  SP SJ	10.00 am  12.30 pm 7.00 pm	School Mass, Our Lady & St Teresa's Joyce Thomas James Lambe	<b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Friday 02 June</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>		OL SP SJ SJ	12.00 pm 12.30 pm 5.00 pm 7.00 pm	Eileen Lawless Margaret Newsom Reception: Sarah Mackay Mr & Mrs Connelly	<b>SJ</b> Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart <b>Rosary: SP</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 03 June</b> <i>Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga &amp; Comps.</i>	<b>VIGIL</b>	SJ SP  OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am  12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Requiem: Sarah Mackay The Drury Family  Mike Godwin Jim Lambe	<b>SJ:</b> <i>No Morning Prayer or Exposition</i> <b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am & Exposition <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 04 June</b>  <b><i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i></b>		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Intentions of Myrna & David CONFIRMATION MASS Margaret Tew Mary & Mont Jenkinson	<b>SP:</b> 3.00pm Exposition  <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>

**Brightlights Festival:** an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) on 23-26th June in the grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. Journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. Hear about the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

**Employment Opportunity:** The Diocese is advertising for a Gift Aid/Finance Assistant, requiring excellent IT and number skills (excel and database) and other personal attributes. Contact Gerry Dryden (0121 230 6224) for a job description. Closing date 2nd June. See the notice board for more information.

**Fatima News:** Two weeks ago, at St Peter's, Leamington we celebrated the start of the Fatima Centenary Year. It runs up to 13<sup>th</sup> October and St Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during this time. Our new church statue of Our Lady of Fatima was crowned and we made the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please see the Fatima display area opposite the piety shop for various information and resources. Thank you to all those involved in helping to celebrate the day.

### 200 CLUB

Subscriptions will be collected after both Masses next week, 4th June. Do ask if you would like to join; new members always welcome.

### Anniversaries

Bernard Taylor, Daniel O'Driscoll, Arthur Broughton, Michael Joseph Murphy, John Thurlough, Stephen McdGrath, Patrick Connolle

### Our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers  
**Roy Stanford**, a parishioner, who died in Warwick Hospital on Friday 19th May. His Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 6th June at 1.30pm followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery. We hold his family in our hearts.

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*

### Baptisms

Riley Underhill 24th June 2017

### THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

- | Sun:** 2nd Coll: Catholic Communications
- | Mon:** *No Dancing*
- | Tues:** 10.30am Tuesday Club
- | Wed:** *No Art*
- | Thurs:** 10.45-12.15pm Music Group  
7.00pm Weight Watchers  
*SCJ Meeting postponed to next week*
- | Fri:** First Friday visitation of the sick  
5.30pm Karate
- | Sat:** 7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World

**| Future Date: Confirmation - 13th July**

### LAST WEEK 21.5.17

Offertory Collection: £740.87  
Many thanks.

2nd Collection:  
Parish Maintenance £139.89

Attendance  
425

