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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

People through the ages have always wondered what a truly good person would be like and how everyone else would interact with them. We might be depressed to find that the outlook would not be very good for such a person. For, not only did religious thinkers before Jesus' time think that a truly good person would be turned upon by the rest of humanity, but the Old Testament also echoes this thinking: in considering the life of a righteous man, according to the Wisdom of Solomon, the unjust say about him: "the very sight of him is a burden to us... let us test him with insult and torture... let us condemn him to a shameful death". So, far from being an escapist view of the world, the religious concept of living always had a realistic, unflinching view of fallen humanity. Jesus is that righteous and truly good man. Joined to His divinity, His humanity is entirely untouched by defect or evil. It was Jesus' goal to heal and restore our fallen humanity, but Jesus knew this would cost Him His life. We might hesitate to consider the application of all this to our own lives, but Jesus makes it clear in His teaching that "if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross, and follow me". Through our journey in becoming a fully good person Grace will succeed over nature.

**Fr. Bob's last Sunday** saying Mass at St. Joseph's will be the 17th September. Three Masses will be celebrated on that day - 8.00am, 10.00am and 5.30pm. Following on from that, Fr. Andy will assume his responsibility for the parish.

**Mass Times in Leamington area:** It would appear that it will be a little while longer before there is any resolution to this issue. Thank you for your responses to the questionnaire and for your patience.

**200 Club:** The September collection will be after all Masses today, 3rd September.

**Little Red Boxes:** Our thanks to all who hold the Missio collecting boxes in their homes. Your generosity is appreciated enormously. It is time to collect all the boxes in to be emptied and this year, it is really important to have every box back, even if has very little in it, because the old £1 coins will soon be out of commission and worthless. **Please bring them in - named - at any time before 10th September.** If you think you've got one hidden away somewhere, perhaps you could search it out! June and Lennie will be happy to take them from you, if you see them, otherwise you can leave them in the sacristy and they will be collected. Thank you!

**Maryvale Institute** offers a range of part-time, distant learning courses e.g. in Catechesis, Parish Mission & Ministry & Healthcare Chaplaincy, among others. These are designed to enable adults to con-

tinue their own faith formation and equip themselves for collaborative ministry with the clergy in their Parishes. For more information, come along to an informal meeting in the Flint Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, **21st September at 7.30pm**

**Lectio Divina:** The next Scripture Reflection Hour will be on the third Friday of September ie 15th, at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. Everyone is welcome to this gentle meditation on the coming Sunday's Gospel reading.

**CAFOD's** campaign on **ClimateChange:** CAFOD is asking the World Bank to give more support through their Energy Fund for children's education in poor countries by the provision of renewable energy. This would transform lives for children, so they don't have to depend on unreliable, dangerous and unhealthy energy sources. **You can support this initiative by signing a campaign card on the table in the Narthex and leave it in the box. Thank you.**

**Bring and Share Family Picnic** in the Pump Room Gardens **today**, after the 11.30 Mass at St. Peter's—about 1.00pm - parishioners from all three churches are very welcome.

**The New Academic Year** starts this coming week and we wish all students and staff of our schools a blessed and successful year. We pray for all those moving on from school that their hopes and expectations in life will also be blessed.

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

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

Heathcote Hospital  
The Lawns

Lena La Spisa, Mario Fasi  
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, Sally Lamont  
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly  
Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK 10.9.17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	June Arran	Jan Ireson, Adam Borley, Ted Forde
5.30pm	Alison McLeary	Hilary Callow, Tony Harris, Sr. Angela



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Eileen Godfrey*

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<b>Saturday 2 September</b>  <b>VIGIL</b>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	David Ayres Vera & Frank Sloane Patrick McHale Hugh Cashin	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm  <b>SP:</b> Vespers Concert by the Summer Choir.
<b>Sunday 3 September</b>  <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Jerry Noonan Michael Feely & Chloe Rousseau — recently married James Hannon Michael Dowling	<b>SP:</b> Holy Hour & Exposition 3.00- 4.00pm
<b>Monday 4 September</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i>  <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Mary Woolley Jerry Noonan (LD) Micael Murphy (L+BD)	<b>SJ:</b> Mass with Novena to Our Lady
<b>Tuesday 5 September</b> <i>Feria</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	David Harwar Michael Dowling Sheila Sprawson	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SJ</b> 9.10am <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 6 September</b> <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Sarah O'Rourke Nora Burns	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Thursday 7 September</b> <i>Feria</i>  Heritage Open Days	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Leo & Mary Hannigan Giovanni & Silvana — Ruby Wedding	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Friday 8 September</b> <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  Heritage Open Days	OL SP SJ	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Michael Hartnett James Moffatt No Mass today.	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SJ</b> No morning Rosary <b>SP:</b> Noon
<b>Saturday 9 September</b> <i>St Osburg</i>  Heritage Open Days  <b>VIGIL</b>	SJ SP OL SP SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.00 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Gerry Quinn  Charlotte Elizabeth Unitt  <u>Wedding Service:</u> Adam Weller and Rebecca Possart  James Hassey Solange Becles	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am & Exposition <b>SJ:</b> 10.00-10.30am & Exposition <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 10 September</b>  <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>  Heritage Open Days	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Robert Gibbons (J+CS) Minnie Stack Charles McMahon Pascal & Eugene Dunbar Michael Joseph O'Connor	<b>SP:</b> Holy Hour & Exposition 3.00- 4.00pm

**Welcome:** Fr. Stefan will be with us again next Sunday, when he will celebrate both Masses.

**The Gift: Life in the Spirit Seminars;**

The CaFE series, The Gift, will be running on Wednesday afternoons 1.15-2.45pm starting **September 13th over 6 weeks** in Lillington (28 Cubbington Road, CV32 7AB). The course is an inspiring and practical way to encounter the Holy Spirit and to be empowered to share your faith. Each week we will watch a 30 minute DVD presentation and spend time reflecting on the teaching in small groups. There are daily scripture readings which accompany the course and it is an opportunity to meet others from the Church. For more details and to join the course please contact Caroline Graham on 01926 2 5 7 1 2 3 / [Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk](mailto:Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk)

For more information go to: [www.thegiftofthespirit.org](http://www.thegiftofthespirit.org)

**SVP Annual Mass:** Saturday 23rd September at 12 noon in the Cathedral, followed by a gathering in the Grimshaw Room with light refreshments, and then a talk in the Cathedral by Ann Widdecomb, entitled "Forgotten Behind Walls."

**Harvington Pilgrimage - Today, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
 Coach starts at St Peter's Leamington leaving at **10.15am** and then leaves St Francis Kenilworth at **10.30am**.

**Baptism**  
**Benjamin Austin Thomas**  
 Sunday 1st October at 12 Noon

**Anniversaries**  
 Brian Thurlough, Santo Fragola,  
 Anna-Marie Kelly, Barry Dorgan  
  
*May they rest in peace*

**THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Sun:** Harvington Hall, Mass 3.00pm  
**Mon:** 8.00pm Dancing  
**Tues:** 10.30am Tuesday Club  
**Wed:** 9.30am Art Group  
**Thurs:** *No Music Group until 14th Sept*  
 7.00pm Weight Watchers  
 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 16 The Seekings  
**Fri:** 5.30pm Karate

**LAST WEEK**  
**27.8.17**

Offertory Collection:  
 £484.50  
 Many thanks.

2nd Collection:  
 None

Attendance  
 215

