

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON SPA

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

The mystery of the Risen Christ is that He always has to reveal Himself to His disciples because they can never identify Jesus through their own powers. There must be something about the risen Lord that prevents even those who walked and lived with Him to be able to recognise Him immediately, and the act of full recognition comes usually when they hear Him speak. It is then that the reality of resurrection 'sinks in'. It is as if the promises and the prophesies and the hopes the disciples had all come together as if a light has dawned. We can see our own journey of recognising the risen Lord following a similar pattern because we are offered a journey through which we will be both enlightened and enriched. The Eucharist is the key here; we hand over our cares to God, we appeal for His mercy and we listen to His words in scripture. In the Eucharist we are confirmed in the presence of Christ in our lives — if the word has been broken for us, now the bread also is broken for us, deepening our recognition of the risen Lord and allowing Him to transform our lives. In the Eucharist, we become the Body of Christ whose sacrifice we have witnessed and made our own.

Our Piety Stall: This is well stocked with cards etc. for First Communions which are coming up very soon on the 21st May and Confirmations, which will be in July. Do go in and have a browse around. If you are not familiar with the shop, you are free to choose what you would like and place the money in the wall safe just outside.

200 Club: Subscriptions will be collected after both Masses next week, 7th May. Do ask if you would like to join.

Our Prayer Tree: Thanks to all who supported this. The donations amounted to £153.93 which will go to the Helping Hands Community Project.

Justice and Peace: The Justice and Peace Group are planning a parish event on **Saturday May 13th from 5.30 to 8.30pm.** They have invited administrators from the Purple Community Fund (previously the Philippine Community Fund) to give a presentation about their work. This will be particularly interesting following on from the Womens' World Day of Prayer which centred on the Philippines. There will be music, and we will be invited to bring food for sharing. And, of course, a raffle! Do make a note of the date and come along.

Fatima Centenary 1917/2017 - Celebration Event

Saturday 13th May at St Peter Apostle church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE which is a pilgrimage church in the archdiocese for the Centen-

ary Year. Mass at 10am. Film the 13th Day in afternoon. For details see St Peter's website: www.stpetersleamington.org

Gift Aid

Next year's Gift Aid envelopes are in the Narthex ready for collection. Each box is named. Gift Aid enables the parish –as a charity– to recover the income tax that a parishioner has paid on the amount of his/her offertory contributions. If you are a tax payer, but not yet registered for gift aid, please consider doing so. Gift Aid provides the parish with just over £5,000 a year. Please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711346405 and he will arrange everything during a brief call.

Youth Worker Project:

Please consider supporting this project. Thank you to all parishioners who have already made a pledge. We will be contacting you shortly to advise how you can make your donation. For those of you who are still considering it, it is not too late! There are forms at the back of church with the Pledge Boxes or you can email your [pledge](mailto:pledge@patreddin@gmail.com) to patreddin@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina: Following the Lenten weekly Lectio Divina, we now return to the third Friday of the month, which in May is 19th, at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

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, Miceal Murphy, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson. David Harwar

- The Lawns** Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,
- Clarence House** Winifred Galvin
- Clarendon Manor** Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Mary Darby
- Castle Brook** Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
- Galanos House** Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK 7.5.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Claire Payne, Anne Bergonzi	Jill Sheard, Liam Kearns, Ted Forde
5.30pm	Alison McLeary	Kim Kearns, Sr. Angela, Ann Sayce



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for The Health of Jack Nalin

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services at St. Joseph's

Date	Mass Time	Intention
Sunday 30 th April Third Sunday of Easter	8.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am School Mass	Intentions of Joanna Drozd
	5.30pm Easter Mass	Joe and Rose McGreevy (family)
Monday 1 st May	7.00pm Mass with Novena to Our Lady	Seamus Broderick
Tuesday 2 nd May	9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Margaret and Gordon Felthouse
Wednesday 3 rd May	<i>No service</i>	
Thursday 4 th May	7.00pm	John Kelly RIP
Friday 5 th May First Friday	7.00pm Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart	Sr. Teresa Griffin (S.P.)
Saturday 6 th May	9.15 Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass No Exposition or confession after Mass today	Marie and Dan Kelly's 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 7 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>2nd Collection: Clergy Training Fund</i>	8.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	5.30pm Mass	George Kajkowski RIP

SCJ Meeting: Please note that there is no meeting in May. Next meeting will be June 8th.

Brightlights Festival: is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place 23-26th June in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and 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

Mass for the Sick: This annual Mass takes place at St. Peter's and is on **Sat 20th May at 2.00pm**. Afternoon tea will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards until 4.00pm. For information please contact Carmel Cleary on 859303 or Mary Holden on 420045.

St. Peter's Celtic Football Club: 2017 is the club's Golden Jubilee Year and a year of celebrations and events are planned from May onwards. The organisers are very keen to hear from anyone who has been involved with the club as either a parent or player. Please e-mail stpeter-sceltic@yahoo.com or call Ted Forde (710354 or 07534743766

Royal Congratulations!

We were not alone in sending our congratulations to Dan and Marie Kelly on their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week. They received a congratulatory letter from the QUEEN herself sending her good wishes on their Diamond Jubilee. A well-deserved mark on an amazing milestone.

Our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers **'Robbie' Burns**, formerly of our parish, who died on 23rd April. His Requiem will be at St. Peter's Church at 12.30pm 19th May, followed by burial at Leamington cemetery. Our condolences go to Robbie's family.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Anniversaries

John Dorman, Frederick Walters

Baptisms

Freddie Dyte
27th May 2017 at 12 Noon

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon: *No Dancing*
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
Thurs: *No Music Group*
No Weight Watchers
No May SCJ Meeting
 Hall in use all day for Elections
Fri: First Friday: visitation of the sick
 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30, 9.30 + 11.30am Slimming World
Sun: 2nd Collection: Clergy Training Fund
Future Dates: First Communion - 21st May
Confirmation - 13th July

LAST WEEK 23.4.17

Offertory Collection: £515.66

2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance: £102.90

Attendance 254

