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Newsletter

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

We will sometimes hear people speak about how they would prefer to live in a small community, such as 'village life' or 'small town'. Reasons often quoted include friendly environment, feeling safer and so on. This sort of reasoning has even been applied to church or parish communities; "they're more supportive" or "we feel like more of a community". As life teaches us, however, the perception often bears little relationship to the reality. And there are many who love the large city life and the sometimes welcome anonymity of the crowd. The phrase 'familiarity breeds contempt' also comes to mind, especially when we read today's Gospel from Luke. Last week's Gospel narrative sets the scene where it appears Jesus makes a deep impression on familiar neighbours who hear His captivating words and are astounded by His wisdom. The atmosphere soon changes, however, when the listeners suddenly find themselves 'under the microscope'. Like many of us, they do not like being criticised by the 'local lad' who they used to rub shoulders with. It is a universal phenomena, and one the prophets would have recognised and dreaded. Prophets (including Jesus at Nazareth) have always been loathed by their familiars; mainly because their words of prophesy are too close for comfort. The prophets themselves would also have baulked at the thought, which

is why they were always given a special strength and grace for their task. Jeremiah was assured by the Lord that his words would be sufficient provided he kept faith, trusted in God and let natural fears take the back seat.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i> <i>This weekend we have the January Maintenance Collection</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Margaret & Charles Buckley RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Well-being of Larry Martin</i></p>	<p>Sunday 31st January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p>
<p>2.15pm <i>School Mass: People of Parish</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Oliver Storer RIP</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 1st February Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Linda Stoodley</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord Feast</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 3rd February Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Tom Dunn RIP</i></p>	<p>Thursday 4th February Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 1 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 71 Home Farm Cresc.</p>
<p><i>No Morning Rosary</i></p> <p>10.30am <i>Requiem Mass: Joan Cotter</i></p> <p>12.15pm <i>Cremation at Oakley Wood</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: David Greaves RIP</i> <i>With Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 5th February St. Agatha Memoria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Blessings on Maureen Rochford (90th birthday)</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Birthday Wishes for Stephanie Pettle</i></p> <p><i>There is a second collection: Pro Life</i></p>	<p>Saturday 6th February St. Paul Miki & Companions Memoria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p><i>Day of Prayer for the Unemployed</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Teresa Owen RIP</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Wellbeing of May Collins</i></p>	<p>Sunday 7th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p>
<p>Collections £506.26 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 24th January</p>	<p>Attendance: 400</p> 

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage.

Woodloes House	Angele Handford
Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Marie Kelly, Mary Craig
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Robbie Burns
Craighaven	Rory O'Rourke

ANNIVERSARIES

Myranda Lintott, Richard Randall, Linda Stoodley, Peter Joseph Harding, Thomas Shinkwin, William Nicholl, Thomas Jeavons, Mary Ellen McGarvey, William Ahern, Carlton Young

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

BAPTISM

Jessica Naomi Bevan

14th February, 2016 at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation: In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s should take first responsibility for bringing them up in the faith.



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for the intentions of the Arran and Allinson families

Women's World Day of Prayer 2016

This year's WWDP is on Friday 4th March and our local gathering will be at St. Margaret' Church Whitnash. At 10.30am. This year's prayer service will be written by the Christian women of Cuba. More information to follow.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joan Cotter, a long-standing parishioner, died recently. Joan's Requiem will be 10.30am this Friday 5th February at St. Joseph's followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Monica Silk, Her body will be received into St. Joseph's at 5.30pm on Thursday 11th February and her Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am Friday 12th February followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Phil Lane, another long-standing member of the parish, died recently in Galanos House Southam. His body will be received into church at 5.30pm on Thursday 18th February and his Requiem Mass will be at 9.30am on Friday 19th February, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 11.00am

David Kelly, son of one of our parishioners Mary Kelly, died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 18th February at 11.15am followed by cremation at Oakley Wood at 12.45pm

Chrissie Fitzpatrick, a parishioner, died last week after prolonged illness. Her Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am on Friday 26th February, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 12.30

Our sympathies and prayers go out to all their families.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Coffee and Tea after Sunday Mass

We may have a viable group of volunteers from this Mass making it worthwhile if it is to run. Interest has been shown in forming a group to provide facilities maybe every two weeks. **Please let me know if you could be a part of this group. It would be encouraging in many respects if we were able to keep this social opportunity going, so please give it some thought.** A few have already offered to be a part of a revised team. Many thanks to all those who have helped to run this facility for so long.

Fr. Bob

200 Club

The team will be collecting at all Masses this weekend, 30/31 January.

Without more support we may have to consider reducing the prizes as the church is only making £50 per month after all the prizes are paid out. We take roughly £150 per month and pay out £100.

Next Week—7th February 2016

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paddy Taylor, Jan Ireson
Myrna Harwar, David Harwar, Tony Harris
Sr. Angela, Paddy Close

Readers:

Honor Hynes
Alison McCleary
Anne Kirby

30/31st Jan	January Maintenance Collection
6/7th Feb	2nd Collection - Pro Life
20/21st Feb	Family Fast Day collection, CAFOD
27/28th Feb	February Maintenance Collection
4th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St. Margaret's
13th March	10.00am next Children's Mass

Year of Mercy

The Church's 'Year of Mercy' began on 8th December last year and ends on 20th November 2016. There will be various resources including a small "Pilgrim Companion For the Year of Mercy" available in the Narthex. St. Peter's Leamington is our nearest Jubilee Church (there are 16 in the diocese) and further detail about how we may make use of such resource will come in due course.



USED STAMPS

At this time when we have received more post than usual, please think of leaving your used stamps in the basket in the narthex. They are prepared by David and Myrna Harwar and sent to the Leprosy Mission to raise valuable funds for their important work.

The Little Red Boxes - Missio

Once again, thanks to St. Joseph's' parishioners who keep the little red boxes in their homes and are always so very generous. All the boxes have now been collected and the monies banked - your box will be returned to you shortly, apart from one which was not named. If you do not receive your box and would like it back, please ask June or Lennie or Fr. Bob.

Experiencing God's Love - Five Images of Transformation

This is the title of the Churches Together from Whitnash, Warwick Gates and Bishops Tachbrook's Lent Series this year. Sessions will be held at the Chapter House, St. Margaret's, every Wednesday evening of Lent, starting 17th February until 16th March at 7.30pm. There is a course book, costing £6 and if you are able to come, please sign the form in the porch and your book will be ordered for you. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

- Monday:** Dancing
- Tuesday:** Tuesday Club
- Wednesday:** Art /Choir
- Thursday:** Music Group / Weightwatchers
- Friday:** Karate

NEWS FROM CAFOD

Cafod are looking for volunteers to join the CAFOD Team to take Global Justice into schools; helping them learn about the world and inspiring them to take action on poverty and injustice with Cafod. Full training and resources will be supplied and travel expenses covered. For further information, please contact CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722 944 or at Birmingham@cafod.org.uk

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.

Our Lady's 7-Day Candle Intention

You may have noticed that one of the sanctuary lamps has been hung next to the statue of Our Lady. It is blue and contains a large 7-day candle. It seems proper to do this because the altar sanctuary only needs one lamp and a blue lamp would provide a welcome focus to Our Lady's corner on the right. We will need to establish a regular supply of these candles. You might also welcome the opportunity of sponsoring a candle for a week. If you would like to do this then simply write down (clearly) your intention next to the chosen week in the book and drop a donation into the box next to the kneeler. Please also write the intention on the small donation envelopes near the book. You may wish to add your name in brackets or your initials (entirely optional). The intention will then appear in that week's bulletin. (Suggested donation £3/4)

Lectio Divina

With Lent beginning on 10th February, Lectio will be held weekly throughout Lent on Fridays at 10.00am in the Hall. The first one will be on 12th February and all will be very welcome.