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One of the most prevalent themes of our faith is that of light. There can be no getting away with the fact that light in some form or other raises its head throughout scripture, Old and New. Whether it is the fiery chariots of some prophetic images or the great and lesser 'lights' mentioned in Creation, light is central. This week, on Thursday, we celebrated Candlemas which relates the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple. And the elderly Simeon recites his wonderful canticle in which he describes the infant as: "A light to enlighten the Gentiles". Jesus is seen as the light who will show us the way. This is because in the dark we fall and stumble and this is true of our spiritual life. So many false 'ways' beckon in our broken world that we desperately need a guiding light to help us choose the correct path. When Jesus speaks of us being a 'light for the world' we realise that our lives, and how we live them, must shine for others. When we encounter goodness in the lives of others then we are given that assurance and hope that leads us onto the path to our true home. As Blessed John Henry Newman's hymn starts: "Lead kindly light amid th'encircling gloom".

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, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

Clarence House

Winifred Galvin

Eversleigh N. H.

Mollie Benson

Clarendon Manor

Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Mary Darby

Stratford

Monty Jenkinson

RLS Nursing Home

Robbie Burns

Woodside

Angele Handford, Christina Kelly

Galanos House

Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

**Sunday 5th February 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

Today we have a 10.00am School Mass and all are very welcome. This is now the new pattern for our School Masses on a Sunday - there will be one, probably at 10.00am, each half term.

During all the Masses today there will be a short talk on the idea of possibly employing a Youth Worker to cover the Catholic parishes of Leamington Spa and the relevant schools. Our young people are the most precious resource we have and it is important to focus on their needs in the context of school and parish. Our thanks to those who have volunteered to present the proposals today for consideration

Bishop Kenney: on Thursday 23rd February, Bishop Kenney will share his experience of Iraq and South Sudan and CAFOD's work there, at St. John the Evangelist, Banbury, 7.30-9.00pm. Light refreshments served from 7.15pm. Contact Elizabeth Wignall at ewignall@cafod.org.uk or 01922 722944 for information.

Esther Cawood: Many of you will know Esther, who is at Trinity School. She has an opportunity to attend the 2017 Jamboree in Denmark along with scouts and guides from across the world. It would be an amazing, formative experience developing both self awareness and understanding of the needs of others in the world. As Esther is currently studying for her GCSE's she does not have much time to raise the money required, so it would be brilliant if you could support her fundraising efforts by donating online at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/amy-cawood>

Women's World Day of Prayer: This will be on Friday

3rd March at 10.30am and will take place at St. Joseph's this year. Anne Buttrum (422174) is co-ordinating this and would be grateful for any offers of help with taking part in the service and helping with refreshments afterwards.

200 Club: The team will be collecting subscriptions after all the Masses today, 5th February. If anyone would like to join our 200 Club, now would be a good time to ask about it.

Lectio Divina: the meeting for February will be on Friday 17th at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome to this gentle reflection on the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

The BIG PICTURE: There 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, **starting week commencing 20th February.** We hope 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 Order 0845 050 9428 or contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399

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SPAN

Please be aware of the new SPAN collection box fixed to the wall in the narthex just above the J&P table. It will enable cash deposits as well as envelopes towards this very worthy charity.

St. Joseph's School
A 'Kids Club' vacancy is available at school for 3 hours/week. Contact 01926427552

NEXT WEEK 12.2.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Ted Forde, Anne Bergonzi	Kim Kearns, Katherine Wimpenny, Adam Borley
5.30pm	Alison McLeary	Julia Leask, Julia Fan, Shelagh Price



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Jenny Quinney: Private Intention

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 4 February <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	McGivern & McHugh Family Michael McKeown Brenda Margaret Dineen	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (& Exposition); SJ: 10.00 am (& Exposition); OL: 11.45am; SP: 4.15 pm
Sunday 5 February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 2nd collection (pro-life)		SJ OL SJ SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	John Fenev Peter Lawless Mary McGlynn School & Enrolment Mass Confirmation Mass: Bishop William Kenney Confirmation Children People of the Parish Teresa Owen	
Monday 6 February <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs</i>		SJ SP SJ	9.45 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Requiem Mass: Brian McCann Monica McVeigh Sr Mary Vaughan RIP	SJ Mass with Novena to Our Lady
Tuesday 7 February <i>Feria</i>		SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Susan McGill Madgie O'Callaghan Sean Hogan	Rosary: SJ 9.10 am; SP Noon
Wednesday 8 February <i>Feria</i>		OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Vera Sloane Brian Rowlands	Rosary: SP: Noon
Thursday 9 February <i>Feria</i>		SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Joseph Hanrahan Vi Donagmie Maria Lazzara RIP	Rosary: SP: Noon
Friday 10 February <i>Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin</i>		School SJ OL SP	9.30 am 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	St Peter's School Mass in church Bridie Murphy RIP Rory & Peggy O'Rourke Richard Jauncey Joseph Slattery	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am SP Noon
Saturday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> VIGIL		SJ SP OL SP SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.00pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Douglas Lowe Annete Frawley Michael Woodcock Wedding of Michael Cleaver & Katherine Moran Noel McGivern Richard Gould	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (& Exposition); SJ: 10.00 am(& Exposition); OL: 11.45am; SP: 4.15 pm
Sunday 12 February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Monteiga and Saez Family People of the Parish Mark Green Eileen Murphy Ian Wilshire RIP	

Anniversaries

Mary Ellen McGarvey, William Ahern, Carlton Young, Dennis Dougherty, William Gallagher, John (Jack) Preston, Salvatore Monastero, Leonardo Varisco, Eileen Godfrey, Maria Lazzara, John McEnergy, Bridie Murphy, Clarence Harwar, Rev. Wilfred Poultney, John Moran, Ian Wilshire.

May they rest in peace

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember Brian McCann, a parishioner, who died recently. His Requiem will be this 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

Sun: **2nd Collection: Pro Life**
200 Club collecting after Masses

Mon: 8.00pm Dancing

Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club

Wed: 9.30am Art Group

Thurs: 10.45-12.15pm Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers

Fri: 5.30pm Karate

Sat: 8.30 + 10.30am Slimming World
1-4.00pm Hall Booked

LAST WEEK 29th January 2017

Offertory:
£399.89

Second Col-
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Maintenance:
£172.03

Attendance
209

