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## Newsletter

**5th June 2016**

**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C**

If we were asked: “would you want to live forever?” what would our reply be? I think the answer would most certainly be: “not in this world!” It’s not as though we don’t appreciate the life we’ve been given or give thanks for our existence and experiences. We are merely stating the obvious; that everything we experience or encounter in the world will never satisfy our deepest longings and dreams for fulfilment and lasting happiness. And yet, if we nuance our answer, we might reply that we would yearn to live forever in a perfect world. And, of course, a perfect world would include our correct relationship with God. We will always choose life over death. None of us will escape death and yet we recoil from it with every fibre of our being. So, why did Jesus bring back the widow’s son to life in this world? Why did He raise Lazarus? Why not allow the ‘natural’ course of life follow its destiny? Well, destiny is what we are all about; destiny for a glorious life in the presence of our creator in a redeemed and recreated world. And precisely because we are made for a life beyond the ‘natural’ and the ‘this worldly’, we need to allow God to act as and when He wills through His Son. Jesus’ actions, through these



miracles, demonstrate the ineffable power and love of the Father who shows that He has power over the cosmos and, importantly, over life and death itself. We know that anyone resuscitated in this life will die again, but in its significance, as divine intervention, Jesus’ miracles point to a life that both includes yet transcends the limitations of this earthly sojourn.

| Services   | This Week  | Events   |
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| <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: John and Julia Sheehan Anniversary</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Charles Buckley RIP and Eamon Buckley Anniversary</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Bill Savage RIP</i></p> | <p><b>Sunday</b><br/>5th June<br/><b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br/><i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>  | <p>10.05 Children's Liturgy<br/><i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>   |
| <p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Rose Mellon: wellbeing Novena to Our Lady</i></p>  | <p><b>Monday</b><br/>6th June<br/>Feria</p>  | <p>8-9.00pm      Dancing</p>   |
| <p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i><br/>9.30am <i>Mass: Special Intention (P+M)</i></p>  | <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>7th June<br/>Feria</p>   | <p>10.30am      Tuesday Club<br/>7.00pm      Rota Co-ordinators' Meeting, HFR</p>  |
| <p><i>No Service</i></p> <p><i>1.30-3.00pm First Communion practice in church</i></p>  | <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>8th June<br/>Feria</p>   | <p>9.30am      Art Group</p>   |
| <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Freda Barnes RIP (TA)</i></p>   | <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>9th June<br/>Feria</p>  | <p>Church Cleaning - Team 2<br/>10.45-12.15pm Music Group<br/>7-8.00pm      Weight Watchers</p>  |
| <p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i><br/>9.30am <i>Mass: Benefactors of the Johnson Association</i><br/><i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>   | <p><b>Friday</b><br/>10th June<br/>Feria</p>   | <p>10-12pm      Children's Dancing<br/>4-6.00pm      Karate</p>  |
| <p><i>No Morning Prayer or Exposition this morning.</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>First Communion and Children's Mass:</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Deceased of the McGarvey family</i></p>      | <p><b>Saturday</b><br/>11th June<br/>St. Barnabas Memoria</p>  | <p><i>Hall in use for First Communions - No Slimming World</i></p> <p>10.30-12 noon Book Fare and Cake Sale, etc. at St. Peter's</p> <p><i>Please bring your Little Red Boxes in this weekend.</i></p> |
| <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Bridie McGertie (AC)</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p>   | <p><b>Sunday</b><br/>12th June<br/><b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br/><i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>   | <p>10.05 Children's Liturgy<br/><i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall after 10.00am Mass</p>   |
| <p>Collections                      £367.23<br/>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112<br/>May Maintenance Collection      £196.57</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>           | <p><b>Last Week</b><br/><b>29th May</b></p>  | <p>Attendance: 193</p>    |

# Announcements

## OUR SICK

Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hollie Sauvage Maureen Cowell, Suzannah King

**Warwick Hospital** Rory O'Rourke

Angele Handford

**The Lawns** Bridget Hunt, Ellen Quinn, Rosa Venetico, Mary Behan  
John L'Estrange, Pierre de Spa, Kathleen Hammond, Colleen Scott, Keith Jones

**Clarence House** Winifred Galvin

**Eversleigh N. H.** Mollie Benson

**Clarendon Manor** Mary Craig, Marie Kelly

**Stratford** Monty Jenkinson

**RLS Nursing Home** Robbie Burns

**Galanos House** Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

## ANNIVERSARIES

Julia Higgins, Noel O'Reilly, Tom Feighoney, Anne Adamson, Dermot O'Boyle, Elsie Delia, William McCabrey, George Kidd

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Sr. Mary Clare's intentions*

## Baptism

**Baptism:** 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.

## Our Repository

As you are aware, First Communions will be celebrated here on the 11th June, as they are already being celebrated in many parishes. Our Repository has a good stock of cards and gifts for this, and many other occasions in our Catholic life. Please go and browse when you come to Mass.

## Our Catholic Parish of Leamington

### NEW MASS TIMES EFFECTIVE FROM THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JULY

There are to be two Masses in each of the three parishes

**St. Joseph's:** 8.00am Sunday  
5.30pm Sunday

**St. Peter's:** 5.00pm Saturday  
11.30am Sunday

**Our Lady's:** 12.30pm Saturday  
9.30am Sunday  
(with Children's Liturgy)

We have slightly less than a month left before this new Mass Schedule begins. We are looking for new teams to fulfil various functions - **welcoming, collectors, eucharistic ministers, readers and church openers/sacristans** to name but a few, and these teams will be built by parishioners from across the three sites., in order to support and augment the existing teams we currently have. We are already taking small steps to begin this process and you will be asked over the next few weeks to make decisions and indicate what role/s you would like to accept in relation to which Mass you choose to attend. These decisions will, no doubt, be the first of many while we work through the process of becoming one new parish. One of the things we will need to be thinking about is how we can help those who need transport to get to Mass. Please have patience while we work towards finding answers to the many questions— we are moving one step at a time and trying to make sound decisions for the future.

**Myrna, as part of our three parish co-ordinators team, has kindly displayed lists in the narthex for parishioners to volunteer as Eucharistic ministers and readers for any of the Masses they might be attending across the three churches. Please do take a look at the options; your assistance would be most welcome and provide us with encouragement. Any training needed would be available.**

Also, you will see sheets in the narthex for anyone who would like to offer themselves as church openers, sacristans, welcomers and collectors. If you include your name on the sheet please indicate which Mass you might be interested in. Many thanks

## Flowers for First Communion

We would be grateful for any donations towards our church flowers to decorate the church fittingly for the First Communion Mass—please use the wall box by the entrance to the church. Our thanks to those who always contribute generously for these occasions.

## Next Week—12th June 2016

6.30pm Vigil  
10.00am  
5.00pm

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Josephine Whittington, Jill Sheard  
**David Harwar**, John Ireson, Tony Harris  
Paddy Close, Kim Kearns

### Readers:

Marian Dwyer  
Clare Payne  
Anne Bergonzi

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| 7th June     | 7.00pm Rota Co-ordinators' Meeting<br>HFR        |
| 11th June    | First Holy Communions                            |
| 11th June    | 10.30am Book Fair and Plant Sale,<br>St. Peter's |
| 17th June    | 10.15am Lectio Divina, Narthex                   |
| 18/19th June | Day for Life collection                          |
| 25/26th June | 2nd Collection for Peter's Pence                 |
| 25th June    | Proclaim Warwick, St. Peter's                    |
| 26th June    | Summer Fete                                      |
| 10th Sept    | 10-4.00pm Deanery Readers Day                    |

### Workshop on Volunteer Led Groups

and asylum seekers and refugees. If you would like to know how these groups started and the challenges and joys of running them, talking to and listening to the volunteers You are invited to an event which will be focusing on groups that are led by volunteers, serving those in great need, including the elderly, carers of those who have dementia, those who are bereaved, those who are isolated (sometimes with mental health issues), themselves, in an informal setting at St Thomas More's, 130 Horse Shoes Lane, Sheldon, B26 3HU on Saturday 2nd July 2016, 10 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. please ring Bev Smith (01675) 434005 or email [admin@caritas-aob.org.uk](mailto:admin@caritas-aob.org.uk) to book a place. Cost: a small donation.

### Relics of St. Anthony

Devotees of St. Anthony will want to know that on Saturday 25th June, at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, the relics of St. Anthony will be venerated all day. There will be two Masses, one at 10.00am and one at 4.30pm

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES - APPEAL**  
**PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX OF ENVELOPES:**  
**IF YOU HAVE NUMBERS 28 OR 74 PLEASE**  
**CONTACT FR. BOB OR BRIAN MALONE (613693)**

### Proclaim Warwick

On 25th June at St. Peter's, Leamington Spa, Proclaim Warwick will take place. This is a follow up from Proclaim 15 which was organised by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales last July and was hosted in Birmingham. This is now an opportunity for everyone to come and discover the Proclaim initiative, which was inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. It will be a day filled with prayer, inspiring talks and simple tips on how we all can evangelise. The day will be from 11.00am until 4.00pm and we are asked to bring a packed lunch. All are welcome - there is a poster in the narthex for more information.

## Parish Centre



### Weekly Events (during normal time)

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Dancing                      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Tuesday Club                 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Art /Choir                   |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Music Group / Weightwatchers |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Karate                       |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Slimming World               |

### Items for the Bulletin

**From JULY we shall be endeavouring to combine our bulletins into ONE. This will be no easy task and will require website 'knowhow'.**

In the meantime, please continue to send items for the bulletin by email to Fr. Bob and Jan.

### First Holy Communion

Next weekend, on the Saturday 11th June, at 10.00am Mass our children will be making their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. It is a wonderful and blessed occasion for them especially and also for their families. Let us keep the children and those who help to prepare them for this special day, in our prayers at this time. There will be a practice in church for the children on Wednesday afternoon.

**CAR PARKING:** Those attending the First Communion Mass are asked kindly to park considerately. Thanks

### The Little Red Boxes

First and foremost, sincere thanks to all who hold the Missio boxes in their homes - the work of the Missions depends on this source of income and the parishioners of St. Joseph's are always very generous. Once again, it's time to ask you to bring your box in when you come to Mass **on the weekend of 11/12th June** and pass it to Lennie or June Arran, please. If you don't see either of them, please leave your box in the sacristy and it will be collected from there. Don't worry if your box is not filled yet - just bring it in as it is, and **please make sure your box is named.**

Grateful thanks to all who hold the little red boxes and fill them so generously.

### Footballing Opportunity for Youngsters

Following their most successful season in recent years St Peters Celtic Football club are looking to further strengthen their squads for the 2016 / 2017 season. Trials are being held for children with previous footballing experience who are currently in school years 2, 3 and 4 on Wednesday June 8th and Wednesday 15th at the clubs ground on Kenilworth Road. To book a place email [stpetersceltic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpetersceltic@yahoo.co.uk)  
Andy Connell