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Sunday 7th May 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us warning about people who have no care for others except to take advantage of them and to exploit them for their own purposes. He says that anyone who gets into the sheepfold and does not use the gate is up to no good. Like all of Jesus' parables, we try to interpret this one's essential meaning. The gate is the pathway of honest approach, so if we approach people in a sly or sideways manner we are being deceitful and folk will have every reason to mistrust us. A true shepherd uses the gate and when the sheep see the shepherd they know they are safe. The shepherd's voice is familiar and to be trusted and the sheep feel secure. Every good parent or guardian knows this and children look to those who care for them. Vulnerable people look to their carers to feel secure and safe from harm. We know that every age has its evils and the exploitation of the innocents has raised its ugly features in our time. We all need constant repentance and conversion. But the Holy Spirit helps us to become like Christ Jesus in our own world. It is a magnificent vocation, to love and care for others, and the call is to each and every one of us.

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

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Savage, 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
- RLS Nursing Home** Robbie Burns
- Castle Brook** Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
- Galanos House** Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK 14.5.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Wimpenny family	Adam Borley, Tony Harris, Liam Kearns
5.30pm	Salvatore Monastero	Hilary Callow, Paddy Close, Shelagh Price

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 today, 7th May. Do ask if you would like to join.

Fatima Centenary 1917/2017 - Celebration Event

Saturday 13th May at St Peter Apostle church, which is a pilgrimage church in the archdiocese for the Centenary 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.

Justice & Peace Social Evening: Sat. 13th May: 5.30 to 8.30pm. Sadly, due to unforeseen circumstances, the event planned for Saturday May 13th has had to be postponed. Apologies to those who were

looking forward to the evenipresentation.

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 to patreddin@gmail.com](mailto:pledge@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.

PARISH MASS TIME REVIEW:

When the new Mass times were implemented last July it was suggested that there would be a review after about a year. At this stage now, Fr. John and Fr. Bob would like two representatives from each church to discuss the format of a consultation document which will be issued to all parishioners on 11th June. These documents should be returned to the PPC's of the churches soon after and no anonymous documents can be accepted. Any parishioners interested in offering to be representatives for this process please include your name, address and telephone no. in an envelope and push them through the presbytery door. Very many thanks. This is an important exercise that will provide valuable feedback for us.



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for The Kelly Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 6 May <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>					Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Noel O'Sullivan Terence Nicholl Sean Hurley		
Sunday 7 May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>VOCATIONS SUNDAY</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Children of the Parish Henny & David Manning George Kajkowski RIP		
Monday 8 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	SP Sch	10.00 am 2.15 pm	Bernie McLoughlin Mass at St Joseph's School		SJ Mass with Novena
Tuesday 9 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Karen Ireson (EM) Lettie Anderson		Rosary: SJ 9.10am Rosary: SP Noon
Wednesday 10 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Eilish & Michael McGillicuddy Maura Lynch		Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 11 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Jean O'Reilly Mary Kathleen Reynolds		Rosary: SP Noon <i>No School Mass at Our Lady & St Teresa due to SATs (Exams)</i>
Friday 12 May <i>Easter Feria</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Theresa Papior-Brent Anthony Cross Harry Tew		Rosary: SP Noon
Saturday 13 May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	SJ SP SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Mass for the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima (Special Intention) Enthronement & Crowning of the Statue & Act of Consecration Margaret Tew Terence Nicholl		Confessions: SP: 9.15am & Exposition SJ: 10.00am & Exposition OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
VIGIL					
Sunday 14 May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	John & Julia Sheehan (Anniv.) Francis Brennan People of the Parish Jennifer Allister & Family		

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.

Volunteer? Would anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister or Reader be prepared to co-ordinate the Rota, since Kate is now unable to continue? I'm sure Kate would be happy to offer tips and advice and pass on the lists of contact details etc. Please give it some thought - it is a vital role which keeps our Sunday Masses flowing seamlessly and with dignity. Thank you, Fr. Bob

First Communions

The children who have been preparing will be receiving their First Communion at a special 10.00am Mass on Sunday 21st May. Please keep them in your prayers.

Anniversaries

Jim Harding, Frank Harvey, Maurice Fitzgerald, John Curham, Billy Harris
May they rest in peace

Baptisms

Freddie Dyte
27th May 2017 at 12 Noon

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 2nd Collection: Clergy Training Fund
Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Justice and Peace meeting
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team 2
No Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 7.30, 9.30 + 11.30am Slimming World
5.30pm Justice & Peace Parish Event
Future Dates: First Communion - 21st May
Confirmation - 13th July

LAST WEEK 30.4.17

Offertory Collection: £555.06
Many thanks.
2nd Collection: None

Attendance
327

