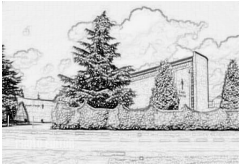


ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH



It seems holiday weather is upon us suddenly and your Parish Priest has bitten the bullet and is going away for the next two weeks! I will be staying with my friend Fr. Ralph DuWell in Orlando. Fr. Ralph and I have been

friends for many years and he hopes to visit St. Joseph's for his holiday in the autumn. I am very grateful to Fr. Ramunas for celebrating the weekday Masses while I am away and to the clergy of St. Peter's who will supply for the first weekend and to Canon Stewart who will cover the second weekend of my holiday.

A polite request: Please could people avoid going to the sacristy during the last five minutes *before* Mass and for five minutes straight *after* Mass to allow the priest some time for preparation and prayer. Thank you.

Some time ago, I pointed out that requests for Mass Intentions had all but dried up and that I was afraid I would have to consider asking another parish for help. I want to thank you for your response to that

appeal and I'm really grateful for the Mass intentions which came in at that time. Sadly though, we seem to be back at square one again apart from a few requests for later in the year. Please could I ask you to give this some thought—it would be a shame to lose this element of Catholic life: that we offer prayer for others and thanks to God through the precious gift of the Mass.

Rotas for Ministers and Readers: All ministers and readers should have received either an email or a hard copy of the new rota. Please contact Jan if this has not happened! 01926 424560. Copies of the rotas are always posted on the board in the back porch.

Baptisms: Teddy Williamson on 27 May at 12 noon and **Isla Jones** on 24 June at 12 noon. Please keep them and their families in your prayers

Morning Masses: Would any member of the congregation (male or female!) be willing to serve at these Masses? Fr. Andy is happy to show anyone what to do.

Please send items for the bulletin in by **Wednesday evening.** *Thank you!* (janvireson@gmail.com)

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK: £589.76
ATTENDANCE: 254

At St Joseph's this week Our Lady's seven-day candle burns for Linda Scott, birthday anniversary.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Erin Doughty our Parish Youth Worker on 07584 272629; erin@parishyouthministry.org.uk

It's a knockout: 16 June. Rough Close, Coventry. Come and join our parish team as we compete to win the trophy! £22 per person. Fun and games, BBQ and outdoor Mass. Open to young people in school Years 5-13. Contact Erin for more information.

GENERAL NEWS

Foodbank: The Leamington and Warwick Foodbank would like to say a big **Thank You** to parishioners for their support in donating goods. At the moment they would especially welcome cartons of custard, packets of noodles and instant mashed potato. Everyday toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant and toilet paper are also needed. Thank you for your help.

CELEBRATE: This is a Catholic Charismatic conference for all, young and old, open to individuals and families alike. We hope that the weekend will help you find fresh inspiration and renewal in your faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. It takes place at Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield on **30 June** and **1 July**. Call Lisa: 01564 772238.

Annual Novena and pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Maryvale, Birmingham. Thursday 31 May to **Friday 8 June**. See poster on notice boards for details.

The Historical Commission of the Archdiocese of Birmingham is running a one-day conference entitled "*England and Rome: Anglo-Papal relations 1350 to 1870*". It will be held in the Grimshaw Room of Cathedral House, Birmingham from 10.45 am to 4.00 pm on **Monday 20 June** (registration opens at 9.45 am). SP parishioner Professor Jack Scarisbrick will be one of the keynote speakers on "The Popes and the English Reformation". There will be a buffet lunch included in the ticket price of £20.00 (concessions £15.00). To book by email: jj_spsa@btinternet.com.

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill: Offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

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Assistant Priest: Fr Noel Breslin
Retired Clergy: Fr Christopher Greaney
Deacon: Rev David Palmer

Sunday 13 May
Seventh Sunday of Easter

How are Bishops chosen some people ask?? Look no further than the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. It gives us the account of how, after prayer, Matthias was chosen to be an apostle. In our second reading for St John, we are reminded about how much God loves us. This love cannot be kept to ourselves but shared with one another. If God lives in us then we are able to love. Professing our faith in Jesus, which we do each Sunday, is a way in which we show our love for God. In the Gospel reading we are reminded about the gift of truth. Often in life, especially when we were younger we may have told a few lies, making a choice not to tell the truth. As we grow older we learn that often it is the truth that sets us free. As we approach the final days of Eastertide and look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we pray that we will be 'consecrated in the truth' and through the gifts of love and truth we will help others to recognise Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Enjoy the royal wedding (and the FA and Champions League Cup Finals), every blessing, Fr Andy

Today is World Communications Day. Let us turn to the truth in person and pray: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgements. Help us to speak about others as our sisters and brothers. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world: where there is shouting, let us practise listening; where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity; where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety; where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions; where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; where there is hostility, let us bring respect; where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

THIS WEEK

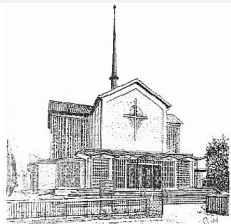
Cleaning	Team 1	St Peter's
Sunday	13 May	3.00
Monday	14 May	6.30
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Tuesday	15 May	6.30
Friday	18 May	9.30
Friday	18 May	10.00
Friday	18 May	
Saturday	19 May	10.00
Sunday	20 May	12.30

St Peter's

- Fatima Anniversary: Exposition, prayer and devotions. SP
- Novena to Our Lady with Exposition, SJ
- Evangelisation team meeting. Davenport Room, SP Parish Centre
- SPAN AGM and monthly meeting, SP Hall
- Summit Youth Prayer Group, SP
- Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart, SJ
- Lectio Divina*, SJ Presbytery
- No Monica's Prayers** this week due to Requiem Mass at SP
- First Holy Communion: St Anthony's and St Patrick's Schools, SP
- Pentecost Party shared lunch in SP Hall

OUR LADY'S & ST PETER'S

SPAN: The Annual General Meeting is tomorrow **Monday 14 May at 7.30 pm** in SP Main Hall, election of committee and report on this past year's activities after which there is the usual monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Last week you gave: **Gift Aid £70.00; General £57.96; Crisis in Africa £13.37.** Thank you.



SP Mass-goer? OL Mass-goer?
The churches need some helpers. Members for the Finance Committee. Green fingers for the gardening. Also church cleaners to help keep our churches places where we worship – cleanliness is next to Godliness. Please speak to one of the priests or email the parish office on stpetersspa@hotmail.co.uk. The more volunteers the easier it is for a rota to work well.

Social Committee: If you are able to give ideas and support for a few events during the year please contact Fr. John on 01926 423824 (ext. 0) or email: stpetersspa@hotmail.co.uk.

The May J&P Rosary Intention: 'We pray that governments may collaborate in eliminating permanently from the world all weapons of indiscriminate mass destruction (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear)'.

Pentecost Party Sunday 20th May from 12.30pm in St Peter's Hall to welcome those received into the church this year at Easter and our catechists. Please bring a plate of food. All welcome. More info from Margaret Tel 428399

Country Walk: The next Churches Together walk will be on Saturday 19 May at 10.00 am – full details on the notice in the church entrances.

Tales of the Unexpected: The decent weather last weekend sent our clergy looking for their summer attire. Fr Andy won 1st prize with a brilliant white clerical shirt. Best woofs, Bertie :->x

Evangelisation Team: Meeting tomorrow **Monday 14 May at 7.30 pm** in the Davenport Room, SP Parish Centre.

Pastimes group coach for Kensington Palace departs SP car park at **9.30 am** this **Tuesday 15 May**.

St. Peter's 200 Club May Draw: 1st Barbara Dodd – £50.00; 2nd Mrs Graham – £20.00 and 3rd Chiara Healey – £10.00. Congratulations!

Living Simply – we would love to expand our team working to help SP maintain its 'Living Simply' Award. Could you spare an hour on **Friday 18 May** at 12 noon in the Davenport Room of SP parish centre for a chat about future plans. Ideas welcome! Contact jenarmstrong@talktalk.net

Friday Luncheon Club: The next meeting will be **Friday 25 May at 1.00 pm** at Seasons Restaurant, Warwick Street. Sign up on the notice board in SP Church porch. New members are always very welcome. Phone Carmel on 07941 840433.

First Holy Communion gifts: please come and browse the SP or OL Piety Shop for cards and gifts (open after Mass in the week, and before and after the weekend Masses).

St Peter's COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First Collection: £1,036.33

Second Collection: £333.89 Church Maintenance

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today: Catholic Communications

Next Sunday: Mission of the Church

Our Lady's COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First Collection: £348.53

Second Collection: £132.94 Church Maintenance

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today: Catholic Communications

Next Sunday: Mission of the Church

Recently deceased

Catherine Gleeson, Bob Habgood, Donna Waters, Mildred Looney, John Murphy, Christina Collins, John Herlihy, John Molloy, Christina Kavanagh.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversaries

Jennifer Allister, Molly Henderson, Sarah Mackay, Thomas Kenny, Roy Stanford, John & Julia Sheehan, Breege Thacker, Albert Sheppard, Agnes Derrig, Pat Hunt, Daniel Kirwan, Mary Jane Donovan, Mary Andrews, Brian Morgan, Peter Leigh, Istran Barta, Mary Willis, Mary O'Leary, Nora Connolly, Aniela Lepkowski, Mary Rose, Michael Carney, Samuel Hortin, Eilish McGillicuddy, Vic Scott, Lena Stockford, Maudie Kafno, Bridie McGerty.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2018

SATURDAY	12 MAY				
<i>Psalter Week 3</i>		OL	12.30	James Ballantine	
VIGIL MASSES		SP	5.00	Kate Briddon	
SUNDAY	13 MAY				
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		SJ	9.00	Seamus & Eamon Buckley RIP; & George Kajkowski Anniv. Irene Dias	
		OL	10.00	Maureen Wall	
		SP	11.00	Monastero & Varisco families	
		SJ	5.30		
MONDAY	14 MAY				
St Matthias		SP	10.00	Private Intention	
		OL	9.00	<u>Requiem:</u> Bob Habgood	
		SJ	7.00	Special Intention	
TUESDAY	15 MAY				
Easter feria		SJ	9.30	Thanksgiving for the recovery of Sal McSharry	
		SP	12.30	John Murphy	
WEDNESDAY	16 MAY				
Easter feria		SP	10.00	<u>Funeral Service:</u> Christina Collins	
		OL	10.00	Eileen Lawless	
		SP	12.30	McGivern Family	
THURSDAY	17 MAY				
Easter feria		SP	12.30	John Molloy	
		SJ	7.00	Private Intention	
FRIDAY	18 MAY				
St John I		SJ	9.30	Peter Colleran RIP	
		OL	10.00	Avis Charman	
		SP	12.30	<u>Requiem:</u> John Herlihy	
SATURDAY	19 MAY				
VIGIL MASSES		SJ	9.30	Private Intention	
		SP	10.00	Malcolm David Webster (First Holy Communion Mass)	
		OL	12.30	Jimmy Dunne; & Bridget Hayes	
		SP	5.00	Rosemarie Towers	
SUNDAY	20 MAY				
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST		SJ	9.00	The Sicilian Community	
		OL	10.00	Maria Alice Spencer	
		SP	11.00	Brigid Purcell; & Bridie McGerty	
Day of Prayer for the Church		SJ	5.30	People of the Parish	

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
SP: 9.15-45
SJ: 10.00
OL: 11.45-12.15
SP: 4.15-45

EXPOSITION

Sunday
SP: 3.00-4.00
Monday
SJ: 6.30
Friday
OL: 10.30
SP: 11.00
Saturday
SP: 9.00
SJ: 10.00

ROSARY

SJ: Tuesdays & Fridays, 9.10
SP: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, Noon

SUMMIT YOUTH PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 15 May
SP: 6.00

MORNING PRAYER

Saturdays
SJ: 9.15
SP: 9.40

ST MONICA'S PRAYERS

No Monica's Prayers this week due to a Requiem Mass at SP

