

SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>SATURDAY 13 Apr</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	OL	12.30	Private Intention
	SP	5.00	George Beamish Jack Badger John Wheeler
<b>SUNDAY 14 Apr</b> <b>Palm Sunday C</b> Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments.	SJ	9.00	Alan Whittington & Edward Kavanagh (Anniv'y)
	OL	10.00	Eugene Murphy
	SP	11.00	Kathleen & Alfie Shanahan
	SJ	2.30	Service of anointing
	SJ	5.30	P.J Murphy - Get well Mass Alf Woodward - RIP Anniversary
<b>MONDAY 15 Apr</b> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	SP	10.00	John Hartle Stephanie Beamish Intentions
	SJ	7.00	Peter & Rosemary Cooney's health
<b>TUESDAY 16 Apr</b> <i>Tuesday Of Holy Week</i>	SJ	9.30	Marion Moran - RIP Carol Bowler's Intentions
	SP	12.30	Eddie McGerty
<b>WEDNESDAY 17 Apr</b> <i>Wednesday Of Holy Week</i>	OL	10.00	Eileen Lawless
	SP	12.30	Henny & David Manning Intentions
<b>THURSDAY 18 Apr</b> <i>Thursday of Holy Week</i> <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> <i>*With watching at the</i> <i>Altar of Repose until</i> <i>10pm at SP,SJ &amp; OL</i>	SJ *	7.00	For the repose of the soul of Josephine Lawson
	OL*	7.30	Eddie McGerty
	SP *	8.00	Margaret McCarthy
<b>FRIDAY 19 Apr</b> <b>Good Friday C</b>	<b>ALL Churches</b>	3.00	The Passion of Christ & Veneration of the Cross with Holy Communion
	SJ	7.30	Kate Close & family
<b>SATURDAY 20 Apr</b> <b>Holy Saturday C</b> <b>Evening Easter Vigil</b> <b>Masses</b>	SP	8.00	The People of the Parish
	OL	8.30	Connor & Whelan Families
<b>SUNDAY 21 Apr</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>Year C</b>	SP	8.00	Eddie McGerty
	SJ	9.00	Alan & Bonnie Whittington - RIP
	OL	10.00	<b>Youth &amp; Family Mass</b> Sean Prior
	SP	11.00	New Converts to the Faith
	SJ	5.30	Emma Restori (Recovery) In thanksgiving - (AJ-N)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Sunday**  
OL: 4.00  
**Monday**  
SJ: 6.30  
**Wednesday**  
OL: 10.30; SP  
11.45  
**Good Friday**  
*Children's*  
Stations SJ 11.30  
*Family Stations*  
OL 12.00  
SP: 7.30

**CONFESSIONS**

Palm Sunday  
3.00 SP Holy  
Hour  
Tuesday 16 April:  
**Day of**  
**Confessions at SP**  
**9.00 - 8.00 pm**  
Wednesday Holy  
Hour 7.00 SP

**EXPOSITION**

Palm Sunday  
**SP Holy Hour 3.00;**  
Wednesday  
**SP Holy Hour 7.00**

**ROSARY**

**SJ:** Tuesday 9.10  
**SP:** Tuesday &  
Thursday Noon

**MORNING PRAYER & OFFICE OF READINGS**

**SP:** 9.15 on Holy  
Thursday, Good  
Friday and Holy  
Saturday

**KEY:**

**OL**—Our Lady's,  
Lillington;  
**SJ**—St Joseph's,  
Whitnash;  
**SP**—St Peter's,  
Leamington

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**Parish Priest of St Peter Apostle, Our Lady's,  
& Dean of Warwick: Fr John Cross V.F.**  
**Parish Priest of St Joseph's: Fr Andrew Franklin**  
**Assistant Priest: Fr Noel Breslin**  
**Retired Clergy: Fr Christopher Greaney**  
**Deacon: Rev David Palmer**

**Sunday 14th April 2019**  
**Palm Sunday**

Dear Parishioners,

It is strange how many people attend the Church on Good Friday but very few come along to the services of the Easter Triduum as a whole. The church should be packed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. By not coming it is like watching the second episode of a three-part story! You miss the best bits, the beginning and the end. Good Friday is episode two.

Episode one is the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening with the Institution of the Eucharist. Part two is Good Friday. This picks up from Holy Thursday with the trial of Jesus by Pontius Pilate, the tortuous walk to Calvary and death by crucifixion. It is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence (no meat or alcohol) a day which is special because of the sacrifice of Christ for us. On this day we receive Communion brought from the Altar of Repose to cement our unity as the Church. The Body of Christ is broken by his sacrifice on the Cross, we receive the grace of God's love which unifies and strengthens our souls. This is why we respond "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" because by sharing in this sacred moment, we are saved.

The completion of the Easter Triduum is the final part of the trilogy: the Easter Vigil. Not to be confused with the Vigil Mass for Sunday, the Easter Vigil celebrates the end of waiting for the moment of the resurrection. The Easter fire is blessed and from it the light of our candles fills a darkened church. The light signifies the dawn of a new era of the Risen Jesus. He is the Light of the World. Jesus shares this new life with all who believe and practise a life of faith, hope and charity. The darkness is ended as the new life of Christ begins. The new members of our community are received into the church and the joy of Easter is enjoyed by us all with eight days of Easter celebrations.

Every blessing, Fr John.

**Prisoners of Conscience card signing:**

There will be an opportunity to sign cards this weekend at OL at both Masses. Many thanks to all who signed cards and gave donations for postage at SP and SJ – there were 83 cards signed. These will hopefully be a symbol of care and concern to those receiving them who are suffering unjustly.

**The Justice & Peace Rosary intention:** for April is to pray 'for persecuted Christians and all prisoners of conscience'.

**Safeguarding: John Armstrong (St Peter's) 01926 885347; Claire Walsh (Our Lady's) 01926 430070; Honor Hynes (St Joseph's) safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT
SUN 14 Apr <b>Palm Sunday</b>	2.30 pm	Service of the Anointing of the Sick, SJ
	3.00 pm	Holy Hour, with Confessions, SP
	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross, OL
MON 15 Apr	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross, SJ
TUE 16 Apr	<b>9.00-8.00 pm</b>	<b>DAY OF CONFESSIONS at St Peter's</b>
	1.00 pm	Pastimes Group. All welcome, SP Hall
WED 17 Apr	9.40 am	Morning Prayer, OL
	10.30 am	Stations of the Cross, OL
	11.45 am	Stations of the Cross, SP
	7.00 pm	Holy Hour, SP (with Confessions)
Thurs 18 April <b>Holy Thursday</b>	9.15 am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, SP
	<b>SJ 7.00 pm</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of the feet and Watching
	<b>OL 7.30 pm</b>	at the Altar of Repose till 10pm at all <b>three</b> Churches of Catholic
	<b>SP 8.00 pm</b>	Leamington, (timings also on last page of the newsletter)
FRI 19 Apr <b>Good Friday</b>	9.15 am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, SP
	9.40 am	Morning Prayer, OL
	11.30 am	Children's Stations of the Cross, followed by Hunger Lunch, SJ
	11.45 am	Walk of Witness from Holy Trinity Church, Christchurch Gardens
	12 noon	Children's Stations of the Cross, OL followed by hot cross buns
<b>ALL 3.00 pm</b>	<b>The Passion of Christ &amp; Veneration of the Cross with Holy Communion</b>	
Sat 20 Apr <b>Holy Saturday</b>	9.15 am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, SP <b>EASTER MASSES (please see last page for times/churches)</b>

## OUR LADY'S & ST PETER'S

**Collections:** There is just one Collection at **Easter**, a Gift to your Clergy. On **Good Friday** a Collection is taken for the Holy Places & Shrines in the Holy Land.

**SP Altar Servers:** Rehearsals for Holy Week will take place on Maundy Thursday (18 April) at 10.30 am; Good Friday (19 April) at 10.30 am; and Holy Saturday at 11.00 am. Please make every effort to attend. You won't be able to serve if you haven't attended the rehearsal that day.

**Family Stations of the Cross:** will be at 12 noon on Good Friday at Our Lady's. This devotion is particularly suitable for children of all ages and there will be hot cross buns and drinks in the hall afterwards.

**SP Choir 11.00 Music:** The Mass is *Veni Sancte* by R. R. TERRY; and the Motet is *The Agony* by Stainer.

**Fr John wishes to thank the family of the late Vesna Dokleja.** Donations in her memory, amounting to £965.00, have been given towards the restoration of the Lady Chapel at St Peter's.

**Tales of the Unexpected:** This week I am a VID (V<sup>ery</sup> I<sup>mp</sup>ortant D<sup>og</sup>). It is my job to keep the boss sane. I shall insist on plenty of fresh air and help him to stay awake in the Garden of Gethsemene. I shall make sure he doesn't eat too many hot cross buns, I shall allow him a few tiny pieces of chocolate when he thinks I am asleep. This is the life of a presbytery dog – to keep the priests on the straight and narrow. Best woofs, Bertie. xx

**Recently deceased:** Siobhan Hannan, Peter Bosworth, Fr Fabian Radcliffe OP, Isobel Cristobal, Deacon Louis Livesey, Vesna Dokleja, Patrick McKeown, Josephine Hambalek, Mary Houston, Barry Leahy.  
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

<b>Offertory</b> SP £877.96; OL £257.87 Thank you.
<b>Second collections</b> Last week: Easter Flowers SP £475.58; OL £165.51 Today: CAFOD Emergency Appeal Cyclone Idai
<b>Next week:</b> One collection — your gift to the Clergy
<b>Mass Attendance</b> SP 394; OL 209
<b>Cleaning Team 1</b>

## CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

**Raising of the Cross on Good Friday:** This year Father Andy has been invited to lead this event on the Green in Whitnash (next to The Plough & Harrow pub). It will take place at 4.30 pm, straight after the Passion service (3.00 pm at St Joseph's). It would be lovely if our Catholic Leamington parishioners could attend, support and join our Christian brothers and sisters. We will walk together from SJ and after a short service meet at The Plough and Harrow for Hot Cross Buns and refreshment.

**Youth & Family Mass on Easter Sunday:** 10.00 am at Our Lady's. There is a preparation session after **today's** 10.00 am Palm Sunday Mass so that you can learn the music

beforehand. If you would like to get involved or have any questions please contact Caroline: 07950 074249.

**SPAN:** Your donations last week – Gift Aid £70.00; General £122.02; and Crisis in Africa £23.91. Thank you for your generosity.

**ROAST LUNCH: Sunday 28 April**, the last Sunday of the month, is the regular Parish Roast Lunch in SP Main Hall at 1.00 pm. roast dinner with all the trimmings and a traditional pudding. Tickets (including a drink) £10.00 (adults) and £5.00 (children). Sign-up sheets are in the entrances, porches and noticeboards of the three churches.

## ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH

**Changes to Mass times for the week of 22 -28 April** please note that there will be changes to the normal Mass times at St Joseph's. They will be detailed (as normal on the last page) in next week's Newsletter.

**NB:** Rosaries and Morning Prayers will run as normal. **There will be no Confessions or Expositions. NB: There is no Novena on Monday 22 April.**

**Vocations Calendar:** Please do sign up to say the Rosary at the grotto during the month of May. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Thank you.

**200 Club Winners:** Congratulations to Sophia Brain and B Taylor, who won the 1<sup>st</sup> (£50.00) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (£30.00) prizes in April's 200 Club draw, and to Bernard Skinner who won the additional Easter prize of £25.00. If you would like the chance to win one of these prizes, and to help raise funds for the Church's Building Fund, it only costs £1.00 per month. You can choose to pay by cash, cheque or standing order.

**Senior Citizens Yoga Classes: NB** - there will be no classes on 17 and 24 April.

**Easter Services:** A few more duties remain, please sign up, (sheets are in the Narthex) thanks.

**Mass Intentions:** A little FYI - The Church diary is now booked to the end of May and the beginning of June. To book for June onwards please speak to Hazel or Father Andy, thanks.

**Good Friday Collection:** a Collection is taken for the Holy Places & Shrines in the Holy Land.

**The Collection for Easter Sunday:** will be a gift for your Clergy. Thank you in advance.

**Offertory last week:** £672.38

**Second Collection:** £466.65, thank you. (Kindaid)

**Attendance:** 408

**Second collection today:**

CAFOD Emergency Appeal Cyclone Idai

**Second collection next week:**

**No second collection.**

**Next Week's rota: Sunday 21 April:**

Dear Eucharistic Ministers and Readers - The duties for Easter Sunday are not based on the normal rotas. Please see sheets in the Narthex.

**Thank you** to those who have volunteered.

**Thank you** also to all the 'behind the scenes' people who help make it all happen! - Fr Andy.

At St Joseph's this week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for the Intention of **Marion Moran.**



**Anniversaries:** Pat Henderson, Betty Reading, Howard Burnett, James Kelly, Mary Moran, David Shanahan, Thomas Maher, Teresa Webber, Mary Bowen, James Baker, Mary Pettipher, Ellen Cleary, Lily Jenkins, Richard O'Mahony, John O'Sullivan, Margaret Aitkin, Betty Reading, James O'Regan, Ian Jermond, Patrick Donovan, William Allerton, John Ryan, Betty Butler, Kevin Purdy.  
**May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.**