

## ST PETER'S, LEAMINGTON SPA



**Traidcraft:** There will be a stall here at SP next weekend, **3/4 March** at the start of 'Fair Trade Fortnight'. Any volunteers would be warmly welcomed – please ring 01926 885347 or email [jenarmstrong@talktalk.net](mailto:jenarmstrong@talktalk.net).

**The St Peter's Justice & Peace** meeting originally scheduled for Monday 26 February has been moved to **Monday 5 March** at St Joseph's Church Hall, 7.30.

**Evangelisation Team:** next meeting is on **Monday 5 March** at 7.30 in the Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre. Newcomers always welcome to help us share the Good News.

The **J&P Rosary Intention** this month: *We pray for those who are anxious about their future because of unemployment, redundancy or money problems.*

**SPAN:** Thank you to everyone who took part in the Span Quiz you raised £557.40 for the Saturday Friendship Group. Your SPAN contributions last week were: Gift Aid £20.00; General £126.48; Crisis in Africa £26.78. Thank you.

**Sharing the Good News:** Please take a look at

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Erin Doughty our Parish Youth Worker on 07584 272629; [erin@parishyouthministry.org.uk](mailto:erin@parishyouthministry.org.uk)

**Summit Prayer Group:** Next session on **Tuesday 6 March** at 6.00 in St Peter's Parish Centre. Young people in Years 6 – 9 are invited to join. Just come along.

**'Fearless'** Retreat for Years 5–9 will be held from **20–22 April** at Alton Castle. It costs £69.00 (excluding transport). **Summer Camp** runs from **29 July to 2 August** at Alton Castle.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Billy Higgins, Philly O'Connell, Carmen Cunningham, Bridget Hayes, Giuseppe Arena, Patrick O'Keefe, Fr David Condron, Gerry Larkin, Julia Keiser (Esslinger), Katie Hannan.  
*May they rest in peace and their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

## ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Bannon, Thomas Russell, Paddy Sugrue (Sen.), Cath Canning, Claire Lawson, Henry Griffin, John Ryan, Edna O'Dowd, Zena Godwin, Alan Powell, John Thurlow, Tom Mulleague, Isabel Thurlow, Derry Murphy, Mary O'Hannigan, Mary Jones, Mary Kiernan, Dorothy Reeve, Patrick O'Hannigan.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

the leaflet *Everyday Evangelising for Everyday Catholics* in the display stand at the back of St Peter's. Something to consider especially during Lent.

**Lenten coffee morning:** St Patrick's School in aid of St Chad's Sanctuary on **Thursday 15 March** at 2.30. All parishioners warmly invited.

**Play on the Rock** toddler group is always looking for more volunteers to put their name on the helpers' rota. Please contact Jo Mander on 01926 739993 if you would like to find out more about what is involved.

**Tales of the Unexpected:** I enjoyed a game of footie with the Bishops when they came into the house last week. Archbishop Bernard said I was by far the nicest of all the Presbytery Dogs he has met on his travels! Best woofs, Bertie xx

**Music at 11.00 Mass:** The Lenten Mass;  
**Motet:** O Saviour of the world

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First Collection: £899.76  
Second Collection Cathedral Maintenance: £501.59

### THIS WEEKEND

Second Collection: Lenten Alms CAFOD

It is for young people in Years 7–13. This week is life-changing and well worth planning your summer holidays around. It costs from £195.00 to £265.00.

**Deposits** are now being taken for both these events. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Erin and she will email you the full details.

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**Parish Priest St Joseph: Fr Andrew Franklin**  
**Assistant Priest: Fr Noel Breslin**  
**Retired Clergy: Fr Christopher Greaney**  
**Deacon: Rev David Palmer**

Sunday 25 February  
Second Sunday of Lent

"With God on our side who can be against us?" These are the words of St Paul in his letter to the Christians in Rome and just as they must have provided inspiration to them so it is for us too an important reminder of what God has done for us. In the First Reading today the heart-wrenching moment for Abraham to follow God's instructions to the letter reminds us that our faithfulness to the will of God is rewarded by the power and strength to remain firm in our faith that only He can save us. For his faithfulness Abraham received the reward of God's blessing for himself and his descendants who could also say: "With God on our side who can be against us?" This second week of Lent will find us seeking God's many blessings to help stay firm in faith through the ups and downs which life brings.  
Every blessing, Fr John

## GENERAL NEWS

**Dementia Prayer Week**, now in its tenth year, runs from **12-19 March**. There are resources available for schools and care homes from the Pastoral Care Project on its website [www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk](http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk). Bishop David McGough has written the following prayer for us to pray at this time:  
*Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in You. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THIS WEEK

			Cleaning Team 2, St Peter's
			Cleaning Team 1, St Joseph's
Tuesday	27 Feb.	7.00	Confirmation Mass celebrated by Archbishop at St Peter's
Thursday	1 Mar.	7.00	Second session, Lenten Course, Our Lady's Hall
Thursday		7.30	SCJ meeting at 71 Home Farm Crescent, Whitnash
Friday	2 Mar.		World Women's Day of Prayer
Friday		10.00	Lectio Divina, St Joseph's Presbytery
Friday		1.00	St Monica's Prayers, St Peter's Church
Saturday	3 Mar.	1.30	Dormer Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea, St Peter's Hall.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 24 FEB OL 12.30 Christine Bishop  
Katie Hannan  
*Psalter Week 2* SP 5.00 Alan Powell

SUNDAY 25 FEB SJ 9.00 Manteiga & Saenz Families  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT OL 10.00 Patricia Fitzpatrick  
OF LENT SP 11.00 Brea & Malachy Woods  
*Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments* SJ 5.30 Joe & Rose McGreevy

MONDAY 26 FEB SP 10.00 Alice McGirr  
*Lent Feria* SJ 7.00 Katy Hannan RIP  
Private Intention (MM)

TUESDAY 27 FEB SJ 9.30 Jane Kirsten Adams  
*Lent Feria* SP 12.30 Miceal Murphy (B'day Anniv.)  
Dina & Julia Esslinger

WEDNESDAY 28 FEB OL 10.00 Mary Donegan  
*St Oswald* SP 12.30 Kathryn Austin

THURSDAY 1 MAR SP 12.30 Requiem: Patrick O'Keeffe  
*St David* SJ 7.00 David Harwar RIP  
June & Peter Hawkins (60th Wedding Anniv.)

FRIDAY 2 MAR SJ 9.30 Peggy Devanney RIP  
*St Chad* OL 10.00 In Thanksgiving  
WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER SP 12.30 Requiem: Julia Esslinger

SATURDAY 3 MAR SJ 9.30 People of the Parish  
*Lent Feria* SP 10.00 Eileen Lawless  
**VIGIL** OL 12.30 Una Maddox  
Prudence Bunch  
SP 5.00 Julia Devine

SUNDAY 4 MAR SJ 9.00 Ints. of Donal Murphy  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT OL 10.00 Mary & Les Palmer  
OF LENT SP 11.00 Edna O'Dowd  
*Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments* SJ 5.30 Katie Hannan  
James & Elizabeth Byrne (Anniv.)

## CONFESSIONS

**Saturday**  
SJ: 10.00  
OL: 11.45  
SP: 9.15 & 4.45  
**Sunday**  
SP: 3.00-4.00

## EXPOSITION

**Sunday**  
SP: 3.00-4.00  
**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

## MORNING PRAYER

**Saturdays**  
SJ: 9.15  
SP: 9.40

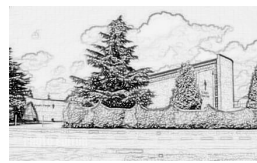
## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Monday Evening**  
SJ: 6.30  
**Wednesday Day**  
SP: 11.45 (J&P)  
**Wednesday Evening**  
OL: 6.45  
**Friday Evening**  
SJ: 7.00 (J&P)  
SP: 7.00

## ST MONICA'S PRAYERS

This coming Friday at SP at 1.00.

## ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH



Today's 2nd Collection will be for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** (please use the special envelopes). Thank you for what is always a generous donation.

Fr. Andy is away in Belgium until 3 March, continuing his Canon Law studies and we are grateful to Fr. Ramunos and the priests of St. Peter's for celebrating our Masses here at St. Joseph's.

The overview of **Parish Finances** is on the noticeboard in the Narthex.

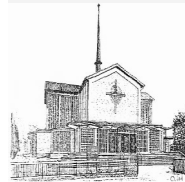
There will be a joint meeting of the **Justice & Peace** groups in Catholic Leamington on **Monday 5 March** in St Joseph's Hall at 7.30. Please come along and explore the way ahead.

The 2018 **Women's World Day of Prayer** Service by the women of Suriname is being held at St Chad's Church in Bishop's Tachbrook on **Friday 2 March** at 10.30. Everyone is invited and transport can be arranged if necessary. Cakes would be most welcome. Please see the lists in the Narthex.



**At St Joseph's this week Our Lady's seven-day candle burns for the Naylor Family.**

## OUR LADY'S, LILLINGTON



Second session of the Lent Course on the Pope's Encyclical 'Caring for our common home' (Laudato Si') **Thursday 1 March**, 7.00 at Our Lady's Church.

**A Lenten Calendar.** If you have not yet got A Lenten Calendar, pick up your free copy today.

**World Women's Day of Prayer: Friday 2 March** at St Mary's in Lillington at 2.00. All God's Creation is Very Good! Women from Suriname lift up their voices to remind us that we are caretakers of God's creation!

**Traidcraft:** The next stall will be during 'Fair Trade Fortnight' on the weekend of **11/12 March**. More helpers would be welcome – please email [jenarmstrong@talktalk.net](mailto:jenarmstrong@talktalk.net) or ring 01926 885347.

**Country Walk:** The next Churches Together walk is

**Lenten Alms:** The Prayer Donation Tree proceeds will go to St Joseph's School. Additionally there will be three Second Collections during Lent: Springfield Mental Health (4 March); Zoe's Place (11 March); and House of Light & Hope, Beirut, Lebanon (18 March).

**Hunger Lunch on Good Friday:** This year we need more helpers! Please let Michael Kirby or Amy Cawood know if you are able to offer your time.

**Altar Servers:** In preparation for the Holy Week services, practices will be arranged with Fr Andy and Nial for those who wish to take part. This is the most important week of the year in the Church, please try to attend.

**Readers and Ministers:** Rotas are now on the noticeboard in the rear porch.

**Our Sick:** We pray for the sick and housebound who request our prayers and whose names can be found on the Noticeboard List. *Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY LAST WEEK:** £527.73. Thank you.  
**SECOND COLLECTION:** CATHEDRAL  
**MAINTENANCE:** £199.20.  
**ATTENDANCE:** 271

at **10.00 on Saturday 17 March** to Whitnash – full details on the notice boards. This is, as its name suggests (!), an ecumenical group that meets monthly for fresh air, fellowship and pub grub. Email [ctlwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:ctlwalkers@gmail.com) to receive updates.

**Pentecost Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Fr John will be leading a Pilgrimage to Walsingham from **21-25 May 2018**. It will include visits to the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, daily Mass, reflections on the Holy Spirit, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an afternoon trip out. For details of the cost and to book a place please see [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage) or pick up a leaflet at any of the churches. Places are limited so please book early.

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Second Collection: Cathedral Maintenance £201.46  
**THIS WEEKEND**  
Second Collection: Lenten Alms CAFOD