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My thanks to all who attended the evening Mass led by our school last Sunday. The children led us so well in reading and song. On the school theme as we begin Advent there are many things the school will be involved with. They will be coming to our day of prayer for vocations on Thursday and will also be in and out of Church throughout Advent preparing for their Christmas Carol service on Monday 18th December at 6:30pm. As this will be very busy, the school are kindly performing a 'dress rehearsal' at 10am the same day and would like to invite parishioners to come along and see the show. Please do take this opportunity to come along and sing Christmas carols old and new! The school Christmas Fair is on Sunday 10th December and I encourage you to support this important event. Advent is an important season in the Church's year as we begin to prepare ourselves for Christmas once again. Please do enter into the spirit of this season by doing something slightly different from your normal routine. Maybe attend a weekday Mass at one of the three churches or use the day chapel here at St Josephs to simply light a candle or say a prayer. Of course it goes without saying that Advent is a wonderful opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is available Saturday mornings and by ringing the Presbytery doorbell, God Bless Fr Andy

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017
 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

Adoration Day for Vocations: Thursday 7th December is **St. Joseph's allocated day** of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations. Exposition will begin at 9.00am and the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until 7.00pm when there will be Mass. Groups of children from the school will be visiting through the morning and all parishioners are invited and encouraged to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord during the day.

Message from Archbishop Longley: **"Do you support** Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic pupils to attend. They promised to abandon this discriminatory policy. Visit catholicnews.org.uk to write to the Government urging them to drop the policy which bans new Catholic schools.

200 Club: Congratulations to E. Scullane and Mike McGarvey, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in December's draw, and to Josie McCann who won the additional prize

of £25. It only costs £1 per month! The next collection will be on 7th January 2018.

News from the School: **St. Joseph's PTFA are busy planning** their Christmas Fair which will be held at school on Sunday 10th December from 3pm till 5pm. We would be delighted to have parish members join us for the event

Piety Shop: Do have a look at the Christmas goods which have come in and there is a Christmas Raffle to win a Nativity Shed and ornaments on display in the narthex or back porch, tickets £1.50 each (to be drawn on Sun. 10th Dec)

Those Little Red Boxes! **It's** time, once again, to bring them **in for counting. This time, it's** for the end of the financial year in December, so please could you bring your box, named, either to the sacristy or directly to June and Lennie if you see them, by the 10th December. Thank you, as always, for your amazing generosity which enables the work of Missio to continue world-wide.

Office Hours This Week: Hazel will be working Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am—2.30pm. 01926 772712.

Caretaker/Cleaner job for the hall, do have a talk to Fr. Andy.

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

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa

The Lawns Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond, Bridget Hunt
 Clarence House Winifred Galvin
 Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
 Castle Brook Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
 Galanos House Marjorie Smedley

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| NEXT WEEK 10 .12. 17 | Reader | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 8.00am | Ted Forde | Liam Kearns, Jill Sheard, Pauline Mills |
| 5.30pm Youth Mass | Alison McLeary | May Murphy, Kim Kearns, Pam Hamilton |



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Marion Moran

THANKS AND GOOD WISHES

There will be an opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Sr. Angela on Sunday 17th December after the 5.30pm Mass **in the hall. We'll have time to talk over tea** and coffee and some tea-time nibbles - *Please sign up in the front or back porch if you are able to come and indicate whether you are able to bring a plate of food for the sharing table. All are welcome. Thank you!*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Saturday 2 December <i>Psalter Week 1</i> VIGIL | OL SP | 12.30 pm 5.00 pm | Madeline, Daniel & Finbarr Looney & Mary Beausang Noel McGivern | Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm |
| Sunday 3 December First Sunday of Advent ** Migrants' Day ** | SJ OL SP SJ | 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm | Eileen Bettles RIP Babs Dunbar People of the Parish Gerry Quinn Billy & Patty Desay and Patricia Devshi RIP | Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm |
| Monday 4 December <i>St John Damascene</i> | SP SJ | 10.00 am 7.00 pm | Special Intention Jack Macleod & Terry Cooper | SJ: Mass with Novena to Our Lady |
| Tuesday 5 December <i>St Birinus</i> | Sch SJ SP SP SJ | 9.15 am 9.30 am 12.30 pm 4.30 pm 5.00 pm | Mass: St Patrick's School Czes Mowinski-Recovery Michael MacMahon Reception: Martin Quigley Reception: Mary Darby | Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon |
| Wednesday 6 December <i>St Nicholas</i> | Sch Sch SJ OL SP | 9.00 am 9.15 am 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm | Trinity School Mass: St Anthony's School Requiem Mass: Mary Darby Mary Ahern Requiem Mass: Martin Quigley | Rosary: SP Noon |
| Thursday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i> | SP SJ | 12.30 pm 7.00 pm | James Hannan For Vocations & People of the Parish | SJ: Adoration Day for Vocations, 9.00 am 7.00 pm Rosary: SP Noon |
| Friday 8 December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | SJ OL SP | 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm | Requiem: Catherine Frances Lovell Connie Murphy Anita & Prudence Bunch | Rosary: SP: Noon Exposition: SP 11.00am OL: St Monica Prayer Group @ 6.00 pm |
| Saturday 9 December <i>St John Diego</i> | SJ SP OL SP | 9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm | David Harwar Frances Lovell Mary Bohan Eileen Tucker People of the Parish Brian McManus | SJ: 9.15am Morning Prayer Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45am Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am |
| Sunday 10 December Second Sunday of Advent <i>Bible Sunday</i> | SJ OL SP SJ | 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm | Patrick & Marion Moran & Family Keenan & Woods families Stuart Cameron Smith Fr O'Connor John & Patricia Robinson, 40th Wedding Anniversary & Marsh Family Intentions | Exposition & Rosary SP: 3.00-4.00pm |

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Lisowiec, Jack Macleod, Bridget Walsh, Doris Jennings, John Farrell, Mary O'Driscoll, David Scannell, Patty Desay, James Andrew Curtin, Michael Daly, Betty Ward.
May they rest in peace


RECENTLY DECEASED

Benito Mario Vinciguerra: His funeral service will be on Tuesday 12th December at St. Joseph's at 10.15am followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

And Frances Lovell: Requiem Mass will be at 9.30am on Friday 8th December at St. Joseph's, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Also Mary Darby: Her reception into church will be on Tuesday 5th December at 5.00pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am followed by cremation at Oakley Wood at 11.00am
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

| THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH | |
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| Sun: | 12 Noon Baptism, Olivia Fern Haggan Bacon Sandwiches, after 8.00am Mass |
| Mon: | 8.00pm Dancing |
| Tues: | 10.00am Tuesday Club 6.00pm Governors' Meeting 4-6.00pm Hall booked |
| Wed: | 10.30-12.30pm Art Group 7.30pm Choir Practice |
| Thurs: | No Music Group 7.00pm Weight Watchers 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting, HFR 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 13 Golf Lane |
| Fri: | 10.00 Advent Lectio Divina, hall 5.30pm Karate |
| Sat: | 7.30, 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World |
| Sun: | 2nd Collection: Poor Parishes |

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| LAST WEEK 26.11.17 Offertory Collection: £602.40 Many thanks. 2nd Collection: Catholic Youth Services £275.62 Attendance 419 |  |
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A Quick Journey Through the Bible: An opportunity to learn about the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible with others, meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 28 Cubbington Road, Lillington, CV32 7AB between 1.10—2.45pm For more information please contact Caroline on Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk/019262 57123.

Lectio Divina: The next Advent Lectio is on Friday 8th December at 10.00am. All are welcome to this gentle look at the coming Sunday's Gospel.

CHRISTMAS:

At St. Joseph's, the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 24th will be the Children's Christmas Mass. 8.30pm Carols and Readings 9.00pm First Mass of Christmas (mulled wine and mince pies afterwards in the hall!) 10.00am 25th December—The Family Mass of Christmas.

Flowers: We are always grateful for contributions towards flowers for Christmas. Please put any donations in the flower box beside the main inner door. Thank you

Presents under the tree: Once the tree is in place, we are asking those who can, to place gift-wrapped presents under the tree, labelled: Boy or Girl, and appropriate Age Group. The deadline for collecting is Friday 15th December, Thank you for your kindness to those who have so little.