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The disciples, hearing John say "Look, there is the lamb of God" begin – out of curiosity? – to go after Jesus. Jesus turns round and asks them: "What do you want?" Hear Jesus ask you that question today. Generally we tend to think that we should be asking, What does God want? But no, he also wants to know what we want. The answer to that question is less for his benefit than for ours. Our answer will tell us what our real priorities are with regard both to God and the people and the world around us. What do we really want from life, from God? It is not such an easy question to answer – it is easy to be superficial or flippant – but it tells us where we really are. And it is a question we will have to answer at different stages in our life as circumstances change. As some of you know I was called to Ireland on Tuesday to be with my close friend Fr Jack Keegan. I have known Fr Jack since I was 10 and he was my parish priest and school chaplain back home in Wales. As I write this he is in the last stages of his earthly life and I will return to Ireland for his funeral Mass in West Meath next week. I will be there with the Bishop and priests of my home diocese of Wrexham. Please do keep Fr Jack, his family and friends in your prayers. May God continue to bless us, Fr Andy

14TH JANUARY 2018
 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

As we introduced last Monday evening, going forward we will be having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm when we will have our usual Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and our Mass will follow at 7.00pm. This will enable us to give the appropriate focus to the feast of the day as well as honouring Our Lady.

All Counters - Apologies: Unfortunately, the meeting announced last Sunday which should have taken place on Thursday had to be cancelled as Fr. Andy was called away urgently. It will be rescheduled in the next two or three weeks and will be in the bulletin - please look out for the new date, and try to be there if you possibly can. Thank you!

Mass Intentions: As we begin a new year, it is perhaps appropriate to mention the pattern of requests for Mass Intentions. You will notice that for the Sunday Masses we often have to have two intentions for the same Mass, whereas during the week we often have no request for intentions at all! These Masses are usually put in as a 'Special Intention'. This rather puts the theory that the Mass Offering will feed the priest for a day in question - otherwise **we'll have a very thin priest!** On a more serious note, it is an important part of our Catholic life to offer prayer for others and offering the prayer of the Mass is a most precious gift. Please give this some thought - I am reluctant to have to go to another parish to ask for extra Mass Intentions, but the fact is

we no longer have any requests here.

Monica Prayers: This gentle time is a specific opportunity for those present to pray for their loved ones who have abandoned their faith. The group will meet in church on **Fridays for about half an hour's** time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It will be held in one of the three churches each week, and will be announced in the newsletter. This week it will be at **St. Peter's at 1.00pm (after Mass)**

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions: Would you like to **burn Our Lady's 7 Day Candle** in memory of a loved one, for **someone's intentions**, in thanksgiving, or for any other reason? Then please complete an envelope located by **Our Lady's statue in the church.** The suggested donation is £5.

200 Club: The next collection will be today, 14th January. Membership costs only £1 a month and the 200 Club makes a significant contribution to the maintenance of the parish as well as being enjoyable for those fortunate enough to win!

Lectio Divina: will take place next Friday, 19th at 10:00 as usual. It will take place in the presbytery and all are very welcome.

Crib Offering: This year, we collected £185.99 plus £23.10 which came in later. This money has been shared between Helping Hands and Friends of the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

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, Anne Bergonzi, baby Joseph Gibbons

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

NEXT WEEK 21.1.18	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Sophia Brain	Kim Kearns, Adam Borley, Ted Forde
5.30pm	Honor Hynes	Julia Leask, Julia Fan, May Murphy



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for John Abbott - Get Well

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 13 January <i>Psalter Week 2</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Jack & Hannah Daly Thomas Ryan; & Ann O'Keefe	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 14 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ** Peace Sunday **	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Robert Gibbons Kathleen Josephine Taylor; & People of the Parish John Stephens May McCrea	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 15 January <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ SJ SJ	10.00 am 10.00am 5.00 pm 7.00 pm	<i>St. Peter's School Mass:</i> John & Mary Smythe & Family <i>St. Joseph's School Mass</i> Reception of the body: Olga Kelly Special Intention	SJ Exposition & Novena to Our Lady: 6.30pm
Tuesday 16 January <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ SJ SP	9.15am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00am	<i>St. Patrick's School Mass</i> Bob & Stephen Rogerson Requiem Mass: Olga Kelly <i>With Trinity School, in</i>	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 17 January <i>St Antony</i>	SP OL SP	9.15am 10.00 am 12.30 pm	<i>St. Anthony's School Mass</i> <i>O.L.S.T. School Mass:</i> Eileen Lawless Jeremiah Healy	Rosary: SP noon
Thursday 18 January <i>Feria</i> <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Margaret & Colm Thornton & Family Special Intention	
Friday 19 January <i>St Wulstan</i>	SP SJ OL SP SP	9.30am 9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.00 pm	<i>For St. Peter's School, in Church</i> Special Intention Ronald Wallace Catherine Lovell <i>St Monica's Prayer Service</i>	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon. Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 20 January <i>St Sebastian</i>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Mary O'Donnell & deceased members of the Masterton Family John Maher; & Jack & Mary Gaughan For Vocations; & John Gately	SJ: 9.15am Morning Prayer Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00am; OL: 11.45am
Sunday 21 January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Fr Joe McKenna Danny Lane Deceased members of the Scarbrick Family; & Susan Day Alex Dunlop & Pauline Jenkins	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Fr. Joe McKenna: This week sees the anniversary of Fr. Joe McKenna's death and the 8.00am Mass on Sunday 21st January will be for his intention. Fr. McKenna was the first Parish Priest to the newly designated parish of St. Joseph's, Whitnash in 1963 and was responsible for the building of our church.

Laudete Si and the Parish Newsletter. Each week St Josephs and St Peters produce a paper newsletter. For the last three weeks the items on each newsletter have been more or less identical. This to me is a waste of time, energy and resources. So, I would like a list of people who would be willing to receive the newsletter by email each week. I will also meet with Fr John to discuss a realistic newsletter for the three Leamington Churches which will hopefully reduce costs to us and St Peters. This will also bring us more in line with the thinking of Pope Francis and his document 'Laudete si' which asks us to think outside the box a little bit more, to be caring for the environment around us and not to be wasteful of the Earth's precious resources.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible: 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/01926257123.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan Gardner, Lucy Maynard, Edith Bird, Bob Rogerson, Patrick Lane, David Kelly, Brian McCann, Maureen Rawsthorne, Fr. Joe McKenna, Pauline Jenkins, Tom Silk, Tony Cooper, Phil Lane
May they rest in peace

RECENTLY DECEASED

Olga Kelly who was resident in The Lawns died on 22nd December. We offer our condolences to the family. Her body will be received into church on Monday 15th January at 5pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 16th January at 11am followed by burial in Leamington Cemetery at 12.30pm.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory

BAPTISM

Sunday 21st January at 12 Noon
Dani and Kaci McCarthy

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

- | Sun: 200 Club collection after Masses
- | Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
- | Tues: 10.00am Tuesday Club
- | Wed: 9.30am Art Group
7.30pm Choir Practice
- | Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team 2
10.45-12.15 Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
- | Fri: 10.00 Lectio Divina, Presbytery
5.30pm Karate
- | Sat: 7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World

LAST WEEK

7.1.18
Offertory Collection:
£502.09
Thank you

2nd Collection:
None
Attendance
242

