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In our first reading this weekend we see how the prophet Jonah is very different from other prophets. This story is often told as a children's story but in fact it is more of a parable, telling us something about ourselves and inviting us to a new understanding. In the second reading Paul is reminding us of his desire to save people from any hardships they may encounter. Paul had a strong desire to encourage people to continue the Lords work for the benefit of all believers. In the Gospel from St Mark we see how Jesus begins to invite people to change their way of thinking and to adopt the Good News. Jesus needed companions in order to do this. In the world of 2018 we are Jesus modern day companions. Are we prepared to walk with him and spread the Good News?

I returned from Ireland on Thursday evening after being present for the funeral rites of my good friend Fr Jack Keegan. The funeral Mass was a fitting celebration for the life of a good and faithful servant of the Lord. It is a reminder to all of us to thank God for all those people who have had a positive influence on our lives and also to thank God for those people who on occasion may tell us the things we may not wish to hear!! That is true friendship, God bless, 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, Anne Bergonzi, baby Joseph Gibbons

The Lawns Mary Behan, Kathleen Hammond and Rosa Venatica. **John L'Estrange**

Clarence House Winifred Galvin

Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont

Castle Brook Angele Handford, Christina Kelly

Galanos House Marjorie Smedley

NEXT WEEK 28.1.18	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Michael Kirby	Katherine Wimpenny, Pauline Mills, Jan Ireson
5.30pm	Carol Bowler	May Murphy, Ann Sayce, Julia Fan



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Murphy and Sugrue Family Intentions

21ST JANUARY 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

As we have now introduced on Monday evenings, 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 - Thank you for your understanding over the cancellation of our proposed meeting. I would like to re-schedule this for Thursday, 1st February, at 7.30pm and I would be very grateful if as many of those as possible who take part in the counting could attend. Thank you!

Mass Intentions: *In case you did not see a St. Joseph's bulletin last week, I have left this item in.* 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.

St. Monica's Prayer Service: This gentle time is a specific opportunity for those present to pray for their loved ones who have abandoned their faith. It will be held on Fridays in one of the three churches each week, and will be announced in the newsletter. This week it will be at **St. Joseph's at 10.00am** (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 January Draw: 1st prize F. Rodriguez, 2nd prize J. Bowen and the next collection will be Sunday 4 February. 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: Lectio usually takes place on the third Friday of each month. By the third Friday of February, 16th, we will just have entered Lent. Therefore Lectio will be held each week from then until Easter, starting at 10.00am and it will take place in the presbytery. All are very welcome.

Saturday 20 January <i>Psalter Week 3</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	John Maher; & Jack & Mary Gaughan For Vocations; & John Gately	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
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 Scarisbrick Family; & Susan Day Alex Dunlop & Pauline Jenkins	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 22 January <i>St Vincent</i>	SP Sch SJ	10.00 am 2.30 pm 7.00 pm	John Hannan St Joseph's School Mass Intentions of John McReash	SJ Exposition & Novena to Our Lady: 6.30pm
Tuesday 23 January <i>St Nicholas Owen</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Patricia Burridge John McAuliffe	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon.
Wednesday 24 January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Sch SP	10.00 am 12.30 pm	OL Mass at OLST School Eileen Lawless Bill Lee	Rosary: SP noon At Our Lady's & St. Teresa's
Thursday 25 January <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Franco Griffin; & Anna Dalli Special Intention	
Friday 26 January <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>	SJ SJ OL SP	9.30 am 10.00am 10.00 am 12.30 pm	Intentions of Brian & Jean Towler <i>St Monica's Prayer Service</i> Mary Mulvaney Helen Hopkins	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP: noon. Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 27 January <i>Blessed Edward Oldcorne; St Angela Merici</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Tricia Fitzpatrick Norma Forde Mrs N Quirke; & Hugie O'Sullivan	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 28 January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Betty Sheehan Mary Kelly Franco Griffin; & Eddie & Mary Duffy Teresa Owen Anniv.	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Laudato Si and the Parish Newsletter. As I mentioned recently, I would like a list of people who would be willing to receive the newsletter by email each week. If you are happy to receive your bulletin by email, perhaps you could post a note of your email address through the presbytery door. Thank you.

I will be meeting with Fr John shortly to discuss a single, realistic newsletter for the three Leamington Churches.

Web Explorers: Information from St. Mary Immaculate Parish. How would you like to help our parishes to further advance in the digital world? Come to our web-builder workshop at the Parish Office this spring where you will learn everything to do with building a website from scratch. This will include hosting, editing and using different media etc. You will also be part of a great team, enjoying a hobby which is fun! The date of the workshop can be agreed with those interested. Please contact Sandra at St Charles' or Andy at the parish office (S.M.I.)

News from the Youth Erin, our Youth Worker, is formulating an exciting programme for 2018. This includes leading the youth of the three churches in Masses on the following dates:
March 25th (Palm Sunday), April 29th, June 24th and Sept 30th. We are fortunate that these will take place at St. Joseph's at the 5.30pm Mass and we welcome all the young people and thank them for their willingness to enlarge our liturgy in this way.



ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Crowley, Leslie Fishnet, Ian Kirby, Teresa Owen, Kathleen McHugh, Donald Dorgan, Patricia Harwar, Chris-sie Fitzpatrick, Hannah Grimes, Paddy Shanahan, Jeremiah Bowen, Donald Leahy
May they rest in peace

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Sun: 12.30pm, Baptism
- Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
- Tues: 10.00am Tuesday Club
- Wed: 9.30am Art Group
7.30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs: 10.45-12.15 Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
- Fri: 5.30pm Karate
- Sat: 7.30, 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World
- Sun: 2nd Coll: Parish Maintenance

BAPTISM

Sunday
21st January at
12.30pm

Dani and Kaci
McCarthy

LAST WEEK

14.1.18
Offertory Collection:
£410.82 Thank you

2nd Collection:
None

Attendance
264

