

ST PETER'S, LEAMINGTON SPA



200 Club: The February Draw was won by Eileen Daly (£50.00); Vincent Lucey (£20.00) and Pastimes Club (£10.00). Congratulations to the winners!

Friday Luncheon Club this coming **Friday**, 1.00 at Seasons Restaurant, Warwick Street. New members always very welcome. Contact Carmel Cleary on 07941 840433.

CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday. To support this there will be a "soup and a roll" lunch immediately after the 12.30 Mass at St Peter's. Your support is much appreciated.

SPAN Donations last week: Gift Aid £45.00; General £39.18; Crisis in Africa £29.32; and Christmas vouchers £10.00. Thank you.

Grandparents: Come to an informal get-together on **Saturday 24 February** after 10.00 Mass. Meet in Davenport Room. Mary Holden will talk about the Hand in Hand experience and working with people with special needs.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Erin Doughty our Parish Youth Worker on 07584 272629; erin@parishyouthministry.org.uk

Summit Prayer Group: Next session on **Tuesday 20 February** 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

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Donald Rowe, Patrick Flynn, Francis Salters, Andrea Luca, Ethel Locker, Kathleen Bellerby, Phyllis Hanson, Susan Taplin, James Dale, Michael Brogan, Peter Jeffrey, Mary Logan, David Colledge, Margaret Gauguskas, Anna Maria Sanchez, Teresa Bakewell, William Punch, Paul Cullen, Mary Philpott, Molly Briggs, Joseph Connell, Peggy Bevan, Derry Murphy, John Behan, Frances Redmond, Mary Carl, Michael Monaghan, Mary Ward, Elizabeth Reynolds and Timothy Lyne. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

Contact John Armstrong on jarmstrong31@talktalk.net or 01926 885347.

The **Dormer Senior Citizens' Group** will start its 2018 programme of Afternoon Teas on **Saturday 4 March** in SP Main Hall at 1.30. An afternoon of fun and friendship. Everyone is welcome, please just come along.

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

Tales of the Unexpected: I was quite excited by the discussions about my "Tales". The newsletter editor said I would be given the chop. I love a nice bone to gnaw on. It helps me to think. Best woofs, Bertie xx

Music at 11.00 Mass: Orbis Factor Gregorian chant; **Motet** If ye love me by Thomas Tallis

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First Collection: £1,268.23

Second Collection (Church Maintenance): £626.03

THIS WEEKEND

Second Collection: Cathedral Maintenance

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Retired Clergy: Fr Christopher Greaney

Deacon: Rev David Palmer

Sunday 18 February
First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our Newsletter for Catholic Leamington.

It has taken time to plan and I expect there will be a few changes before we reach 'perfection'.

If you'll excuse the analogy our efforts for Lent are not dissimilar! It takes more than a few attempts to get it right and we have to adjust our routine and mind-set to make it work. Goodwill and compromise are two words which spring to mind as well as turning to the Lord to seek his help.

In our first reading today we encounter the word "covenant". This is a term which signifies the warm relationship between God and his people. The season of Lent is a time when we renew that relationship. In our second reading we are reminded of our Baptism. It is an early taster for the renewal of our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil. In the Gospel we are reminded that there is no contradiction between the drama of temptation and the joyful proclamation of the Gospel. In our own lives we must not fear the tension between our brokenness and the life we've been called to live.

Wishing you a blessed Lent in heartfelt prayer. Fr John and Fr Andy

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20	6.00	Summit Prayer Group for Years 6-9, St Peter's Parish Centre
Thursday 22	7.00	Lenten course on Laudato Si', Our Lady's Church Hall
Friday 23		CAFOD Family Fast Day
Friday 23	10.00	Lectio Divina, St Joseph's Presbytery
Friday 23	1.00	Soup & Roll lunch after 12.30 Mass, St Peter's Hall
Friday 23	1.00	Friday Luncheon Club, Seasons Restaurant at 1.00
Saturday 24	10.30	Grandparents' get-together after 10.00 Mass, St Peter's Centre

SERVICES THIS WEEK 18 FEBRUARY 2018

SATURDAY	17 FEB	OL	12.30	Eileen Lynn Gerry Larkin
Psalter Week 1		SP	5.00	Margret Soomro Ellen O'Sullivan
SUNDAY	18 FEB	SJ	9.00	Murphy Family Intentions
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		OL	10.00	People of the Parish
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments		SP	11.00	Martin Wall Brian McHale
		SJ	5.30	Josephine Lawson
MONDAY	19 FEB	SP	10.00	Joshua Jarvis
Lent Feria		SJ	7.00	Bernadette O'Donnell
TUESDAY	20 FEB	SJ	9.30	George Fackrell RIP
Lent Feria		SP	12.30	Deceased Burns Family
WEDNESDAY	21 FEB	OL	10.00	Alice McGirr
St Peter Damian		SP	12.00	Requiem: Fr David Condron
THURSDAY	22 FEB	SP	12.30	Gerry Larkin
Chair of St Peter		SJ	7.00	John Widdas RIP
FRIDAY	23 FEB	SJ	9.30	Donal Murphy's Intentions
St Polycarp		OL	10.00	Tara Fitzpatrick
FAMILY FAST DAY		SP	12.30	Jim & Margaret McGreevy
SATURDAY	24 FEB	SJ	9.30	Kate M. Brown
Lent Feria		SP	10.00	Kenneth John Cross
		OL	12.30	Christine Bishop Katie Hannan
		SP	5.00	Alan Powell
SUNDAY	25 FEB	SJ	9.00	Manteiga & Saenz Families
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		OL	10.00	Patricia Fitzpatrick
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments		SP	11.00	Brea & Malachy Woods
		SJ	5.30	Joe & Rose McGreevy

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

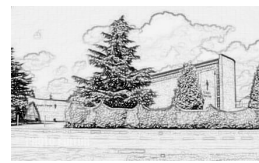
LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 SJ at 10.00.

ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH



The CAFOD **Family Fast Day** is next Friday 23 February. Please take an envelope as you leave the Church and return it the following weekend with your kind donation.

There will be a joint meeting of the different **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.

Lenten Alms: The Prayer Donation Tree is in the Narthex. Proceeds going to our 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 offer your time.



At St Joseph's this week Our Lady's seven-day candle burns for the recovery of Shaun Cotter.

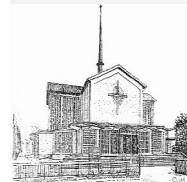
Lectio Divina: This continues weekly during Lent each Friday at 10.00 in St Joseph's Presbytery. All are very welcome.

Baptism: Today we welcome Sebastian Farmer into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. *May the Lord bless him and keep him safe. Amen.*

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: £484.59. Thank you.
ATTENDANCE: 263

OUR LADY'S, LILLINGTON



Lent Course on the Pope's Encyclical 'Caring for our common home' (Laudato Si') starts on **Thursday 22 February**, 7.00 at Our Lady's Church. Last chance to sign up today! There are

lists at the back of the churches. Those on the lists will be contacted with more details.

A Lenten Calendar. If you did not get A Lenten Calendar last week, 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 or ring 01926 885347.

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 or pick up a leaflet at any of the churches. Places are limited so please book early.