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Sunday 15 March 2020
Third Sunday in Lent (Year A)

SAT 14 March <i>Psalter Week 3</i> VIGIL MASSES	OL 12.30 Sue Donovan SP 5.00 Denis & Mary O'Neill Dernaun Hayden
SUN 15 March Third Sunday of Lent (A) <i>Day of Prayer for the candidates for the Sacraments</i>	SJ 9.00 Mary Scullane B'day Anniversary Paddy Murphy RIP OL 10.00 The Holden Family SP 11.00 Eileen O'Sullivan Maureen Wall SJ 5.30 Joe & Rose McGreevy
MON 16 March <i>Lent feria</i>	SP 10.00 David Winter SJ 7.00 Patrick Murphy RIP
TUE 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	SJ 9.30 Enda McSharry RIP OL 12.30 <u>Requiem:</u> Margaret Pearce SP 12.30 Deceased Durkin & Overill Families
WED 18 March <i>Lent feria</i>	OL 10.00 Hugh Gallagher SP 12.30 Patrick Murphy
THU 19 March <i>Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	SJ 7.00 Patrick Murphy RIP SJ 9.30 The People of the Parish SP 12.30 Patrick O'Donnell SJ 7.00 Canon David Oakley's Intentions
FRI 20 March <i>Lent feria</i>	SJ 9.30 Helen Coorsen RIP Hugh Williams RIP OL 10.00 Patrick Cassidy SP 12.30 Canon David Oakley's Intentions
SAT 21 March <i>Lent feria</i>	SJ 9.30 Paddy Murphy RIP SP 10.00 The People of the Parish
VIGIL MASSES	OL 12.30 Frank Thornton Alec Holland SP 5.00 Kenneth Briddon Mary Davies
SUN 22 MARCH Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) <i>Day of Prayer for the candidates for the Sacraments</i>	SJ 9.00 Anne Hornsby Baby Jake Wood RIP OL 10.00 Barbara O'Rourke Isabelle Eustace SP 11.00 Edna O'Dowd SJ 5.30 Steve Pritchard RIP

13-19 March DIOCESAN NOVENA TO BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI	MORNING PRAYER Fri. OL: 9.40 Sat. SJ: 9.15 Sat. SP: 9.40
12-19 March DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK	STATIONS OF THE CROSS Sun. OL: 4.30 Mon. SP: 10.40 Mon. SJ: 6.30 Wed. OL: 10.30 Fri. SP: 7.30
CONFESSIONS <i>All on Saturday.</i> SP: 9.15; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45; SP: 4.15 and by appointment.	LECTIO DIVINA Fri. SJ Presbytery: 10.10
ROSARY Tues.-Fri. SP: Noon Fri. SJ: 9.00	BIBLE STUDY Tue. OL Church: 7.30 Wed. SP Davenport Room: 7.30
EXPOSITION Sun. SP: 3.00 Fri. SJ: 8.30 Fri. OL: 10.30 Fri. SP: 11.00 Sat. SP: 9.00 Sat. SJ: 10.00	

The Visitation of Warwick Deanery by Bishop Kenney and Archbishop Longley will conclude at a Mass at 7.00 pm in St Francis of Assisi Church, Kenilworth. The Mass will be attended by the Deanery clergy. The report of their findings will be delivered after Mass in the Church Hall by Bishop William Kenney

Recently deceased: Ann Hopkins, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Bob Wright, Paul Reszka, Michael Hughes, Percy Fitzgerald, Patrick Gannon, Rosario Lazzara, Mark Stammers, Bridget Cleary, Paul Rabone, Margaret Pearce, John Moroney.
May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Bernard Wattebot, Betty McCarthy, Mary Burton, Michael Behan, Anne Marsden, Peggy Clarke, Walter Holt, Kathleen Connolly, Margaret Martin, Ada Ashton, Natalie Burgielska, Jack Badger, John Kelly, Michael Maxwell, Vesna Dokleja, James Downey, Roland Wildman, Frank Benson, Joyce Collins, Hugh Williams, Mgr Daniel Kelly, Fr William Madden, Fr Patrick Maguire, Fr Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne.
May they rest in peace.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for March is: We pray for the victims of floods and other extreme weather events caused by climate change.

Dear Parishioners

Three weeks into Lent and I hope we are not neglecting our souls and the souls of our loved ones. Reading and reflecting on the wise words from the *Walk With Me* booklet or calendar, using the weapons from our spiritual armoury and, if we can, to convey the hope of our Christian faith which brings joy to those who hear it. In the Gospel the Samaritan woman heard the voice of the Lord at the well and was filled with amazement that he could see into her heart and forgive her. Forgiveness is God's gift to all who seek him with sadness for their faults and true repentance.

Every blessing, Fr John.

CORONAVIRUS CANCELLATIONS

Over the past few weeks we have become attuned to the ever-changing news about the coronavirus. Rest assured the clergy are responding to the health, welfare and safety of our parishioners. We have applied the recommendations of the Catholic Bishops' Conference e.g. the Holy Water stoups have been emptied, hymn books have been withdrawn; at Holy Communion the host will be given only on the hand; the physical sign of peace has been suspended. One suggestion (gleaned from social media) is that we learn the sign language for "Peace be with you". At the same time we ask that parishioners take their own common sense precautions to prevent infections. We need to be mindful and supportive of those in quarantine. We can't visit, but we can call them and ask if they need any help. The most vulnerable need special care.

In light of the above, a number of events and meetings have been decided **cancelled or postponed** as follows:

Today's (Sunday) **Anointing of the Sick Service is postponed**. Fr Andy says: "We have taken this decision as a

precaution because a large number of people attending would already fall into the sick and vulnerable category."

Today's (Sunday) **Purple Day Brunch** in aid of Epilepsy Research in St Peter's Hall is **cancelled**.

The Hand-in-Hand Group's production of 'Hosanna Cantata' on Saturday 28 March and the rehearsal on Saturday 21 March has been **postponed**, possibly for a year. (For any further information please phone Mary on 01926 420045 or Julia on 01926 735275.)

The monthly **Parish Roast lunches** are **cancelled** until further notice.

Pastimes meetings every Tuesday at St Peter's are **cancelled** until further notice.

Activities that will **continue** for the time being are:

Unite Catholic Youth continues on Wednesdays from 5.00–6.30pm.

Teas & coffees after Mass at St Peter's and Our Lady's will **continue** but don't expect a plate of biscuits to be on the counter! The servers will pour the milk and add the sugar for you.

St Joseph's



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle

burns for **Special Intentions**

Confirmations. We welcome Bishop William Kenney who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 29 March at the 5.30pm Mass. Additional parking will be available that evening at the Methodist church.

Easter Day Mass: Over the past two years, the 5.30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday has been poorly attended (mainly because we have a good selection of Mass times across Catholic

Leamington) and we have struggled to get Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Therefore, I have decided to cancel this Mass. I warmly encourage you instead to attend the Easter Vigil the evening before or the 9.00 am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Gift Aid envelopes for year commencing Sunday 12 April (Easter Sunday) are available in the Narthex. If you are a taxpayer and would like to sign up for Gift Aid, so the Parish can claim back the tax you have paid on your offering, then please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711 346405.

Congratulations to Keith Cassidy and Anna Jelonek, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in March's 200 Club draw. The next collection and draw is on Sunday 5 April with an extra Easter prize of £25. If you would like to join the 200 Club please speak to Anne or Carol. All profits go to the Church's Building Fund.

TRAIDCRAFT: It was good to have a presence at all three of our Catholic Leamington Churches this **Fair Trade Fortnight**. We sold over £400 worth of goods, almost half of which was generated at St Joseph's.

SPAN: Collections Gift Aid – £60.00; General – £53.27; Crisis in Africa – £26.05. Many thanks for your generosity.

The God who Speaks: Scripture Reflection* Third Sunday of Lent (Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; and John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42) *Find our 'living water' Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of his first miracle at Cana where he changed the water into wine. Today he promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again... a spring inside... welling up to eternal life".* When his grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others. *From MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

Red Mission Boxes: please can you bring these in before Easter. Give to Lennie or June or leave in the sacristy. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Parking: Concerns have been raised about car parking on Murcott Road East especially at the 9.00 am Mass. Can I ask you to be considerate to our neighbours and also to remember that when you park it is essential that enough room is left for Emergency Vehicles to get through. It is important that safety comes first. Thank you for your co-operation.

Confirmation Cards & Gifts: There is a selection to buy in the Piety Shop.

E-news: Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via Mailchimp on Twitter, Facebook, the parish or deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

Attendance: 409 **Offertory:** £765.48 Thank you. **Second Collection:** £1,007.43 **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day** £203.50 **Second Collection today:** SPAN Lenten Alms (Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre **Second Collection next week:** Parish Maintenance **Counters:** M & S (22nd)

Our Lady's & St Peter's

St Peter's Choir: Mass setting for Sunday is the *Orbis Factor*

plainsong. The motet is *Bless the Lord my Soul* by Jacques Berthiers.

Tales of the Unexpected. At my age I need to take a siesta in the afternoon. I recommend it to everyone to take a nap and enjoy the land of nod! Best woofs, Bertie. Xxx

Attendance: 709 **Offertory:** SP £907.72 / OL £241.42 Thank you. **Second Collection:** SP £799.97 / OL £527.65 **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Second Collection today:** Church Maintenance **Second Collection next week:** SPAN Lenten Alms **SP Cleaning Team 1**