

EXTRA

April 2025

The Parishes on the Web

Facebook pages

please follow for up-to-date announcements or corrections

St Peter's - RCatholicLeamington

Our Lady's – ourladyslillington

St Joseph's – stjosephswhitnash

Websites

St Mary Immaculate, Warwick:

www.stmary-immaculate.org.uk

St Peter and Our Lady's, Leamington: catholicleamington.org.uk

St Joseph's, Whitnash: stjosephs47.org.uk

St Francis & St Augustine, Kenilworth:

www.kenilworthcatholic.org.uk

Email

St Peter and Our Lady's - Stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org

St Joseph - Stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

**CANCELLED
DUE TO SOLOIST
ILLNESS**

Lenten concert

St Peter's Saturday 5 April at 6:30pm

Anne-Claire Bennion

**STILL
HAPPENING**

Concert

St Peter's Sunday 6 April at 4:30pm

Warwickshire Singers joined by a French choir La Villanelle de Sceaux, featuring Dubois' Messe de Breve and more. Proceeds to parish funds

Banbury & Warwick Deanery

Website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

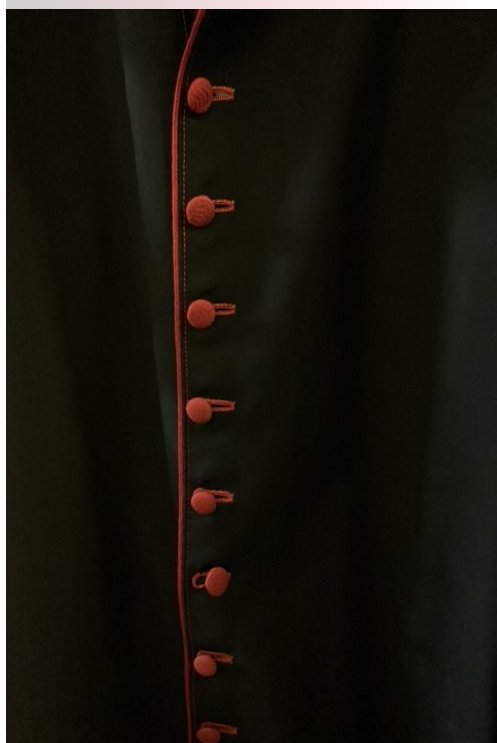
Including weekly parish newsletters

	Kenilworth St Augustine	Kenilworth St Francis of Assisi	Whitnash St Joseph's	Leamington St Peter's	Lillington Our Lady's	Warwick	Hampton on the Hill
Sunday masses							
Saturday		5:30 pm		5pm Vigil		6:00 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am	10:30 am	10:00 am 5:30pm	11:15 sung	9:15 sung	11:00 am	
Weekday masses							
Monday	Weekday mass times vary—please consult the newsletters		09:30				
Tuesday			09:30	10:00			
Wednesday					10:00		
Thursday			7:00pm	10:00			
Friday			10:00	10:00			
Saturday			09:30	10:00			

Becoming a Canon

His Grace has invited me to join the Cathedral Chapter as a canon, and I will be installed on June 3 at a Mass in St Chad's at 12:15pm. Please pray for me in whatever further responsibilities this may involve

Fr David Hartley
Dean of Banbury and Warwick
Deanery



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST PETER'S & OUR LADY'S

PALM SUNDAY 13 APRIL

5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St Peter's (Confession 4:15-4:45pm)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady's
11:15am Mass at St Peter's

HOLY MONDAY 14 APRIL

10:00am Mass at St Peter's

HOLY TUESDAY 15 APRIL

9:00am Mass at St Peter's

HOLY WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

7:00pm Mass at St Peter's

HOLY THURSDAY 17 APRIL

7:00pm Mass of the Lords's Supper and Watch before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's

GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL

10:00am Morning Prayer at Our Lady's
12 noon Family Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's
3:00pm Liturgy of the Day at St Peter's (Confession available afterwards)
6:00pm Stations of the Cross at St Peter's

HOLY SATURDAY 19 APRIL

10:00am Morning Prayer at Our Lady's
8.30pm The Easter Vigil and Mass at St Peter's

EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL

9:15am Mass at Our Lady's
11:15am Mass at St Peter's

Easter at St Joseph's Catholic Church

Palm Sunday, blessing of Palms and Holy Mass at usual Sunday times, 10am and 5:30pm

Monday in Holy Week, Mass 9:30am and Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm

Tuesday in Holy Week, Mass 9.30am and Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm

Holy Thursday 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and silent prayer until midnight to follow

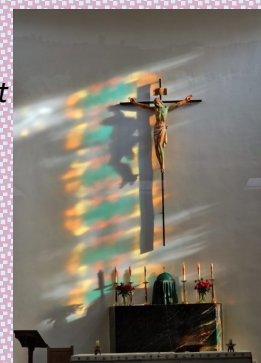
Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross

11am Good Friday walk - *prayer at various stations starting from the Methodist Church nearby*

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Day 10.00am and 5:30pm Mass



Come and See-

Preparing to become Catholics at Easter

Weekly sessions have been taking place since October for those preparing to receive the sacraments for the first time this Easter (RCIA – Come and See sessions). We began by considering phrase by phrase the Apostles Creed, then moved onto other aspects of living the Catholic faith. Some of us were able to enjoy a guided tour around St Chad's cathedral before most of the group attended the Rite of Election at the start of Lent marking a time of special preparation for the upcoming celebrations. They 'are now encouraged to follow our Lord Jesus Christ with great generosity '

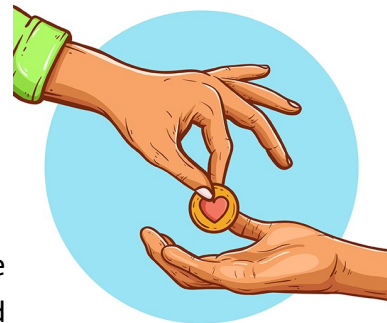
There are both catechumens (Bradley, David and Rehna) who are looking forward to being baptised into God's family, the Church, and candidates (Brid, Helen, Hollie, Mamatha and Nick) baptised in other Christian communities seeking full membership in the Catholic Church. These are first 'received' upon making a profession of their acceptance of the faith of the Church. Both catechumens and candidates will all then be confirmed and make their first holy communion. This all takes place during the Easter Vigil solemnities. Sara also is looking forward to her confirmation.

Your prayers are asked for all these amongst us approaching with great eagerness the graces of the sacraments, and for those everywhere likewise making their own preparations, children and adults. May their witness and example among us be for us all a source of encouragement as we see God at work in their lives, and may we all look ahead to the Easter celebrations with hearts and minds renewed.

Gareth Astell



Lenten reflection on almsgiving



"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9: 7

Our Churches need our support and faithful giving. We want to see our Churches not just struggling or surviving with maintenance but thriving. How can we become the Church that we want to be?



"For it is in giving that we receive" - St Francis of Assisi

God gives us many gifts and what we do with them is our gift back to God. How generous is God in His Goodness! We are

blessed with the Sacraments, gifts of the Holy Spirit, the people that God has blessed us with in our lives... and finances. Cardinal Basil Hume suggested that Catholics consider contributing one hour's pay weekly to the Church. As a quick guide, dividing your annual income by 2,000 would give you this weekly figure

Another way of looking at it is to think about what you give to the Church each week and compare that with other things that would cost you the same amount of money. Then ask yourself whether the Church and all these other things are as important to you as each other – or whether your Faith is worth more?

That regular coffee or treat takeaway could that be sacrificed and money saved go to the Church? This Lent, could you prayerfully consider if you can increase your Church giving? Every little helps

Rose Herbert

Beyond routine cleaning at St Peter's

Beyond routine cleaning - art cleansing enthusiasts needed for statue / reliefs deep-cleaning at St Peter's

No expertise required, but patience and enthusiasm to further the beauty of the church adornments will help.

Are you able to assist with deep cleaning of those statues and reliefs at St Peter's that are within easy reach? We are meeting on Friday 4 April at 1pm at St Peter's and/or Saturday 12 April at 1pm. If you can bring any of the items displayed in the picture that will help greatly (Q-tips, dusters, toothbrushes, bottle for/with water and lots of cloths). Claudia Pallister will advise with regards to where and how dry brushing, water or soap or even something stronger could safely be used. Any questions, please contact Ira on 07801819855. Looking forward to seeing you on the day!

Ira Winter



The Deanery of Warwick

The Deanery of Warwick was joined with Banbury deanery and most of Rugby deanery in 2022, and a glance at the map in the diocesan directory shows that it is geographically the largest in the diocese. Every Deanery was encouraged to break into clusters of several parishes and last year we created one based on Kenilworth, Warwick, Leamington and Whitnash and their associated churches. Since then we have been encouraged to describe these clusters as Missions - a term used for the local units of the Catholic Church in the 19th century, but also emphasising our purpose in the world - to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ

Within our mission the clergy meet every couple of months and we have a lay and clergy meeting a week or two before the Deanery Pastoral Council, or Forum, which meets three times each year

EXTRA will be vital in building a greater cooperation within this cluster and I very much encourage people from all its churches to contribute news, and help us share in coming events

Fr David Hartley





What's happening

We are blessed with an SVP conference in each of the five local churches, in addition to our usual work of visiting the sick and housebound, here is what two of the conferences have been doing lately -



St Joseph's – Tony, one of our members grows strawberry plants, he thought it would be great idea to give the children in year 3 at each of our Primary schools a strawberry plant. The idea



is that they can see the plant grow, produce strawberries and then more plants through the runners that it grows, thus showing the abundance of our natural world and the continuation of God given life

St Francis of Assisi, Kenilworth have been running a Warm Hub on a Tuesday morning for some time now. Providing a warm drink and food to anyone who calls in

Our other conferences also do much good work with visits, lifts and advice.

We will feature more on these in future editions of EXTRA

Our Lady's, Lillington – President is Richard Gordon

St Peter's, Leamington – President is Peter May

St Mary Immaculate – President is Cecilia Valle

David Burton

From the St Vincent de Paul Society – for more info on any of the above or if you want to help us - contact David, District President, on 07713 246987.



Thank you for your support for the
SPAN Catholic Leamington Lenten Appeal 2025
for Local families AND both Friends of the Holy Land in
Gaza and House of Light and Hope in Lebanon

LOCAL families are finding the cost of living very challenging!

We are appealing again to obtain supermarket food vouchers to be distributed to local families. Thank you for that support; it has helped many families in recent years. We start with the families identified by our five Catholic Primary Schools and SVP; we include refugee families and those mentioned by parishioners. We then split further funds raised between two Holy Land charities:

The House of Light and Hope in Lebanon is looking after the needs of young people involved in delinquency and drug addiction; some are homeless, sometimes illiterate, sexually exploited and often victims of poverty and violence. It annually serves hundreds of boys and girls throughout Lebanon without discrimination of race, colour, or religion. [See more in the March edition of EXTRA](#)

Friends of the Holy Land in Gaza. See a series of Lenten video clips – each 25 mins which highlight the communities they support <https://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/prayer>

To give: Please consider Gift Aiding your donation

via gold envelopes in our churches, return via collections or boxes

via bank transfer: account name SPAN, bank code 40-27-06, account number 21324004 or send to Michael Barker: 77 Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7DS

Cheques should be made to SPAN, so that Gift Aid can be added for these causes. If you wish to just nominate one cause, this can be done by cheque, bank transfer or gold envelopes through our churches, and writing on the transfer reference, or back of a cheque, or envelope, either Local or FHL or HLH

Paul Hayden

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**Spring
Supper**

**Saturday
3 May**

This year our theme is Patron Saints. For tickets please see any of the committee members or ring Jo Mander on 07980315575. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 children under 16

Sue Sugars

Our Lady's 100 club

Winners so far this year - January winners 1st prize £25 - Orla Gamble; 2nd prize £15 Dave Burton. February winners - 1st prize £25 - Fr Stephen; 2nd Prize £15 - Richard Gordon. March winners 1st prize £25 - Rose Ryan; 2nd prize £15 - Pete Sugars

It's not too late to join. Please see me if you would like a chance to be in the draw

Sue Sugars



CAFOD News

A Big thank you to all who supported the Soup Lunch on Family Fast Day. A generous total of £301 was donated, our most successful one yet!



Latest Campaign centres on the **cuts** in the **Overseas Development Aid**

The UK Government has made a huge cut to the Overseas Aid budget. This means that in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. Christine Allen, CAFOD's Director states: "Coming so soon after the USAID freeze, this is another lifeline being pulled away from those in desperate need. The UK has a choice to make: support those in need or turn our backs on them. What we decide speaks to the very core of who we want to be as a society"

We are urged to let our MP know that we oppose this cut to overseas aid

Thank you for your support

Ann Allison

Chair based exercise

You are invited to join us at Our Lady's Church on Wednesday

CANCELLED

afternoons at 1pm for a fun group-fitness session to music. There will be a varied programme of seated exercises with loved old tunes from the 50s/60s/70s

These sessions are free to all courtesy of Everyone Active and is led by a local specialist fitness trainer, Mick Hurrell

Come along and enjoy the fun

Sue Sugars



BINGO

Pastimes are holding another Bingo evening. Good prizes and an enjoyable event

Five games cost a reasonable £5

Refreshments and raffle

April 25, first game starts at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Mary Curran



Pastimes are organising a coach trip to The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Wednesday April 30th. Cost is £21 per person and includes a train journey around the site, Places can be booked by calling into Pastimes on Tuesday or telephone 07711794049

Coach will leave St Peters at 10am and leave the Arboretum at 15:45pm journey takes approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes





Quiz

St Joseph's Church Whitnash

Murcott Road East , CV31 2JJ

Saturday 10th May

Doors Open 6pm for eyes down at 6.30pm

Admission £4

Raffle in aid of Church Maintenance

Tea and Coffee Provided ,Bring your own Food/Alcohol

Banbury and Warwick Deanery Day Pilgrimage to Littlemore, Oxford



On Saturday 22 March over seventy parishioners from around our large deanery travelled to Littlemore, for a Day Pilgrimage to the parish church of Blessed Dominic Barberi and Newman's College, which together are one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches

Our Banbury and Warwick deanery was brought together two years ago from three previous deaneries and we have been working hard with open meetings and now our Pastoral Forum to find ways to share insights and draw on each other's strengths for the Mission of the Church

This was a chance to discover St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic, and the ways they were open to bringing people to the fullness of faith in a very challenging age. In particular we prayed together for our parishes and the best ways in our local Missions to work together

We all appreciated the generous time and attention of the Sisters of the Work, who have set up the resources for the Jubilee and who made us so welcome. In three groups we were able to explore The College, the converted stable and grain store buildings which Newman and his friends lived and prayed in for crucial years of discernment in the 1840s, and now so well restored and cared for by them with the Oratorians

The sisters answered our many questions and gave us a great insight into the value of Newman's teachings and the help of his prayers and example in the present

We pray that we can be open to every challenge and opportunity in our own day, and be more clearly aware of the treasure of the Faith handed on to us.

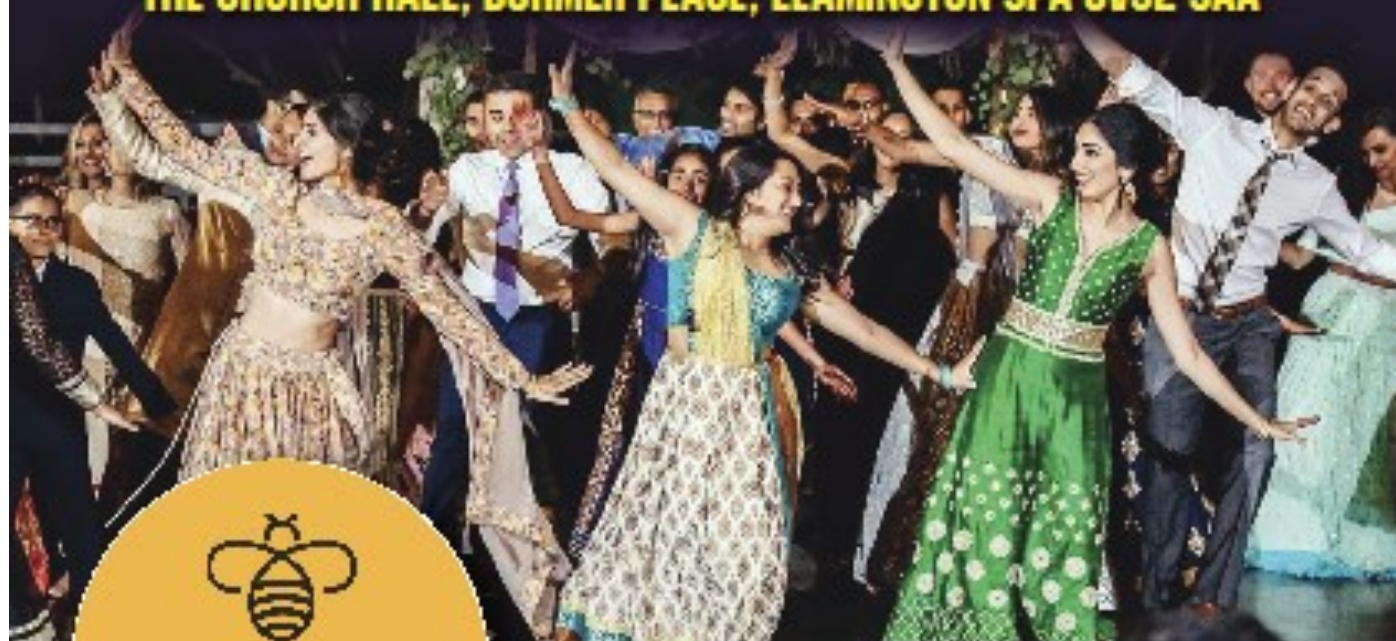
St John Henry Newman **Pray for us** Blessed Dominic Barberi **Pray for us**

Fr David Hartley / Con McHugh

We Can Dance **BOLLYWOOD**

SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025

THE CHURCH HALL, DORMER PLACE, LEAMINGTON SPA CV32 5AA



**BARBARA
O'ROURKE**
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7.00 - 11.30 PM Ticket price £20 pp

**The price includes Asian cuisine & dance tuition.
Dress attire casual, Bollywood outfits welcome.**



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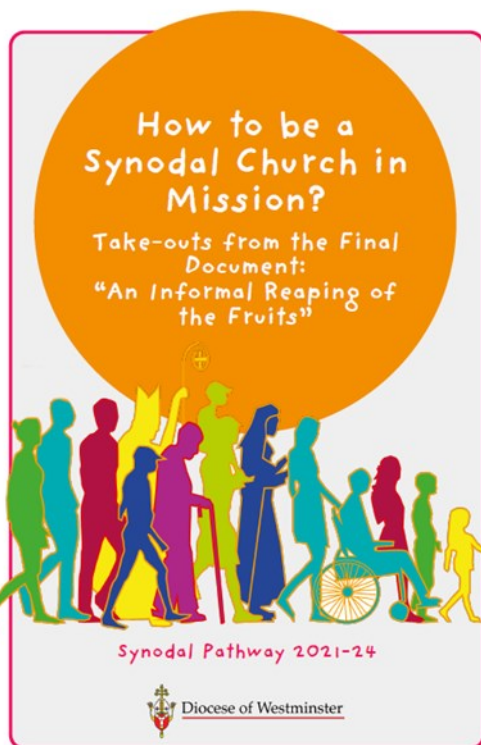
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Walking Together



As the Catholic Church moves into the **implementation phase of the Synod on Synodality** (or on Walking Together), Bishop Nicholas Hudson, an Auxiliary Bishop in the Westminster Diocese has shared an eight-page guide - pictured left

It is designed to encourage clergy and laity alike to read the Final Document in its fullness

"Formation was a key theme of the Synod. I suggest that familiarising ourselves with the Final Document is the first formation on which we need to focus"

Both this booklet and the Final Document can be found on the Catholic Leamington website: www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

The booklet presents key statements from the Final Document of last year's Synod meeting as bullet points followed by two or three quotations

For Example: * **A synodal Church should not be excluding of individuals on account of their marital situation, identity or sexuality**

Quotation from the Final Document:

"What emerged throughout the synodal journey ... was the call for a Church with a greater capacity to nurture relationships ... Many participants were delighted ... to be asked to share their thoughts and to be given the opportunity to have their voices heard in the community... to express the pain of feeling excluded or judged because of their marital status, identity or sexuality." (50) - this referenced paragraph 50 of the Synod Final Document

Paul Hayden Paulhayden444@gmail.com

Come & Play

for babies and toddlers

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00am

St Peter's Church Hall

Dormer Place, Leamington

Free

Come & have fun!



EXTRA is primarily for information that we do not have room for in parish newsletters

After a discussion between clergy and laity in the area, EXTRA is expanding to be a channel of communication between all the parishes in our Mission including Warwick and Kenilworth

Please submit articles before the end of each month for the next edition in pdf or Microsoft Word to hathawayfamily@aol.com. By 30 April for the May edition

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