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**Retired:** Fr Christopher Greaney

## Sunday 8 March 2020 Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)

**SAT 7 March**  
Psalter Week 2  
VIGIL MASSES

OL 12.30 Phyllis O'Regan  
SP 5.00 Liz & David Larard

**SUN 8 March**  
**First Sunday of Lent (A)**  
Day of Prayer for the candidates for the Sacraments

SJ 9.00 Enda McSharry RIP  
Ian Wilshire Anniversary  
OL 10.00 James Dunne  
People of the Parish  
SP 11.00 Helen Murray Cooke  
Fr Joseph Fogarty  
SJ 5.30 Paddy Murphy RIP  
Isobel Jeffrey 1st Anniversary

**MON 9 March**  
Lent feria

SP 10.00 Stella Smith  
SJ 7.00 Rosaleen Lyne

**TUE 10 March**  
Lent feria

SJ 9.30 Kath Noonan RIP  
SJ 10.30 Requiem: Paul Rabone  
SP 12.30 Service of the Word with Holy Communion

**WED 11 March**  
Lent feria

OL 10.00 Bernard & Mary Mortimer  
SP 12.30 Bernard Peacock

**THU 12 March**  
Lent feria

SJ 7.00 Kathleen Noonan RIP  
Sch 9.15 Mass, Our Lady & St Teresa's Sch.  
SP 12.30 Paddy Timoney  
SJ 7.00 Enda McSharry RIP

**FRI 13 March**  
Lent feria

SJ 9.30 Paddy Murphy  
OL 10.00 Eileen Lawless  
SJ 10.15 Requiem: Rosario Lazzara  
SP 12.30 Patrick Murphy

**SAT 14 March**  
Lent feria

SJ 9.30 Elizabeth McMenamin RIP  
Pauline Russell  
SP 10.00 David Manning

VIGIL MASSES

OL 12.30 Sue Donovan  
Denis & Mary O'Neill  
SP 5.00 Dernaun Hayden

**SUN 15 MARCH**  
**Third Sunday of Lent (A)**  
Day of Prayer for the candidates for the Sacraments

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

13-19 March Sat. SJ: 10.00

**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**

**CONFESSIONS**

All on Saturday. SP: 9.15;  
SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45; SP: 4.15  
and by appointment.

**ROSARY**

Tues.-Fri. SP: Noon  
Fri. SJ: 9.00

**EXPOSITION**

Sun. SP: 3.00  
Fri. SJ: 8.30  
Fri. OL: 10.30  
Fri. SP: 11.00  
Sat. SP: 9.00

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Sun. OL: 4.30

Mon. SP: 10.40

Mon. SJ: 6.30

Wed. OL: 10.30

Fri. SP: 7.30

**LECTIO DIVINA**

Fri. SJ Presbytery: 10.10

**BIBLE STUDY**

Tue. OL Church: 7.30

Wed. SP Davenport Room:  
7.30

**The Service of the Anointing of the Sick** takes place next **Sunday 15 March** at 2.30 pm at **St Joseph's Church**. The Homily will be given by Fr Christopher Greaney. The Service will be followed by an early Easter Afternoon Tea in the Hall.

**Recently deceased:** 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:** Rose Baldwin, Maureen Hurley, Gerard Maguire, Eileen Falkous, Denis O'Neill, Josie Dwyer, Tony Iwanikiw, Michael Kundert, Louisa French, Kitty Walsh, Virginia Simeone, Doreen Caffery, Jim Ballantine, Katherine Colenso, Patrick McKeown, Daniel Lynch, John McAndrew, Gladys Coppock, Patrick Gordon, Brian Doyle, Fr Christopher Thornton (first Parish Priest of Our Lady's Church), James Dunne, Mary Crosthwaite, Nora O'Brien, Norah Taylor, Michael Hartnett, Cornelius Sexton, Michael Dendek, Anthony Worrall, Margaret Gallagher, Mary McSharry, Anne Samson (Bergonzi), Suzanne Gordon, Helen Werner, Kathleen Farrell, Denis O'Rourke, Fr Ernest Jarvis, Fr Thomas Fullerton (C.O.), Fr Francis Johnson, Deacon James Rowe, Deacon Philip Prince, Fr Joseph Purcell, Fr Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Fr Connell Harkin, Canon Gerry Hanlon, Canon Raymond Walsh, Fr Vaughan Lloyd, Fr Anthony Sims, Bishop David Cashman.  
**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

This weekend, the Second Sunday of Lent, we always listen to the account of the Transfiguration. I often thought that the term Transfiguration had roughly the same meaning as transformed, however I was quite wrong. Whereas to be transformed means to be 'undergo a marked change', the term transfiguration means 'a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state'. I think this is a lovely phrase for us to think about during Lent. We may be struggling with our Lenten disciplines and could be asking ourselves 'why did I give that up?' or 'why am I going the extra mile?'. What we might try and remember is that giving something up or doing something extra can help us to experience a transfiguration moment in our own lives. These Lenten disciplines, without us even knowing it can help to change our state of mind into something more spiritually beautiful. So, the message this weekend is persevere, keep going, don't stop and let's allow ourselves to be transfigured into a new and more beautiful spiritual state. Every blessing, Fr Andy.

**Hand in Hand** will perform the Hosanna cantata telling **the Easter story through music, mime and narration** on **Sat 28 March** at 2pm in SP Hall. If anyone wants to take part in the production there

is a one-day rehearsal on **Sat 21 March**. All parishioners are invited to come to the performance. For details contact Mary 01926 420045, Julia 01926 735275 or see poster on notice board.

## Our Lady's & St Peter's

**Congratulations** to the Y6 children confirmed last

Tuesday. Over 50 Confirmandi, with their sponsors and families, filled St Peter's for a joyful celebration with Bishop Kenney. As the Holy Spirit came down on the candidates so too were all present filled with the Divine Grace.

**Traidcraft** has a stall after the 11.00 am Mass at St Peter's. Look for the Fair Trade logo when shopping.

**The Fearless Retreat** takes place this weekend at Alton Castle. Forty-six of our young people are attending. It is very pleasing that so many are keen to participate in these Youth Faith events and that their parents have supported them, paying £75 pp. Many thanks to the Leamington Catenians for a generous donation to help defray the cost of the coach.

I am pleased to inform you that **Emma Rayment** our Youth Worker has been offered a special role of part-time Lay Chaplain at Trinity School. This will complement her role in Catholic Leamington. Emma will continue to lead and organise regular activities (with her marvellous team of volunteers) as well as retreats and services in all our schools.

**Purple Day for Epilepsy Research:** an Irish brunch, **Sun 15 March** in St Peter's Church Hall at 12.30 pm. Tickets (£6) on sale after 11.00 am Mass.

**Ode to Nature:** Da Capo Capella Chamber Choir will be giving us another of their wonderful concerts in Our Lady's Church on **Saturday 28 March** at 7.30 pm. Adults £8, under 16s free. All money goes to Kindaid's charities. Tickets are available after 10.00 am Mass or from Jo Mander 07980 315575. Visit <http://www.dacapochoir.org.uk/> to read more about the choir and listen to some clips to whet your appetite.

**Tales of the Unexpected.** We have 2 speeds for Fr John's morning walk: quick and very quick. We have three speeds for my afternoon walk: slow, very slow and all day! Best woofs, Bertie. Xxx

**Attendance:** 673 **Offertory:** SP £1,014.81 / OL £290.36 Thank you. **Second Collection:** SP £410.08 / OL £194.99 **Cathedral Maintenance Second Collection today:** CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day **Second Collection next week:** Church Maintenance **SP Cleaning Team 4**

## St Joseph's



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle

burns for **The Arran Family**

**Red Mission Boxes:** please can you bring your red boxes in before Easter. They may be given to Lennie or June or left in the sacristy. Many thanks for your continuing generosity. Your offerings are very gratefully received and, I can assure you, put to very good use.

**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.

**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.

**The Our Lady's Seven Day Candle** diary is now full until the end of June. The next booking sheet available in June.

**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:** 407 **Offertory:** £718.12 Thank you. **Second Collection:** Cathedral Maintenance £203.50 **Second Collection today:** CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day **Second Collection next week:** None **Counters:** A & K (15<sup>th</sup>)

**SPAN:** Collections Gift Aid – £40.00; General – £64.67; Crisis in Africa – £32.52. Many thanks for your generosity. SPAN meeting this Monday at 7:30 in St Peter's Hall, all welcome.

**Pastimes Jumble Sale Sat 23 May.** Have a good Spring clean and donate quality items. Bring to the Hall Tues 1–4 pm

**The God who Speaks: Scripture Reflection\* Second Sunday of Lent** (Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; and Matthew 17:1-9) *Transformed by our love.* Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed! \*From MARRIAGE MATTERS ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

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