

# EXTRA

March 2020

This monthly EXTRA page has replaced the trial EXTRA newsletter that we ran last year. In this way we hope to give you more information about parish life than you would be able to get in the weekly bulletin. Please send notices (100-200 words) to [catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com) We would like volunteers on the team, and especially a representative from St Joseph's. Brian Austin, Jane Rebika and Sue Sugars.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### MARCH

**Saturday 28th March OL 7.30pm**

Da Capo Concert at OL for KINDAID

**Monday 30th** Justice & Peace mtg, OL 7.30pm

**Tues 31 March St Francis Church Kenilworth**

**7.00pm Mass** followed by Bishops' report about Warwick Deanery in the Hall

### APRIL

**Sat/Sun 4/5<sup>th</sup> April** Walk to Church Sunday

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** SP Day of Confessions

**Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** Holy Trinity 11.45am

Churches Together Walk of Witness

**Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** Campion Hill 6.30am

Churches Together Easter Sunrise Service

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** SP 7.30pm Christian Life

Community Information Session

### MAY

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** SP 12pm LiveSimply Parish meeting

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** OL VE Day Indoor Street Party

**UNITE**  
Catholic Youth  
Leamington & Warwick

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**Sat 4 April: Vigil for Palm Sunday**

Normal Mass times

**Sun 5 April: Palm Sunday**

Normal Mass times

**Mon 6 to Wed 8 April**

Normal weekday Mass times

**Tues 7 April: Day of Confessions**

St Peter's 9.00 am to 8.00 pm

**Thurs 9 April: The Easter Triduum**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

St Joseph's 7.00 pm

Our Lady's / St Peter's Combined Mass

at OL, 7.30 pm

**10 April: Good Friday**

11.30 am Children's Stations, St Joseph's followed by Hunger Lunch

12 noon, children's Stations at Our Lady's followed by hot cross buns

3.00 pm (each church) Passion of Christ

**11 April: Holy Saturday**

**Easter Vigil**

St Joseph's 7.00 pm;

St Peter's 8.00 pm; Our Lady's 8.30 pm

**12 April: Easter Sunday**

St Peter's 8.00 am

St Joseph's 9.00 am

Our Lady's 10.00 am

St Peter's 11.00 am

## KINDAID

## ODE TO NATURE

## Da Capo

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH**

**7.30PM**

Da Capo Capella Choir will be giving us another of its wonderful concerts.

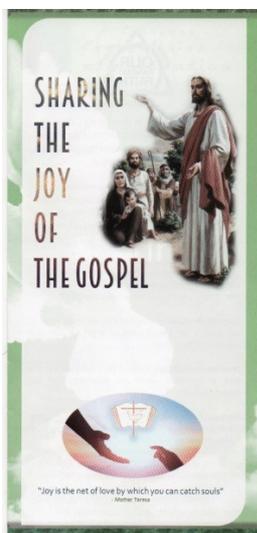
Adults £8, under-16s free. All money goes to Kindaid's charities.

Tickets are available after Our Lady's 10.00 am Mass or from Jo Mander 07980 315575.

## FEARLESS

Last Weekend 6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH **50 young people** and youth leaders from our parish attended the *Fearless* retreat at Alton Castle! Each young person encountered the wonder of God over the course of the weekend. As a youth ministry team, we hope to build up each other and to support our young people as they grow on their own journey of faith. We thank the Lord for this wonderful opportunity to have fun, make friends and spend time out of our busy lives to worship God.

Please keep the 50 young people and youth leaders from our parish in your prayers.



## Sharing the Good News

### Catholic Leamington Evangelisation Team

#### Sharing the Joy of the Gospel

Have you seen the leaflet called '*Sharing the Joy of the Gospel*' at the back of our churches? It will help you to share the Good News of God's love with those who may be non-churchgoers or non-believers. Please take a leaflet home with you, look after it, pray with it and allow God to lead you. There are many hints on how to share the Good News. We are called to be always alert to opportunities of sharing the 'Good News in JOY' and not just keeping it to ourselves.

#### Parish visiting

St Peter's Visiting Team are now visiting families of those Catholics who have had their children baptised in recent years at St Peter's.

#### General Appeal

We are always in need of more people to help with parish visiting, eg. general visiting, delivering leaflets to new homes, census visiting. Please also come to one of our Evangelisation Team meetings to see what we do and if you can help in some way (*meet every other month*). Contact Peter 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

See also the website: [catholicleamington.org.uk](http://catholicleamington.org.uk)  
>Parish Activities >Parish Life

## CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY

More people than ever came to our **Soup and Rolls** lunch at St Peter's on CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March. We were delighted with the response: **£154.45** was donated. We also met Sylvester from the Birmingham Office for the first time.

**Catholic Leamington raised a total of £2,335.05.**

## Sponsorship?

Would you like to sponsor this EXTRA page, either as an individual or a business? Email to [catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com)

## From His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley

*Thank you for a most informative and enjoyable visitation at St Peter's and Our Lady's. Please pass on my thanks to all those I met, and my gratitude for all that they do. Thank you for the beautiful liturgies so prayerfully celebrated in both churches – my thanks to all the altar-servers and to the choirs and their directors.*

### **Christian Life Community Groups – What are they? Come and See**

Would you like to be part of a small faith group that meets together regularly to support one another in the faith, to pray together and to discover more clearly how God is calling you to respond to His love? Being part of a **Christian Life Community** (CLC) group is a way of life inspired by the spirituality of St Ignatius. To find out more and to help you decide if it is for you, there is an information evening on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm in St Peter's Parish Centre** about CLC. Many people around the world are already part of local CLC groups. They find that it helps them to live out their faith more fully in their daily lives. This could be the next step in your faith journey especially after attending an Alpha Course, the Nurturing the Seed series or any of the Lent sessions. Please do come to find out more, there is no obligation.

*Peter Dimambro*

### **SPAN St Peter's Aid for the Needy**

**At Christmas** SPAN was delighted to witness the wonderfully generous response of Catholic Leamington to our annual appeal for **local families** who are struggling and as we received **over £3,000** in funds we were able to help **over 80 local families and individuals**. One letter of thanks said: **'To say I was overwhelmed is an understatement. I was fighting back the tears and still am. It is with absolute gratitude that I receive this gift'**. A huge 'thank you' to all who contributed.

On Valentine's Day we had a light-hearted **Quiz**, on the theme of love. 70 people attended, had a good time, and as a result we made **£844.00** for **'Hope for Zambia'**. Dr Helen Warwick, an ex-Trinity pupil, started the project after a visit there. It provides school meals in a poor area of Zambia and this ensures both education and nutrition to these vulnerable children. Helen was able to come to the Quiz and tell us about how the project helps.

None of this would happen without you! Thanks to all who helped via the **SPAN boxes and standing orders** and if you would like to help please pick up a SPAN booklet in any of the Churches, or email [paulhayden@ntlworld.com](mailto:paulhayden@ntlworld.com)



**Saturday Friendship Group (sfg) says *THANK YOU***

**On the weekend of the 15/16 February** donations from the annual appeal across the three churches **raised £1682** – a **wonderful help** since it costs **£6600 pa to run..** But even more important were the 9 people who offered to volunteer. Great!

## **Blessed Dominic Barberi**

As the hierarchy of the Church and us rank-and-file priests face the future, one doesn't need a crystal ball to predict that the decreasing number of priests is moving the Archdiocese nearer to returning to missionary territory. The way forward in our worship has been formulating over time and I will write more in the next issue.

Blessed Dominic Barberi — whose Novena we are praying at the moment — was an Italian Passionist priest who felt called to the work of becoming a missionary priest in England. We are told his English wasn't perfect and yet his congregations came from far and wide to listen to him preach. He spoke with passion and conviction and many thousands were converted to the Catholic Faith.

Not least among these was St John Henry Newman then a minister in the Anglican Church who, through his study of theology and scripture, found his calling to the Catholic Church. It was St John Henry Newman who approached the simple Italian priest to seek his new vocation.

Among the many roles he fulfilled in the Church, St John Henry Newman was a founding member of the Birmingham Oratory. This was based on the success of the Oratory of Priests founded by St Philip Neri in Rome. Priests and lay brothers live communally, called to prayer and pastoral work in their communities. This richness of missionary work continues to this day with more recent establishments in Oxford, York and Bournemouth.

*Fr John*

## **REGULAR EVENTS**

### **MONDAYS**

#### **Mother & Toddler group**

*Weekly (term-time) 9.30 am, SJ*

#### **Tai Chi Weekly, 7.00 pm, SJ**

#### **Open SPAN Meeting**

*Monthly, second Monday 7.30 pm at SP*

#### **Justice & Peace meetings**

*Monthly, usually last Monday; SP/OL/SJ*

### **TUESDAYS**

#### **Young at Heart Club weekly 10.30am SJ**

#### **Dance Class weekly 5pm**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

#### **Senior Yoga weekly 2.45pm SJ**

### **FRIDAYS**

#### **Lectio Divina monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

#### **Coffee & Doughnuts: 10.00 am at SJ**

**Luncheon Club: monthly, last Friday.** See SP notice board for venue & booking information

#### **Karate weekly 5.30pm SJ**

#### **Irish Trad Music monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 8pm SJ**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

*Monthly first Friday 7.30 pm at SP*

#### **Traditional Music Sessions**

*Monthly, first Friday 8.00 pm at SJ*

### **SATURDAYS**

**CTL Country Walk: monthly, third Saturday, start 10.00 am.** See noticeboards for location.

### **SUNDAYS**

#### **Children's Liturgy weekly term-time 9am SJ**

#### **KINDAID Cake Sale: monthly, first Sunday at OL**

#### **CAFOD cake sale: monthly, third Sunday at OL**

**NEXT EDITION** planned for Easter Weekend  
**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April**

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