



## Action by Christians Against Torture

On 9th /10th May at masses there will be an opportunity to sign cards for prisoners of conscience – imprisoned for reasons of politics or because they are inconvenient to the regime

ACAT – <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/> – find the details so that we can support them with our prayers and by sending a card so that they are not forgotten

Please support if you can and we do ask for a donation to cover the postage please

Please remember in your prayers:

**Prageeth Ekneligoda**, cartoonist, journalist and government critic, who disappeared in 2010. There are fears for his safety

**Dr Hussam Abu Safiya**, a prominent advocate of healthcare in Gaza, arbitrarily detained and held incommunicado in December 2024



**Sonia Dahmani**, imprisoned, cruelly treated and denied medical treatment after criticising the misuse of prison in Tunisia

**Pakhshan Azizi**, aid worker and civil activist, tortured and sentenced to death in Iran

*Jenny Armstrong*



## SPAN Catholic Leamington Lenten Appeal 2025

Supporting People Across  
the Nations.

Thank you for supporting:

60 of our **local families** AND sending at least  
£ 1,550 to **Friends of the Holy Land in Gaza** and  
£ 1,550 to **House of Light and Hope in Lebanon**



**Keep the date:** Friday 6 June for a **Catholic Leamington social and information evening** at St Peter's Church Hall at 7:30pm to give everyone an opportunity to find out about what our charities are doing. e.g. CAFOD, Kindaid, SVP, SPAN

*Paul Hayden*

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. May 24-30

Some of us will be travelling with people from around our diocese on pilgrimage to Lourdes and are very happy to take your prayer requests with us. On the weekend before we are invited to the Blessing of Hands Mass at the Cathedral to pray for all those who will be serving the needs of other people during that very special week away. The pilgrimage is the largest diocesan event and gives the senior clergy of the diocese and a wide range of people to pray and socialise together, so it not only a week of blessing to the pilgrims but for our diocese as a whole

*Fr David*

	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
<b>Sunday masses</b>							
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	9:00 am
<b>Weekday masses</b>							
Monday			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			

## 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](http://www.stmary-immaculate.org.uk)

St Peter and Our Lady's, Leamington: [catholicleamington.org.uk](http://catholicleamington.org.uk)

St Joseph's, Whitnash: [stjosephs47.org.uk](http://stjosephs47.org.uk)

St Francis & St Augustine, Kenilworth:

[www.kenilworthcatholic.org.uk](http://www.kenilworthcatholic.org.uk)

### Email

St Peter and Our Lady's - [Stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org](mailto:Stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org)

St Joseph - [Stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:Stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk)

## Banbury & Warwick Deanery

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

**Including weekly parish newsletters**

**EXTRA** is for all the parishes in our Mission including Warwick and Kenilworth. Please submit articles By 31 May for the June edition in pdf or Microsoft Word to [hathawayfamily@aol.com](mailto:hathawayfamily@aol.com)

## Jubilee 2025

.....will take place between the 8 & 15 June, starting with guided walks on Sunday 8 from Rugby, Leamington. Coventry & Hunningham to St. Anne's in memory of the Catholics that kept their faith alive during the reign of Henry VIII by meeting in secret to celebrate Mass in Wappenbury followed by light refreshments [see following page for details] The week will conclude on Sunday 15 June with 10:00am Mass at Our Lady of the Angels, Princethorpe to be attended by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley [no 8:30 mass]

Listed below are other events planned that week that parishioners maybe interested in attending. There is no charge for the events

**Monday 9 June:** 3 -5pm - multi-faith afternoon tea for clergy of all faiths. Each faith leader is invited to bring a few members of their congregation with them. Fr David contact all faith leaders

**Tuesday 10 June:** 7:30pm - History/Heritage presentation of St. Anne's, Wappenbury by Paul Waddoups, St Anne's Archivist; open to all

**Wednesday 11:** 7:30pm - Gospel Choir from St Martin's, Finham, Coventry at Our Lady of the Angels, Princethorpe College; open to all

**Thursday 12 June:** 2-8pm St Anne's Chapel and Grounds open for Quiet Reflection

**Friday 13 June:** 7-10pm Young Adults BBQ & Quiz - St. Anne's, Wappenbury

*Sean O'Rourke & Fr David*



# PILGRIMS OF HOPE WALK

## *Leamington to Wappenbury Route (11k)*

- Stage 1 – Leamington to Offchurch (4k)
  - Start from St. Peter's Church: 12:30pm
  - Start from Newbold Comyn Arms: 1:00pm
- Stage 2 – Offchurch to Hunningham (5k)
  - Start from The Stag: 2:30pm
- Stage 3 – Hunningham to Wappenbury (2k)
  - Start from The Red Lion: 4:00pm
  - Mass at St Anne's Church, Wappenbury:  
5:00pm



## **SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2025**

Strong walking boots or shoes required

- OS Explorer Map 221
- Map also available on the 'MapMyWalk' app
- Marshalls along the way
- Cross Country terrain and reasonably flat
- Refreshments at end of walk
- Return Transport provided
- Preferably no dogs

Contact: Sean O'Rourke, m: 07710 685899



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# *SVP in the parishes*

## *How you can help!*

*We are blessed with an SVP conference in each of the five local churches, we are always open to new members joining us, bringing whatever skills and experience they have to benefit the poor*



Visiting – we visit people in their own homes or care home, and simply chat for as long as they want, thirty minutes to an hour or more. Beyond providing company we may be called upon to help with financial or material needs. Can we help with an unexpectedly large fuel bill, does the person need a new cooker or fridge? These are needs that a conference can assist with. The conference member will always discuss with the others before committing to helping the person

How we work – an SVP group, called a “conference” usually meets every two weeks for 45-60 minutes, this is where we report on the people we have visited and discuss any further help that may be needed. Our secretary records the discussion for accountability and the treasurer will tell us what funds we have available. All our visiting members do a DBS check and have safeguard training provided by the SVP



If you want to help us in our work, to find out more, please contact us at your church:

Our Lady's, Lillington – President is Richard Gordon, 07974 455732

St Peter's, Leamington – President is Peter May, 07890 938806

St Mary Immaculate, Warwick – President is Cecilia Vella, cmbvella@yahoo.com

St Francis of Assisi, Kenilworth – President is Lynne Long, lynnelong@hotmail.com

St Joseph's, Whitnash – President is Brian Malone - brijen1@hotmail.co.uk

*David Burton*



# Quiz

## St Joseph's Church Whitnash

Murcott Road East , CV31 2JJ

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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



## Pope Francis's teachings on charity

- ♦ **Charity as a Reflection of God's Love:** Pope Francis emphasized that charity is a manifestation of God's love and a way for Christians to participate in His mission of love and compassion.
- ♦ **Seeing Jesus in the Poor:** He encouraged Christians to recognize Jesus in the faces of the marginalized and those in need, urging them to treat others with the same love and respect that Jesus did.
- ♦ **Serving Others:** Pope Francis emphasizes that love and charity are about service, helping others, and being in the service of others, even in the most challenging circumstances.
- ♦ **Avoiding Paternalism:** He advised against imposing one's ideas on others, even with good intentions, encouraging charity organizations to work with the people they are serving.
- ♦ **Living out the Gospel:** He saw charity as a way for Christians to live out the Gospel message, embodying the teachings of Jesus in their daily lives

Paul Hayden

## Walking Together Lenten Study Group

As part of continuing actions coming from the Synodal Pathway (that we called Walking Together), the Walking Together Team held five weekly sessions on "Getting more out of the Mass" during this Lent. The venue was St Joseph's Whitnash. 37 people attended at least one session, including the organising team, Fr David and Fr Stephen, and numbers of attendees were in the twenties each week. Participants came from the three Catholic Leamington parishes and from St Francis Kenilworth

Using some video material from the Diocese of Albany USA our leaders, Veronica, Margaret, Jonathan, Anna and Claire, presented sessions to illustrate and explain the meaning of the various parts of the Mass: preparation, entrance rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion and concluding rites. There was also a meaty question and answer session in week 5 with questions arising from the previous four sessions. Each session left plenty of time for group discussion and sharing of thoughts, some conducted in the form of "Conversations in the Spirit." The things that people shared added a real richness to the experience. As someone said, it was not so much what the leader delivered as our shared experience of the Mass that brought meaning and depth. Seasoned Mass-goers said that there was much they had just not realised about various aspects of the rites, their origin or their meaning. Fr David was there to add a priestly perspective

A few memorable points:

- the significance of mingling wine and water at the Offertory,
- of the addition of a fragment of the host to the chalice,
- the deep meaning of the term "Lamb of God" throughout the scriptures.

Special thanks must go to Veronica Drumgoole for doing much of the preparation and making sure everything went smoothly at St Joseph's Hall. The Walking Together Team continue to meet and would be happy to hear of other ventures that we might run to deepen our faith.

*"Formation is needed to help the People of God realise the call of every baptised person to exercise the charism with which they were endowed at baptism."*

Source: take-outs from the final document on Synodality, prepared by the Diocese of Westminster

Liz Mottram

# *We Can Dance* **BOLLYWOOD**

**SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025**

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



**BARBARA  
O'ROURKE**  
ARTS FOUNDATION

**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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