

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 21 June 2020

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Do not be afraid ...

Do not be afraid: the words are especially powerful because the one who speaks them is our friend, who really knows us, who loves us and whom we love; he is a friend we can trust. Life without friends would be intolerable and it's in the light of all that human friendship means that we can cry out in the words of the old hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus". It's he who brings us new heart today as, over and over again, he urges us not to be afraid. That doesn't mean that all our fears suddenly vanish but rather that they don't paralyse us, they no longer dominate our lives, because, like Jeremiah in today's first reading, we can say "the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero". Each Mass brings not only an assurance that Jesus has proved himself our friend – even to the shedding of his blood – but also a promise that he takes away our final fear, the fear of what awaits us beyond death. He tells us that he will speak up for us before the Father, acknowledge us as his friends and so guarantee us a place in that home where all tears are wiped away and all finally disappear. *The Living Word*

First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13;
Responsorial Psalm "In your great love, answer me, O God." **Second reading:**
Romans 5:12-15;
Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY

St Joseph's Church is open
Fridays: 10.30-11.30 am.

St Peter's Church will open on
Sunday 28 June:

Sundays – 4.00-5.00 pm;
Tuesdays – 9.00-10.00 am; and
Thursdays 12.00 – 1.00 pm.

Best wishes, Frs. John and Andy.

The golden rule is not to come to church if you or someone in your household is showing coronavirus symptoms, or has done so in the last seven days.

St Joseph's live-stream

Sunday 21 June
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00: Shamie & Eamon Buckley RIP
Brother Michael Richards RIP
Monday 22 June
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
Psalter Week 4
7.00: Val Hynes, Intentions
Tuesday 23 June
Feria
9.30: Nellie & Bob Harris RIP
Thursday 25 June
Feria
7.00: Brian Brocklehurst
Friday 26 June
Feria
9.30: James & Nora Lennon RIP
Saturday 27 June
Feria
9.30: William & Agnes McNulty RIP
Sunday 28 June
Feast of Ss Peter & Paul
9.00: John Skinner
Paddy & Bridie O'Connor 64th wedding anniversary

St Peter's live-stream

Sunday 21 June
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00: The People of the Parish
11.00: David Copson
Mary and Tom Beirne
Monday 22 June
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
Psalter Week 4
11.00: Ann Sayce
Tuesday 23 June
Feria
11.00: James Martin & Family
Wednesday 24 June
Nativity of St John the Baptist
11.00: Tara Fitzpatrick
Thursday 25 June
Feria
11.00: Parish Prayer Groups
Friday 26 June
Feria
11.00: May Crawford Requiem
Saturday 27 June
Feria
11.00: Jan & Marie Hawkes
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Margaret Lown

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St Joseph's

Welcome to Fr Christopher Greaney who will celebrate 9.00 am Mass for us this Sunday.

For the opening for private prayer on Friday from 10.30-11.30 am, we may, pending a review, also open on Sundays from 12.00-2.00 pm.



Stay-cation! My annual holiday from 15-29 June became a stay-cation due to Covid19 restrictions. Please be respectful of this.

For **hospital** calls, in the first instance please contact **Fr Arul Samy at Southam 01926 812351**. If Fr Arul is unavailable then please contact St Peter's clergy on 07985 645380. Please do be mindful that on-call clergy for the hospital at the present time should **only** be called for the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites). General ward visiting and administering Holy Communion are not possible at the moment. I am very grateful to my brother priests for their assistance.

Sunday Hymn: Today the hymn is **Sweet Sacrament Divine**. Next weekend the hymn will be **Soul of My Saviour**.

Requests for the **Seven-Day Candle** intentions (£5.00) are available from 19 July onwards. Please put requests through the Presbytery door.

E-mail Addresses: Please take note of the new addresses. Mine is fr.andrew.franklin@rcaob.org.uk and can only be accessed by me for all matters that may be deemed private and confidential. The new general parish address is stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk and will, in time, become the new office email address. Please do begin to use these addresses. The old ones – st.josephs47@outlook.com and secretary.st.josephs@gmail.com will remain in use but will gradually be phased out.

SVP: Whitnash SVP is willing and able to help anybody who may feel isolated at this time. David Burton is our local contact davidburton636@gmail.com One of the ways in which the SVP can help is by taking food donations to the local foodbank. Food donations can either be taken to 4 Peto Grove, Heathcote, CV34 6GT. Contact Jackie Rabone on 01926 832983 or donations can be left on the Presbytery doorstep for Jackie to collect. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthy cause.

E-news: Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via the parish website (stjosephs47.org.uk) or Deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Visiting times are restricted to enable the church to open safely and **it will be necessary to pre-book a visit by calling a dedicated number (07927 929204) between 11.00 am – 3.00 pm Monday-Friday**. Entry will be through the West Doors and stewards will be available to assist. Everyone will be asked to sanitise their hands on arrival and follow the floor markers. Every visitor is asked to observe the social distancing rules both inside and outside the church. If you arrive early, please stay in your car. You can come as an individual or as a family, but **please** pre-book.

Kindaid Virtual Quiz: Kindaid is venturing into cyberspace with a Virtual Quiz on **Friday 26 June 2020** at 7.30 pm. There will be something for everyone, whether you are playing alone, or as a family. It promises to be great fun – just managing the technology should be entertaining! Please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com to book a place and you will be sent a Zoom invitation and full details of how to take part. This is an event for Catholic Leamington and all are very welcome. There will be a limit on places, so please let us know soon if you're interested.

In the first four days of live-streaming St Peter's has been able to reach approximately 2,000 people with viewers in France, Germany, USA, Finland, Vietnam and 200 viewers from Ireland. I am delighted with the positive feedback from parishioners. Please continue to spread the word and enjoy the Masses. (If you have had problems logging on, use the 'Contact us' button on the MCN Home Page and MCN should be able to assist you.) In case of further problems, please email – us stpeterapostle.leamington@rcab.org.uk) and let us know. Thank you.

David Burton from our SVP will be on local radio this Sunday, 21 June. Tune in to the Sandra Godley breakfast show on **BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio** on 94.8m, 103.7fm, DAB and online. Her show has a mix of lively local voices faith issues and much more. Tune in at **9.20 am on Sunday!**

Please continue to put your Mass Intentions in now that St Peter's has a full complement of live-streamed Masses. If you are not able to put an envelope through the door, please send a request through the website 'contact us' form, or email, or call and leave a message. We now have at least eight Masses a week so there are plenty of dates to choose from.

If you had a wedding planned this year please contact Fr John as soon as possible if you plan to postpone it until 2021. Some dates have already been re-scheduled and the calendar is filling up. New bookings can also be taken.

Parents whose children would – in the ordinary run of things – have been baptised by now are asked to

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download the form from the website (www.catholicleamington.org.uk/sacraments/baptism) and return it by post or email. We are still processing forms. I am looking into ways we might deliver virtual Catechesis for parents and godparents. We cannot celebrate Baptisms at this time (except *in extremis*).

St Peter's and Our Lady's are opening their own Mailchimp address to ensure parishioners can get the newsletter in their e-mail inboxes. Some parishioners apparently thought the newsletter had closed down during lockdown! Until Mailchimp is up and running, please use the 'Contact us' form on the website to request a copy by e-mail (www.catholicleamington.org.uk and scroll down the Home Page).

It has been great that even in lockdown we have had been able to enjoy singing from our joint choirs. The singers were all participating from home in lockdown. Our Lady's musical director, Martin Barry, has the technical skills to 'cut and paste' (I know it's more technical than that! Sorry Martin) and he put together 'merged' hymns from Our Lady's and St Peter's Choirs. Amazing! Thank you Martin and all the choir members who were able to participate. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ourladylillington/videos/2319767874995508> to get an idea of what was involved! Brilliant.

St Peter's 200 Club June: First prize £150.00 Clare Lucey; second prize £50.00 Peter Dimambro; third prize £20.00 Judith Harridge; and fourth prize £10 number 138 M McAndrew. Congratulations to the winners!

SVP Lillington president Richard Gordon (07974 455732) is organising a host of volunteers for outreach work in this time of lockdown. Please do get in touch if you are able to help/donate.

Tales of the unexpected: I have had a bit of a mixed week. I had a lovely Birthday last Sunday with cards and lots of nice gifts. So thank you to everybody for your kindness. Growing old has brought one or two problems to the fore. Last week I had to spend the whole day at the vet for tests and the boss even had to take a sample. He said it wasn't as difficult to take as he thought it would be. They think I might have diabetes because I have a terrific thirst and sadly I have had one or two little accidents. My heart and lungs are still good. The boss said he would either be looking for a new mop or TenaDog! We are now awaiting the results. I can tell the boss is anxious. Best woofs, Bertie ;-)) xx

The recently deceased of our churches:

Mary 'May' Crawford,
Gertrude Lane,
Leslie Harfield,
Rupert Atkinson,
Patrick Thompson,
Joanna Bazen,
Audrey Atack,
Salvatore Venuto.

May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed:

Agostino Parasmio, Olive Webb, Peter Darby, Domenica Passalaqua, Tom Maguire, Carol McCreedy, John Skinner, Brother Michael Richards, Anna O'Reilly, Mary Whitworth, Timothy Forde, Viola Welch, Bridget O'Brien, Margarete Timlin, Emilio Cristobal, Ada Edwards, Aiden Tierney, Maria Aguilera de Bao, Patrick Brannigan, Bridget Ryan, Patricia Reardon, Maggie Lown, Claire Nugent, David Burdett, Ozario Samperi, Joseph McDermott, Elizabeth Walshe, James Mulhearn, Mary Sheppard, Michelle Dunn, John Cheetham, William Bissell, Patrick Brannigan, Albert Norton, Fr Thomas Browne, Fr John Boyer, Fr James Walsh, Mgr Hugh Montgomery, Deacon Ralph Watkins, Fr John Bradley, Fr John McMorro. *May they rest in peace.*

Our prayers for Giovanni Allurlino, Janice Austin, Edward Behan, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Katie Hobson, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, David Kendall, Mist Johnson, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Anna Tye, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston and Peter Wright who are ill at this time. Also, for all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of Catholic Leamington.

Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.

Evangelisation Team: The next virtual meeting via Zoom is on **Monday 6 July** at 7.30 pm. Newcomers are always welcome to help us to plan how to share the Good News, especially in these challenging times. Contact: Peter on 01926 428399; mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Our Lady's Prayer Group is planning to re-start its prayer group virtually using **Zoom**.

Also WhatsApp: Are any readers interested in linking up this way? This app allows text, picture and short video messaging and also offers free phone and video calls to other

WhatsApp users. Let Peter know if you wish to join in.
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The Justice & Peace rosary intention for June is:

'We pray that the courage, self-sacrifice and care for others, that we applaud in this pandemic crisis, may remain guiding values in the future'.



Newsletter EXTRA

St Joseph's has opened for private prayer (and St Peter's follows suit next Sunday). How have you managed throughout lockdown? What has sustained you? Are there resources that have particularly helped you that you could share with others. If so, the EXTRA team would love to hear from you. All parishioners are invited to send in articles, views and opinions.

Please send items to

catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Brian Austin, Jane Rebika and Sue Sugars.

News from Justice & Peace, Catholic Leamington

Laudato Si'

Care of our Common Home: We still have copies of the Pope's encyclical letter available for purchase (£4.95) and a booklet 'Catholics & Our Common Home' (£2.50). Please email catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com with your name and address and it will be sent to you (postage free) with details of how to pay.

e-news

J&P has a circulation list for occasional notices about J&P, LiveSimply, Justice for Palestinians and CAFOD news and information. There are only about 40 people on the list – maybe you don't even know it exists! It would be great if more parishioners received them. Ideally, we'd like everyone in the parish who is on email to get them! Sign up by sending a request to cl.jandp@gmail.com

CAFOD petition

CAFOD is asking us to sign a petition to our Government (details below). To sign the petition visit the Catholic Leamington CAFOD page at catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod or go direct to cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign The petition asks our Prime Minister to work with other world leaders to:

- Make sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of income or where in the world they live.
- Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis.
- Cancel all debt payments from developing countries due in 2020 so that countries can spend money on much-needed healthcare rather than debt repayments.

Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and restore our common home for future generations.



Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord even when we are not in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord. This can be prayed several times daily.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayers for those affected by Coronavirus

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death you are there at our side. Be with your people in this time of danger: bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those untouched by disease. Give us love and courage, that we may trust in your power to save and reach out to all who need our care. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**