

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Sunday 26 July 2020

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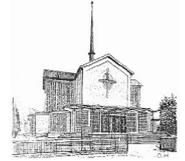
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Dear Parishioners, During lockdown many of us had more time on our hands than we have ever been used to. We had the time to think about life and our hopes and dreams. Many parishioners were prompted to offer their help by phoning those who could not leave their homes, helping to do their shopping and trying to keep their spirits up. It was a good way for those who had time on their hands to discover a genuine desire to offer it for the good of the community. This is like the sacrifice of Christ for us because he saw people wanted a proper answer to their basic questions about life, death and everything that comes in between. In the Sunday Gospel Jesus teaches his listeners to recognise the true meaning of life. He reminds them that having found the answer to their problems the treasure-hunter and the merchant plunge all their savings and even their rainy-day reserves into buying their hopes and dreams. We see this example in those who suddenly change course in their lives. Unhappy mid-lifers become smallholders, buying a farm with chickens and livestock and though the work is hard they feel free and happy – even as if they have been released from prison. Well, this isn't necessary for the followers of Christ. He only asks us to make life's truth a priority and not to put our good intentions on the back burner. During lockdown, many people found the Kingdom of Heaven by giving of themselves. We are all called to do the same and as a certain supermarket said in their advertisements, "Every little helps!" Every blessing, Fr John.

First reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12; **Response to the Psalm** "Lord, how I love your law!"
Second reading: Romans 8:28-30; **Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

St Joseph's

Leaving Do: On Sunday 2 August from 2.00 pm onwards please join me for an open air party in the Presbytery Garden and Church Grounds. A chance for me to say *Au Revoir* and to give thanks for my time here at St Joseph's. In these COVID times it is a 'bring your own bottle' event!

Holidays: I will be away from 3-10 August visiting my family in North Wales. Fr Ramunas will be away from 4 August for one month in Lithuania. I am sure you wish us both restful holidays. Fr Christopher will celebrate Mass on Sunday 9 August.

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Back to Mass: It was very special to celebrate Mass in front of a congregation (as well as a camera) on Thursday! Your clergy have missed you. The return to public Mass made a good start but there are a few points: don't arrive at the last minute. Late arrivals will find the doors closed. Masks are to be worn (except by children and those with breathing difficulties). Mass will be approximately 30 minutes. The word of the steward is final. You will be shown to a seat by the steward and remain in place until invited forward. Holy Communion is silent and is **after** the Blessing.

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Confessions: Social distancing is observed at both Churches. The priest hears confessions in church.

St Peter's Saturdays at 9.15-9.45 am and 4.15-4.45 pm. Please wait outside the West Doors until you are called in. **St Joseph's** Saturdays from 10.00-10.30 am. Please wait in the Narthex until you are called in.

St Peter's Masses live-streamed via website; open Masses** 11.00 Thurs; & 8.00 Sun

Sunday 26 July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
****8.00:** James & Eithne Dunne

11.00: Henny & David Manning (Anniversary)

Monday 27 July Blessed Robert Sutton
Psalter Week 1

11.00: Jackie Ingram

Tuesday 28 July *Feria*

11.00: Ann Reilly

Wednesday 29 July *St Martha*

11.00: Ellen Brown

****Thursday 30 July** *Feria*

11.00: Fr. John Cross's Intentions

Friday 31 July *St Ignatius of Loyola*

11.00: *Requiem:* Seamus Martin

Saturday 1 August *St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri*

11.00: Peter Rogers

Sunday 2 August

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

****8.00:** Harriet Smalley

11.00: The People of the Parish

St Joseph's Masses

All open to attend or view via live-stream

Sunday 26 July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00: Roy Anthony Fitchew RIP;

Bernadette Kavanagh RIP

Monday 27 July Blessed Robert Sutton

Psalter Week 1

7.00: Peggy McGahan RIP

Tuesday 28 July *Feria*

9.30: Special Intentions;

Malachy Blair

Thursday 30 July *Feria*

7.00: Les Thacker RIP

Friday 31 July *St Ignatius of Loyola*

9.30: Gerard Cotter RIP

11.00: *Requiem:* Teresa Lynch (Family only)

2.00: *Requiem:* John Henderson (Family only)

Saturday 1 August *St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri*

9.30: In Thanksgiving (AJ)

Sunday 2 August

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00: Minnie Stack RIP &

baby Theo Stack RIP

St Joseph's



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **Bernadette Kavangah RIP**

Moving on and moving in: My first weekend as Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley will be 15/16 August and I will be moving from St Joseph's prior to this. At the same time Fr Noel will be

moving in to the presbytery here. I am sure you will give him a warm welcome.

Another warm welcome to Fr Benedict Skipper who will be the new Assistant Priest at St Peter's and Our Lady's. I am sure he will be a great help to Fr John and bring with him great enthusiasm and many gifts and talents. Let's keep Fr Benedict in our prayers as he prepares for priestly ordination.

Parish Office: The Parish Office is gradually beginning to return to normal. It is open on Wednesdays from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

Gift Aid envelopes for the year commencing 12th April are available from the Office. Please phone first.

Exposition and Devotions are suspended for the time being so as to prioritise the safe celebration of Mass.

Requests for the Seven-Day Candle intentions (£5.00) are available from 25 October onwards. Please put requests through the Presbytery door.

St Joseph's SVP is collecting any outgrown school uniform to pass on to families in need (especially school blazers that can be expensive), but any uniform in good condition can be helpful. There will be a collecting box in the church entrance or call 07713 246989. Thank you.

E-news: Sign up for the Newsletter and to receive Fr Andy's e-news updates via the parish website (stjosephs47.org.uk) or www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August: **The Maritime World.** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Catholic Leamington Young Adults Group (18-30 yrs) will meet virtually, 7.00 pm Sat 1 Aug, the feast

day of Saint Hope. It'll be a time of chatting, prayer, Bible reading and discussion of **Corinthians 13: 4-14**. We'll get to know each other and God better. Anyone in the local area is welcome to join. The latest information will be posted on the Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/949489832168594>. If you're not on Facebook, please text or WhatsApp me on 07484 127253 for details. Rose.

Homelessness: The Saturday Friendship Group has donated an additional £750.00 to its partner the Salvation Army *Way Ahead Project* to help the project with its work during the Coronavirus crisis. For example, giving advice and support on a one-to-one basis for visitors in difficulty.

Prayer Group devoted to Our Lady meets every **Tuesday** at 7.30 pm via Zoom. Everyone welcome. Find out more or join the group, contact mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

The recently deceased of our churches: Teresa Lynch, John Henderson, Rose Thurlow, Antonio Rivera, Philomena Vale, June Moore, Seamus Martin, Anne Keegan. **May they rest in peace.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Arthur Hales, Marion Poultney, Patrick Moran, Jimmy Crowley, Yvonne Leahy, Patrick Cosgrove, Rita King, Anne Strasinikas, Joan Pettipher, Bogdan Majewski, Filippo Turturici, Peter Corley, Carol Ann Geaney,

Our prayers for those ill at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of Catholic Leamington: 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

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Please observe the 2m distance ruling and the one-way system. Missalettes will and newsletters will not be handed out so please bring your Missal with you or follow the text on your phone eg *Universalis* or *Bible Alive*.

Volunteers: These Masses would not be possible without parishioners from Our Lady's & St Peter's coming forward to volunteer (stewards, cleaners and/or both). I am very grateful to you all. If a regular commitment seems difficult, perhaps you could help on an occasional basis? There are **funerals** from time to time where I need help. Also for **weddings**, and **Baptisms** (which I want to re-start ASAP). Contact Martin Foley martinfoley73@gmail.com if you can help.

Parish News: I will give a live bulletin about what is happening in the two churches starting this Sunday at 12 noon via live-stream. It will be recorded for those who would like to catch up later in the day. There will be updates on the opening of Our Lady's Church.

Fr Benedict who will be joining our churches at the end of September can be seen with other transitional Deacons talking about their vocations: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/blog/realising-priestly-vocation> His Ordination takes place on 20 September. Please pray for him.

There will be a collection for Fr Noel after he leaves St Peter's on the 15 August. Hand-delivered envelopes should mention Fr Noel on the outside. If posted, don't mention a collection; put your name etc inside the envelope... otherwise I might think all my birthdays have come at once!

Gift Aid envelopes: Lockdown came at the wrong time for the start of the new Gift Aid year. There are literally boxes of boxes to distribute. If you are able to collect your boxes, the office is staffed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mass Cards / Intentions: If you require a Mass Card please email or call the office and a time can be arranged for you to collect one. There are envelopes and an Intentions Box underneath the statue of St Peter. These can still be put through the Presbytery letterbox.

Tales of the unexpected: Regular meals at set times in the day, two good walks, the occasional treat, a good snooze in the afternoon. I think I would like the life of a priest! To be fair, they do work incredibly hard and have made a big sacrifice, as the boss likes to remind me, so I shouldn't begrudge them their perks. Even so, this is the recommendation of the vet for me (minus the treat) as I am a Type 1 dogabetic. Thank you for your concern and kind thoughts because I did go through a sticky patch and I am sorry to tell you the boss went to pieces! What are we going to do with him? He's an old softy. Thankfully, we are now both stabilising, he says he is doing some deep breathing exercises which I call sleep because occasionally I can hear him snoring. Meanwhile I am getting cleverer at avoiding my morning and evening injections by hiding underneath the armchair. It's like playing cat and mouse ... but that would be another story. Best woofs, Bertie ;) xx

Warwick Deanery Mother's Prayer Group is being run online via Zoom on Thursdays at a family-friendly time of 8.30 pm. All are welcome to join. Details claudiaverag@gmail.com

Winifred Cheetham, Sarah O'Rourke, David Pugh, Fr Denis O'Shea, Fr Basil Wrighton, Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh, Fr Thomas Duffy, Canon Arthur Diamond. **May they rest in peace.**

Miles, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston and Peter Wright. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**