

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 1st Sunday of Lent (B)

Sunday 21st February 2021

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St Joseph's

Sunday 21st

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9:00: Fr. Brian Boyle's Intentions;
John Clancy RIP

Monday 22nd

7:00: Michael Clancy RIP

Tuesday 23rd

9:30: Fr. Brian Boyle's Intentions
11:30: **Funeral Service: Robert Grainger (Family Only)**

Thursday 25th

1:00: **Funeral Service: Vincent McGreevy (Family Only)**

7:00: Eileen Broderick RIP;
Brian Cummings RIP

Friday 26th

9:30: Miceal Murphy RIP;
Sue Franklin RIP

Saturday 27th

9:30: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia RIP

Sunday 28th

2nd Sunday of Lent
9:00: Fr. Eustace Cassidy C.P. RIP;
Michael MacMahon RIP

Saints of the week

Monday 22nd February

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

Tuesday 23rd February

Opt. Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

Attention St. Peter's & Our Lady's Parishioners who use Gift Aid

Envelopes: Please may we ask Parishioners who, in normal times, use either the White and Pink or Green and Blue envelopes and have not started Standing Orders to get in touch with the Parish Office Monday - Friday between 12pm - 5pm, to register to ensure you receive your envelopes for 2021/22. The Deadline to register your interest is Friday 5th March 2021.

St. Peter's and Our Lady's Private Prayer

The Churches will be open 30 minutes before Mass during the Week for Private Prayer. Please see above for Mass times.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 20th

OL 12:30: John Salt RIP *Vigil*

Sunday 21st

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SP 11:00: Brian McHale

Monday 22nd

SP 9:30: Private Intention (**Live-Stream Only**)

SP 11:00: **Requiem Mass: Myles Richards (Family Only)**

Tuesday 23rd

SP 11:00: Frances Kendrick RIP

Wednesday 24th

No Mass today

Thursday 25th

SP 11:00: *People of the Parish*

Friday 26th

SP: 11:00: In Thanksgiving

Saturday 27th

SP 9:30: Margaret & Peter Dimambro

OL 12:30: Sr. Anne-Therese Harding

Sunday 28th

2nd Sunday of Lent

SP 11:00: Thomas Mulleague

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Monday - Friday when the Church is open, Saturday 10 am - 11 am and upon request.

Our Lady's: Saturday or Wednesday when the Church is open.

St. Joseph's: Upon request

The recently deceased of our churches:

Michael Jervis, Rosaleen "Rose" Gately, George Bourke, Robert "Bob" Grainger, Vince McGreevy, Elizabeth Goode, Sue Franklin, Frances Kendrick, Dorothy Rimmer, John Coombes, Pam Allerton, Myles Richards, Jack Frawley, James Rowles.

May they rest in peace.

The Seven Day Candles: are a great way to provide a devotion to a loved one or for your own intention. The 7 day candles are designed to display the presence of God in the Church. If you would like to book a 7 day candle for your intentions please collect an envelope at the back of Church, suggested donation is £10.00 and return it, either in the collection or via St. Peter's Presbytery door. Thank you.

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Claire Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.

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

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candle burns for **the Intentions of Archbishop Longley**

The Main Altar candle burns for **the Intentions of Fr. John and Fr. Benedict**

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Medical & Auxiliary Staff on Covid-19 Wards**

The St. Joseph Chapel candle burns for **those seriously ill with Covid-19**

Dear Parishioners,

One down and five to go! I'm not sure if you are ticking the days or weeks of Lent? It is a good stretch and a real opportunity to prepare for Easter.

Easter - the Resurrection is what we are preparing for and the joy of this moment needs to be our constant focus. Having the end in sight always helps when a journey is long and arduous. But, it needn't be so if we use the tools to help us. Fasting or penance, Prayer and Almsgiving.

This weekend we are distributing the CAFOD envelopes as next Friday is Cafod Fast Day. This year we are helping to raise money to provide clean water for the people in Ethiopia. As we draw our water from the tap let us remember them.

Please look at the Lenten Programme, there will be something for everyone over the coming weeks. Traditional Stations, Rosary & Night Prayer, Reading & reflecting on Scripture, Sung Sunday Evening Prayer, not forgetting daily Mass and Confession.

Please don't forget the Walk With Me booklets & calendars. We have PLENTY. Even if you are not able to get to Church at the moment we can probably drop one in to you. (if you live in Catholic Leamington)

Please see the timetable on page 4 of the Newsletter for events and Zoom invitations. If you are not familiar with Zoom then give us a ring in the afternoon between 2 - 5pm and we might be able to guide you.

I shall read Chapter One of The Gospel of Mark on Tuesday via livestream in the Church. It will be recorded to view at time convenient to yourself. The same will apply to many of our Church and Zoom Services. Please email the office email - stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk for the Invite.

Keep smiling. :-) It's only 40 days to go (including Sundays) or 5 Sundays.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John.

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Kate Tennyson email safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com, Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

St Joseph's

The Church is open for Public Mass at the following times:

Tuesdays: 9:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

Sundays: 9:00am

All other Masses will be Live Streamed, there will only be one Mass on Sundays.

We continue to be very grateful to our Stewards & Cleaners who continue to help us open the Church to the Public.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
The Marsh & Ruby
Families

Confessions will be heard on request.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 25th April onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

St. Joseph's 200 Club: Congratulations to Dave O'Sullivan and Ian Gately, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in February's 200 Club draw. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday, 7th March. All the profits go to the Church's Building Fund and will be put towards the major repairs due on the Church and Parish Hall.

Lenten Poem: Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints: contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words: be silent and listen.

There will be a Second Collection Next Weekend (28th February) at all Churches for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Andrea Luca, Kathleen Bellerby, Susan Taplin, Michael Brogan, Mary Logan, Thomas Bannon, Ethel Locker, Phyllis Hanson, James Dale, Peter Jeffrey, David College, Thomas Russell, Mary "Molly" Briggs, Mary "Peggy" Bevin, Bishop Joseph Cleary, Anna Maria Sanchez, Teresa Bakewell, William Punch, Paul Cullen, Mary Philpott, Zena Godwin, Alan Powell, Mary O'Hannigan, Mary Jones, Mary Kiernan, Canon Sean McTernan, Fr. Sean Farrell, Fr. James Wharton, Fr. Michael McCabe, Fr. Martin Meagher, Fr. John Collins, Fr. James Cooney, Fr. Vincent Kennedy, Fr. George Brewster, Fr. George Tarrant. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Confirmation Class 2021: Attention All children who attend non-Catholic schools in Catholic Leamington. This year children from St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary Immaculate's Church in Warwick will participate along with those from Our Lady's and St. Peter's Churches in the Confirmation class on Zoom. Our course will be lay led and begin in a few weeks time. Please contact fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk to register your place ASAP.

Fr. Benedict's Homily: Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website frbenedict.blog

Holy Rosary and Night Prayer: Monday and Friday, 8-8.45pm on Zoom. You are invited to join with fellow parishioners as we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and pray Night Prayer. This group is for both those who regularly pray these prayers, and those who are new to them. Only Fr Benedict's camera and microphone will be on; so you don't need to worry about background noise etc. The login details are the same for every meeting: Meeting ID: 945 327 7340 Passcode: pray Or click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9453277340?pwd=Q1VhSVQxNGhTWDRJSW96UUVHTVdoUT09>

Our next Young Adults (16-30yrs) session/ social: shall be on Friday 12th March at 8.40pm after #blessedprayertimewithfrb. At the social we'll have a chilled chat and catch up over a cuppa. All young adults welcome #chillvibes #holyvibes. For Lent we are doing our own individual Lent activities such as devotions, almsgiving and doing extra things. Looks like it might be another 'Lentiest Lent I've ever Lented'.

Keep in Touch: A Parish Census took place at St. Peter's Church several years ago. As part of a new initiative, we will be contacting by phone those who completed a Census form. We wish to "keep in touch", note any changes and ask if there are any particular needs especially during the continuing Coronavirus outbreak.

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Southam: Due to the impending retirement of our current head teacher, the Governors of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and visionary head teacher to lead our successful, happy and growing Catholic school community from September 2021. Closing date: 1st March 2021. Interviews are 9th & 11th March 2021. If you are interested, please see the school website: www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk or contact the school on 01926 812512 to arrange a visit after 4pm.

Our Lady's and St. Theresa's School: Still has places available for the reception class and throughout the year groups, the school can take applications from any Parishioners across Catholic Leamington.. Please continue to support the Catholic Schools across Catholic Leamington.

St. Peter's 200 Club: The St. Peter's 200 Club is still running throughout this year. Please send your donations either via post (Cheques made payable to St. Peter's Church) or through the Presbytery Letterbox. The next draw will be a double draw in April.

The Christian Heritage Centre: are offering a couple of webinars (13th Mar) to support Catholics (and indeed Christians) who work in the mental health sector. Link to the event page is <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/spirit-mind-body/>

Assisted Suicide Bill: The assisted suicide lobby have launched a campaign to pressurise the Government to reconsider the legislation of assisted suicide. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking the Government not to give into the demands. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP. Visit: righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide

New Youtube and other on-line resources - helping you during the pandemic restrictions: The Chosen: This is an American produced professional series on the life of Jesus in eight episodes ending on Palm Sunday. There are behind the scenes commentaries from Dallas. Please see episode 1 - - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=craeyJdrCsE> For free viewing of the other seven episodes please email Peter Dimambro mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk. He will forward you the email from Paul Northam with all the links.

What is Hallow: Hallow is a Catholic prayer app that offers audio guided meditation sessions to help us grow in our Faith & Spiritual lives and find peace in God. Explore over 500 different sessions on contemplative prayer, mediation, Catholic Bible readings, music and more. In today's world, we're stressed, anxious, distracted & can't sleep. At the same time, we're searching for deeper meaning, purpose and relationship. Hallow: Catholic Meditation & Prayer App is available on Google Play. **The Bible in a year:** This is a podcast see: <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm>. **A reminder:** We already have other prayer resources on the website: CatholicLeamington.org.uk - More - Parish Activities - Prayer Life - Prayers in Lockdown.

Online Lent Retreats: Daily Lent retreat: "Knowing Jesus" from the Jesuits in Scotland who are providing daily prayer material starting on Ash Wednesday 17th February. A different theme is used each year. The easy link: onlineprayer.net. **Weekly Lent Retreat:** "Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land". Meetings are by Zoom on Fridays during Lent from 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Contact Natalie Orefice: natalie.orefice@rcaob.org.uk. The book at £7.99 will be used and can be purchased from the online shop (or obtained digitally) from www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/lenten-bookEXTRA: The February EXTRA newsletter is available on the website this weekend. Please bring to everyone's attention as it is a special LENTEN EDITION with information of many things going on during lent, including Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer Services, Lenten Alms, CAFOD's Walk for Water and Lent Fast Day and Fair Trade Fortnight, as well as an online Lenten Retreat, Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land, and Easter Parcels, plus messages from J&P, the Evangelisation team and UNITE Catholic Youth.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: This year's Lenten date is Friday 26th February with the focus on all those who live in remote communities and struggle to get water. Their campaign asks us to walk in solidarity with people like Abdella who has to walk 10 hours a day to collect water for his family. They suggest a way we can help is to be sponsored, or to sponsor someone, to walk 10,000 steps each day during Lent. CAFOD also invites us to participate in or support a 5-mile walk on Saturday 20th February. Your donations can be made in church or via our local website: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeam>

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT: 22nd February – 7th March 'Choose the world you want' says the Fair Trade Foundation. Support fair trade – help small producers to get a decent price and meet the challenges of climate change, which affects many in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras. Look for the logo when you shop in solidarity with those struggling to make a living for their families. Just think – only 6% of the price of a bar of non-fair trade chocolate goes to the cocoa farmer. Vote with your wallet!

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for February is: "We pray for peace in our world: that all people may live free from violence, in safety and security, and with hope for the future."

Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross: There will be a Zoom session to pray the Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross every Wednesday afternoon in Lent at 4 pm prompt (log on at 3.45). The Zoom link has been sent to all on the J&P circulation list, but if anyone else would like to take part, please email jenarmstrong@talktalk.net for an invitation. If any parishioners prefer to pray with these Stations at another time, they can be viewed on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/8y1WklbPwFc> (45 minutes long).

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Please avail yourselves of the Lenten opportunities.

Walk with Me Booklet (£1) Daily readings throughout Lent until Easter Sunday.

Children's Calendar (10p)

Daily Mass : See Newsletter Mass Schedule.

Confessions after mass. Subject to availability of priest. St Joseph's on request

Saturday confessions: St Peter's : 10-11 am , Our Lady's 12-12.20pm

Lenten Events

Sunday:	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom	(Combined choir)
Monday:	8.00 pm - 8.45pm	Rosary and Night Prayer	Zoom	(Fr Benedict)
Tuesday :	7.00 pm	Gospel of Mark by Chapter		(SP Live Stream)
	7.45 pm	Meeting to discuss	Zoom	(Fr John) For invite please email the office email - stpeterapostle.leafington@rcaob.org.uk
Wednesday	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Zoom	(Justice & Peace)
Friday:	3.30 pm	Unite Youth Group Rosary	Zoom	(Emma Rayment)
	8.00 pm - 8.45pm	Rosary and Night Prayer	Zoom	(Fr Benedict)