

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 4th July 2021

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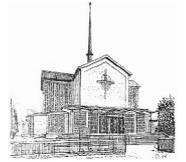
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St Joseph's

Sunday 4th July

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Sheila & Bill McCabrey RIP;

Mick McKeown RIP

5:30: Eddie Goggin RIP

Monday 5th

7:00: Lily Lucey's Intentions

Tuesday 6th

9:30: Dermot Hurley RIP

Thursday 8th

10:30: Requiem Mass: Michael Smedley RIP

7:00: Private Intention (AK)

Friday 9th

9:30: Endre Szucs RIP;

Christine Gash's Birthday Intentions

Saturday 10th

9:30: People of the Parish

11:00: For all the children being Confirmed today.

Sunday 11th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: William Whyte RIP

5:30: Joe & Rose McGreevy

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 10:00 - 10:30, 4:00 - 4:30, after Mass

Our Lady's: After Mass

St Joseph's : On Request

Saints of the week

Saturday 3rd July

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday 6th July

Opt. Memorial of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

There will be a **Second Collection** NEXT weekend (10/11th July) at all Churches for: **Apostleship of the Sea.**

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

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 3rd July

SP 9:30: Fr. Benedict Skipper

SP 12:00: Conversion of Sinners

OL 12:30: Michael, Mildred & Margaret Looney

SP: 5:00: Roger Charters RIP

Sunday 4th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: Nunzietta Limongelli

OL 10:00: Fr. John Cross

SP 11:00: Ana Celeste

Monday 5th

SP 9:30: Helen Golding

SP: 5:00: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

SP 6:00: Rose McConnell

Tuesday 6th

OL 6:00: Parish Confirmation Mass *Open Mass*

Wednesday 7th

OL 12:00: Beryl Hartnett (Birthday)

Thursday 8th

SP: 9:00: Paul Hill

Friday 9th

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Maria John RIP

SP: 5:00: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

SP: 6:00: Private Intention

Saturday 10th

SP 9:30: Zalewski Sawyers Family

OL 12:30: Mary Fitzpatrick RIP

SP: 5:00: David Webb

Sunday 11th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: Those considering Suicide

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Sheila Healy, Robert Bellerby, Peter Whelan, Mary Carroll, Anya Leslie, Jane Keegan, Bill Hughes, Margaret Hodson, Bernadette Seales, Patrick Harrington, Ann-Marie Connolly, Bernadette O'Reilly, Margaret Sheppard, William O'Reilly, Margaret Moore, Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Mgr. Louis McRaye, Canon Francis Dudley, Canon Francis Grady, Fr. William O'Malley, Fr. Michael Cullinan, Fr. Henry Hayward, Fr. Leonard Joppe, Fr. William Rooney, Fr. Leo Armishaw, Fr. Joseph Pires, Fr. Michael Gaffney, Fr. Bernard Maddox, Fr. Brendan Donlon, Fr. Anthony Maguire, Fr. Seamus Hetherington, Deacon Anthony Bateman. **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**

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: Denis O'Halloran, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, Bridie Daly, John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, 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-Clare Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, 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 Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Ann Reilly**

The Sacred Heart Chapel candle burns **In Thanksgiving**

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe we are now in July and the end of the academic year is approaching extremely fast. There are still several extra Masses for our catch up with the Sacraments of Initiation in our schools and the Catechism Class for Confirmation. Fr Benedict will be Administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of St Anthony's school on Sunday afternoon at St Peter's and the young people who attend non-catholic Schools on Tuesday evening at Our Lady's Church. St Anthony's also have their First Holy Communion Mass at St Peter's on Saturday at midday. I have a Baptism on Saturday afternoon at St Peter's in addition to the usual weekend Masses. Fr Christopher will say Mass on Saturday evening at 5pm. He is supplying at Baddesley Clinton on occasional weekends during the interregnum until a new priest begins. At the time of writing, I feel quite exhausted after two successive funerals on Wednesday and Thursday at St Peter's. We have also received instructions of a further 3 or 4 funerals which will be taking place in the coming weeks.

This week we have had a fair amount of electrical work completed in and around the Church. This amounts to mainly further repairs and improvements, changing old lights to LEDs, repairing the plug sockets on the Sacred Heart Chapel side of the Church which have not been working for years. This required the contractor to lift a line of the red-carpet tiles and the metal gratings on the heating ducts in front of the Sanctuary. I think it would be good to relay new carpet tiles across the top and back of the church as they are not in a good condition. The problem with carpet tiles is eventually the corners start to lift. Many of the tiles near the holy water stoops are badly stained with water marks and they are worn. I am thinking they were laid in about 1998 after the flood and have lasted 23 years from a heavy footfall. There are two large stains on the carpet tiles at the beginning of the main aisle at St Peter's. These appeared a few years ago. I do not know what has caused these stains but they are permanent and unsightly. The cable which had dropped at the tower entrance has been put into metal trunking to protect it from damage. The tower entrance is open to the elements and affected by the heat in the summer and the damp in the winter. Last year or the year before a pigeon took up residence and must have been caught short during the colder months. The security lights over the bicycle racks have been repaired. The peregrine falcon on its perch on the east wall of the bell tower has been busy. You may have noticed the east wall is covered in thin ribbons of white streaks.

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The recently deceased of our churches:

Maria Dorothy, Hannah O'Sullivan, John, Tina Reynolds, Gilbert Divers, Michael Smedley, George Sullivan, Denis Meade, Roger Charters, Joseph Hegarty, Andrew Brown, Dermot Hurley, Catherine McCarthy
May they rest in peace.

St Joseph's

The Church now is open to the Public for all Masses

All Masses will be Live Streamed

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

Confessions will be heard on request.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for Michael & Sheila McGreevy

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 29th August onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

Appeal For Volunteers: For general church cleaning. Since COVID the team has disbanded due to age and family circumstances. So we need to form a new team; age no problem if you can spare the time, 1 or 2 hours every couple of weeks will keep the church sparkling.

Also we would like a volunteer to take on the laundering of the small altar linen, (purificator's, corporal's etc.)

If you think you can help in any way contact Margaret tel. 07909 584847 or see Fr. Noel.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Boxes of yellow Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year commencing 6th April are now available for collection from the Narthex. If there is anyone who is a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows us to claim back 25% tax on the donations you make, please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711 346405. **Red Missio Boxes:** Please leave your Red Missio boxes in the Sacristy during July, for their quarterly emptying.

NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers Day: Is CANCELLED

Confirmation: The Year 6 children of St. Joseph's School will be celebrating their Confirmation next Saturday 10th July. The Mass is at 11am and is reserved for the Confirmation Children, their sponsors, their immediate family and some of the school staff only. Please pray for the children and their families as they grow in their knowledge and love of God. May the Holy Spirit protect them and guide their lives and decisions for their future.

200 Club: Congratulations to Jackie Patterson and Julia Leask who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in May's 200 Club draw. The next collection and draw will take place this Sunday 4th July. 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.

Second Collection next weekend: Apostleship of the Sea

New Parish Facebook Account

We have a new Facebook account for the Church to visit:

: <https://www.facebook.com/RCatholicLeamington>

Mass Availability at St. Peter's

Please note that our Mass intentions are fully booked for the Sunday 11am Mass until November. We can be more accommodating with weekday Masses and the 9am Sunday Mass.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan 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.

Dear Parishioners Continued: Shortly we will have a new wire linking the wi-fi hub in the Parish Office to a Wi-Fi unit which will be situated under the choir loft. After consulting with the Finance Department of the Diocese, I am pleased to announce we shall soon be moving into the 21st century with a contactless card reader. This will be positioned at the entrance/exit of the church. Many churches now have these card readers and it will be easier for parishioners to make your donation to the church. Since lockdown, the drop in the number of people attending church along with fewer people carrying cash there has been tremendous drop in income. The card reader will have suggested amounts for your donation. Most readers are set at multiples of £2, £5, £10, £20. If you can gift aid your donation your card can be registered so that each time you use it the gift aid is automatically included. This will help to speed up our administration and make it safer for the Church and staff. For those who cannot get to Church there will be a dedicated page on the Website for smart phone users.

Many thanks to Simon Rogers who chimed the bells last Saturday as part of the Bicentenary celebration of the Ellacombe ringing mechanism. Our mechanism was installed in our tower by Taylors of Loughborough in 1955. The Rev Ellacombe was a parish Vicar from Bitton who found a way of using ropes and pulleys to chime the bells and play tunes on them. Last Saturday St Anthony's School received the benefit of Simon's repertoire including the Star Wars theme, many hymns, popular songs, and classics. The mechanism allows one person to ring all the bells. It is an upper body work-out for the bell ringer. The mechanism was installed because at the time there was a question about the safety of ringing the bells in our tower after the steeple was removed. I think there was a counterbalance in the steeple which when it was removed affected the balance of the tower. A later study showed there was no problem, and it was safe to ring the bells after all and so now we can hear the bells chimed and pealed. The tower is checked regularly (every 5 years) as part of the Quinquennial Inspection of the Church. The full peal or at least six of our 8 bells were rung for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul our Parish feast day. Many thanks to our bell ringers and to Simon Adams for arranging it for us. The bells can be chimed by arrangement after special Masses and occasions. Due to Covid regulations we cannot ring the full 8 bells just now as 8 bell ringers cannot stand so close together in the bell ringing room.

Next week I shall be on retreat at Oscott College. Fr Philip Caldwell from Salford Diocese will be giving the retreat. I was due to go last year but it was all cancelled. Priests need a spiritual top up at least once every two years or better still once a year. A couple of years ago Fr Andy Franklin suggested there ought to be a summer timetable to allow the priests to get away for a break. In a recent letter to his priests Archbishop Bernard has encouraged us to have a proper holiday over the coming weeks. He writes that it has been an exceptionally busy time over the last few months and encourages his priests, "to take time to relax, to pursue recreational interests, to pray in a different environment and a chance to vary the pattern of the day. All are important for our physical, emotional and mental well-being."

It is almost impossible to take a weekend off at St Peter's and Our Lady's when we are celebrating so many masses. In the past we have been able to ask for supply priests to help, but these are few and far between now. I would like to give notice that for one priest to be able to hold the fort while the other is away and to give the priests a break from our heavy duties, we will adopt the following timetable from and including Sat 24th July to Sunday 5th September. This is effectively the school holiday. The weekend "Sunday" Masses during this holiday period will be a Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's Church, 9am and 11am at St Peter's. With a capacity of about 100 on Saturday afternoon at Our Lady's and 200 on Sunday mornings at St Peter's I feel this should easily accommodate the numbers we are seeing now and during the holiday period. This should allow the Parish Clergy to have a proper rest but still meet the needs of the Parish.

Every Blessing, Fr. John

Fr. Benedict's Homily: Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website frbenedict.blog
Can you support your priests with an occasional Mass intention?: If you would like to have Mass celebrated for an intention, please fill out one of the small brown envelopes found at the back of Church, enclose your offering (£10 is sufficient), and place it in the collection or post it through the Presbytery letterbox. The 11am Sunday Mass at St Peters is booked up until November, so please consider asking for 'any Mass', or a Mass which is not 11am on a Sunday.

CAFOD: We are planning to roll out the CAFOD Petition at each of the churches in Catholic Leamington starting at Our Lady's this coming weekend 3rd/4th July, when the petition cards will be available. You can sign online at cafod.org.uk/cop26petition. The petition reads: "Dear Prime Minister, COP26 will be one of the most important summits of the century. The conference must put us on track to end a climate emergency which is having a devastating impact on the world and hitting poorest communities the hardest. As host to this crucial meeting, we urge you to make sure world leaders show the ambition needed to stop temperatures rising beyond a disastrous 1.5 degrees, with each country committing to do its fair share. And we urge you to put the people worst affected by the crisis - those who have done least to contribute to the problem - at the heart of the talks."

New to Catholic Leamington?: If you have joined us since February 2020 please register with us using the website: catholicleamington.org.uk Go to WELCOME and then WELCOMING GROUP to complete the email enquiry. If you have no computer access, please phone Peter Dimambro of the Welcoming Group on 01926 428 399.

The Catholic Leamington Justice and Peace Rosary intention for July is: "We pray that young people may have the inspiration and courage to build a better World".

Warwickshire Open Studios Exhibition: There will be an Art Exhibition exhibiting Paintings, Jewellery, Mixed Media, Textiles, Pottery, Print Making and Photography between 19th June—4 July, to be held at 7 Oak House, Lucas Court, Leamington Spa, CV32 5JL. The exhibition will take place on Fridays 2—7pm, Saturdays and Sundays from 11am—5pm. Please do not park on Lucas Court unless you have mobility issues.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Laudato Si' - Care for our Common Home: At the end of the recent Laudato Si' week, the Vatican (The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development) announced a 7 year action programme for us, institutions, communities and families, to learn and grow together. We are warmly invited to join this community. Our unique "culture, experience, involvements and talents" are needed on our journey towards greater love for our Creator, each other and the home we share (LS 14). This programme is called the Laudato Si' Action platform and more information about it is being posted on our website page 'THE CHURCH SPEAKS' at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/the-church-speaks

OLST School: The Gift of Books: As you will all be aware we have not had the chance to fundraise the way we normally would with fun family events. This means our fundraising funds are at an all time low. The PTA has been asked if we can support school by purchasing much needed additional resources to help with learning the curriculum. We have created an Amazon wish list of all resources required for the next year's curriculum, to support your children's learning. What we are asking is for you to gift one book or more if you wish using the following link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/RFLQON87E15X?ref=wl_share. It would be really helpful if we could get as many books as possible purchased by 2nd July. The books are listed per year group. Books will be delivered direct to school to help with covid restrictions and limiting multiple contact. Books do not need to be purchased via amazon but please update the list to say purchased elsewhere

Abortion Legislation: On Monday 5th July MP's will vote on the issue of legalising abortion up to birth for any reason. Take action to stop this. Choose life over death. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP now and ask them to vote NO by clicking: www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

The July EXTRA is now available on the NEWSLETTER page of the website www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter. Please make it known as widely as possible. In this edition: Recycling your junk, Grandparents' Day and Prayer, The Laudato Si' platform, Youth 2000 at Ampleforth, Webpage of the Month, SVP and ACTS 435, SPAN Report, CAFOD and COP 26 Petition, CTL Walkers If you have not contributed previously, but you feel you have something to say, send your **contribution** to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com by **the last day of the month, 31st July**.

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