

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 18th July 2021

St Joseph

47 Murcott Road East,
Whitnash CV31 2JJ
T: 01926 772712



St Peter Apostle

3A Dormer Place
Leamington Spa CV32 5AA
T: 01926 423824



Our Lady

Valley Road
Lillington CV32 7SJ
T: 01926 423824



Parish Priest, St Joseph's
Fr Noel Breslin

Office: stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Priest: fr.noel.breslin@rcaob.org.uk
Website: stjosephs47.org.uk

Parish Priest of St Peter's & Our Lady's, Dean of Warwick
Deanery Fr John Cross
Assistant Priest: Fr Benedict Skipper
Retired Priest: Fr Christopher Greaney

Office: stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Priest: fr.john.cross@rcaob.org.uk
Assistant Priest : fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk
Website: catholicleamington.org.uk

St Joseph's

Sunday 18th July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: People of the Parish

5:30: Breege Thacker

Monday 19th

7:00: Roger Elson's Intentions

Tuesday 20th

9:30: Nicole Garrett & Mila Swann;
Teresa Lynch 1st Anniversary

Thursday 22nd

7:00: Paddy Kelly RIP;
Tommy Burke RIP

Friday 23rd

9:30: Colette & Sal McSharry In Thanksgiving

Saturday 24th

9:30: Patrick Nestor RIP 3rd Anniversary

Sunday 25th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Roger Charters RIP

11:00: Baptism: Millie Rose Whelan & George Cavanagh-Clarke

5:30: Roisin & Aaron Hobson

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 17th July

SP 9:30: Michael Felix

OL 12:30: Thomas Ryan

SP 5:00: Amelia Bl. De Rozari

Sunday 18th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: Rachel & Elliot Butler

OL 10:00: Annie McHale

SP 11:00: David Harwar RIP

Monday 19th

SP 9:30: Bill Taylor RIP

SP 5:00: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

SP 6:00: Private Intention

Tuesday 20th

SP 9:30: Luke Sweeney RIP

Wednesday 21st

OL 12:00: Paul Chin RIP

Thursday 22nd

SP 11:00: Fr. Nicholas Austin SJ

SP 5:00: Reception: Hannah O'Sullivan RIP

Friday 23rd

SP 1:00: Requiem Mass: Hannah O'Sullivan RIP

Saturday 24th - **Summer Timetable Begins**

SP 9:30: Margaret & Toby Thorne

OL 5:00: Marie Incerti

Sunday 25th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: People of the Parish

SP 11:00: Maria Amalta

Saints of the week

Saturday 17th July

Memorial of Blessed John Sugar, Priest and Robert Grissold, Layman, Martyrs

Tuesday 20th July

Opt. Memorial of St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

Wednesday 21st

Opt. Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Doctor of the Church

Thursday 22nd

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Friday 23rd July

Feast of St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe

Saturday 24th

Opt. Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

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

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Joseph Mills, Teresa Lynch, Dennis O'Keefe, Robert Gibbons, Patrick McMahon, Pamela Elkins, Peter Healy, John Henderson, Edward White, Josephine Carter, Denis Murphy, Majorie Taylor, David Dunbar, Gaetan Fallon, Maureen Guilfoyle, Evan Bowen, William Cronin, Sarah Brazier, Tim Canty, Mgr. Peter Ryall, Canon Laurence Kelly, Fr. Arthur Warburton, Fr. Philip Cleary, Fr. Liam O'Connor, Fr. Thomas Rock, Fr. Albert Kelly, Fr. Anthony Owen, Fr. Euan Henderson, Fr. Joseph Tynan, Deacon Frank Lockett. **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: Margaret Copson, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, 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-Claire 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 **Margaret Copson**

Dear Parishioners,

The end of the school term is this coming week, and I must admit to breathing a sigh of relief after what has probably been one of the busiest school years ever. During the Great Interruption, the school chaplains have been catching up with the sacraments. It has been quite a task. We have had 8 First Holy Communion Masses at St Peter's and Our Lady's over a period of 3 months. The parish catechism class has added a further 3 extra Masses for the children who do not attend Catholic Schools. The final Confirmation Mass takes place this weekend. The schools themselves have had to contend with many difficulties according to the science, data and government position of the moment. If one child had symptoms, the entire class was sent home for days. If teachers were required to isolate and the school had to find innovative ways of keeping the syllabus going either at school or at home.

We are now looking forward to some sort of holiday but many of us cannot get away this year and will make do with a few days out, a picnic in the park and perhaps a day or two away. I see we have Barker's Fun Fair in the Pump Room Gardens to contend with for the next few days. I have already received a few requests for parents who are struggling to make ends meet. The Clergy look forward to the school holidays and appreciate time to recharge our batteries.

The parishes are beginning to get back to some sense of normality. I am sure clergy would prefer people to feel safe and we shall continue to follow the various safety procedures for the time being. This is as much for your safety as it is for ours. When a priest is ill everything stops! I think most of us are taking the next few weeks with great trepidation, conscious that our area is still experiencing a spike in infections.

Just a reminder that from next weekend week commencing 24th July St Peter's and Our Lady's Church will follow the Summer Timetable to allow each member of the clergy to get away for a weekend or two. Our Mass Times will be:

Our Lady's Church Saturday Vigil at 5 pm
St Peter's Church Sunday: 9am and 11 am

Weekday Masses please check the Newsletter as we have to make changes from time to time.

With regards to the easing of Lockdown by the Government I have taken the decision to continue with the current practices in the Churches. So we would like you to continue to wear face coverings when in Church and hand sanitiser and social distancing will remain due to the spike in the local area. These conditions will continue for the next few weeks and will be kept under review.

I have received news that Fr Anthony John Burns, former Parish Priest of St Mary Immaculate, Warwick died on 14th July aged 92. May he rest in peace.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

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 **The
Thomas Family**

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 12th September 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.

****Missio Red Boxes:** Please leave your Red Missio boxes in the Sacristy during July, for their quarterly emptying**

The recently deceased of our churches:

Edmund Piper, Hannah O'Sullivan, Maria "Dorothy" John, Tina Reynolds, Gilbert Divers, Michael Smedley, George Sullivan, Denis Meade, Joseph Hegarty.

May they rest in peace.

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

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.

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

St. Peter's cannot take any more Mass Intentions for the 11am Mass on Sundays, all these Masses in 2021 have an intention. We are very pleased to receive intentions, but **please do not request the 11am Mass on Sunday for the time being.** Thank you.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email safeguarding.splspa@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.

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

Job Opportunity: Our Lady's and St. Teresa's Infant and Primary School situated at Windmill Hill, Cubbington is looking for a cleaner. Please contact Debbie Enstone for further information. Tel. 01926 424420

Mass Intentions: This week Mass was offered in private for: Patrick Coleman, Deirdre Mulleague, The O'Dwyer Family. Next week private and school Masses will be offered for: Special Intention, Special Intention, Marie Louise Beyiha.

Governors needed: Following last weeks item in the newsletter, if you would like to find out more about being a school governor, please speak to me. This is an important role in the life of our parish communities. I can be contacted by email (fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk) or by phone (423824). Not only is the contribution of governors invaluable but you would, I am sure, benefit from taking on this position. You will be inspired by the work that takes place in our schools. Thank you for your consideration of this, and please do be in touch. God bless you, Fr Benedict

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".

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

Something Greater: This week Catholic Leamington is starting an important initiative called '**Something Greater**'. It is a project that is going to help our parish reach out to family, friends and our community. We know so many who have asked questions about Faith over the last year, those who have not realised that our Churches are open, and those who are anxious about coming back to Church. Something Greater will help us extend our hand of friendship and welcome everyone to our community. We are going to do this together and there are three ways you can help. **Pray, Invite** and then **Welcome** every person who comes to Church in the coming weeks who might be nervous, turning, or new to the Catholic Church. We will have more information in the coming weeks in the Newsletter and in Newsletter EXTRA. To start the initiative, all Parishioners are invited to a meeting by Zoom on **Wednesday 21st July at 7:30pm** For our meeting, you should be able to join by simply clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9076106367?pwd=Qnd6cGdsS1o4cXRHWdK1OU9sZEluZz09> If you need them: - Meeting ID: 907 610 6367 Passcode: 3SsBsG If you wish to join by phone only, please contact Peter on 01926 428399.

Something Greater Prayer: Loving Father, as Covid restrictions ease, we pray for our '**Something Greater**' initiative. As we reach out to others, give us the wisdom to know how to communicate in a way that will attract them to our Parish community in Worship and Fellowship. May we be alert to ways of encouraging them in their Faith journey. We Make this Prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever, Amen.

Saturday Friendship Group - Volunteers needed sfg is in partnership with the Salvation Army Way Ahead Project to provide for those living on the margins in our own town. Now we are moving towards normal working, **more volunteers are needed 9.30 - 12.30** any day, but **particularly on Saturday** at the centre in Church Street. More information is on the website www.catholicleamington.org.uk > Social Action > sfg : <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/saturday-friendship-group-homelessness.html> Contact cl.sfg1@gmail.com or phone 07811882746 Thank you.

CAFOD – Thanks to all who signed the petition cards or took them home to send at Our Lady's last Sunday. THIS WEEK they will be available after the 11.00 Mass at St Peter's

You can always sign online of course at cafod.org.uk/cop26petition . Also from www.catholicleamington.org.uk/CAFOD 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."

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SPAN: At our July open and virtual meeting we received several thank you letters for your donations including from Myton Hospice for the £ 1,000 Lenten appeal. Also a detailed report of the extensive work done by House of Light and Hope in Lebanon and from Medair for the COVID vaccine programme reaching 3,000 people day in South Lebanon who would otherwise not get a vaccine. Over our usual beneficiaries we supported the non violent, peace work in places of civil unrest of CORD with £ 150 and £ 500 to Sustainable Global Gardens for their work in East Africa, providing support to move people out of poverty, through developing local feeding programmes (supporting 450 orphans), helping provide sustainable areas to grow their own food, plant trees and develop savings schemes. To be added to the SPAN mailing list please contact paulhayden@ntlworld.com



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

Sunday – it is our Day¹

On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “The pandemic is not over.” Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled *The Day of the Lord*. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: “The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.”

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of *The Day of the Lord*.