

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

## Sunday 8th August 2021

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### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 8th August

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00: James McGarvey RIP Anniversary

11:30: **Baptism: Jacob Cleary**

5:30: Vincent Duffy RIP

#### Monday 9th

7:00: In Thanksgiving

#### Tuesday 10th

9:30: Roger Elson's Intentions

3:00: **Funeral Service: Pat Henderson**

#### Thursday 12th

7:00: Meg Lewis Anniversary

#### Friday 13th

9:30: Brian Kearney RIP

#### Saturday 14th

9:30: Betty Pettle RIP

11:00: **Baptism: Eva Soto**

#### Sunday 15th

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00: In Thanksgiving (Thomas)

11:00: **Baptism: Victoria Clare Almeda Bellamy**

5:30: Noel McGrath Anniversary

#### Saints of the week

##### Saturday 7th

*Opt. Memorial of St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs*

*Opt. Memorial of St. Cajetan, Priest*

##### Monday 9th

*Feast of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe*

##### Tuesday 10th

*Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr*

##### Wednesday 11th

*Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin*

##### Thursday 12th

*Opt. Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

##### Friday 13th

*Memorial of Blessed William Freeman, Priest, Martyr*

*Opt. Memorial of Ss. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Martyrs*

##### Saturday 14th

*Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr*

### St Peter's & Our Lady's

#### Saturday 7th August

SP 9:30: Joe Hegarty RIP

OL 5:00: Paul Chatfield RIP

#### Sunday 8th

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SP 9:00: Joan Sweeney

SP 11:00: Sheila Collins RIP

#### Monday 9th

SP 9:30: For all those preparing to be Married

SP: 5:00: In Thanksgiving for Steve & Marie

#### Tuesday 10th

SP 11:00: The Russell Family

#### Wednesday 11th

OL 12:00: Milly Harrop

#### Thursday 12th

SP: 11:00: Zoe Katharina Nalei Boos

#### Friday 13th

SP: 11:00: **Requiem Mass: Tina Reynolds**

#### Saturday 14th

SP 9:30: In Thanksgiving for Charlie & Sophie;  
Mary O'Mullane

SP 12:30: **Wedding: Sophie Robertson & Charlie Peden**

OL: 5:00: Michael Smedley RIP

#### Sunday 15th

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

SP 9:00: Sarah O'Mullane

SP 11:00: Kathleen Hannan RIP & Elizabeth Clancy

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

#### Confessions:

**St. Peter's:** Saturdays: 10:00 - 10:30

**Our Lady's:** After Mass if a priest is available.

**St Joseph's :** On Request

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Vincent Russell, Frank Rowley, Mary Woolley, Jack Varney, Cornelius Cronin, Madeleine Reedy, Annie Jagusz, Margaret Hughes, Violet Metcalf, Jonas Kunigiskis, Patricia O'Sullivan, Columba Kidd, Frank Pare, Robert Liscoe, Luke Bogue, Joseph McAndrew, Alice Dawson, Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Fr. Francis Gwinnett, Fr. Michael Day CO, Fr. Denis Manion, Fr. John Clavin, Fr. Thomas Dennison, Fr. Michael McGrath, . **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](mailto:stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk)  
Or St Joseph's [stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk)

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Muriel Sinnott, 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: **Betty Pettle RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

What are the buzz words of our time?

Answer: "Contactless", "Carbon Neutral", "Solar power", "green energy", "recycling", "rewilding", "renewable energy."

These buzz words are becoming part of our vocabulary as we seek to embrace the future. They mean change is not just on the horizon, change is here now.

The Catholic Church took the lead on climate change. There were many Papal Encyclicals and Apostolic letters in the last century and this were prophetic as they called on the people of God to be responsible stewards of creation. In other words that what we do in our own era has consequences for the future. Our study of history often brings to light the mistakes of the past and we live with the effects of those choices but by having an awareness that our choices affect our future we are more open to new ways of thinking and new hope. There have been many changes in our own lifetime especially in the field of communications and technology. Now we are planning for the reduction of emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050. Many of us are beginning to think about running an electric car and I am pleased to report that at Our Lady's Church we are, almost, at the forefront by looking at solar power and renewable energy to supply the electricity to power and heat our Church. I am just waiting for the "green" light from the Diocese.

At St Peter's we became the first Parish in the Diocese to gain the Live Simply award. Many churches have followed our example and like us made small changes like recycling, using products which will not harm the environment and Fairtrade.

The holiday time is a good opportunity to have a rest and take stock of how much we need to change. Although having a routine is good, sometimes it is hard to break into or out of a particular way of doing things. For example, is there any space for flexibility in our routine which allows changes in the way we live our lives. Can we make time for our Faith or are we so locked into our routine that we cannot find any spare time at all? Stepping back while on holiday helps us to see our lives from a different perspective as we look back on what has happened and look forward. Sometimes to engender change we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us to be open to God's will. This means being open for change and being able to accept it. Next weekend as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we see her life as a true reflection of God and because of her special vocation she was taken up into heaven to be with her Son. We too need to be open to the many ways God is calling us to share in the responsibility of caring for the world he has given us. Perhaps a good question for each one of us is to ask how open we are to the invitation of God to be more active in our church.

The Church community is where we learn and practice our Faith. Our Catholic Schools provide a Christian education for our Children. The Parish community is our family. The Parish community is the family where we learn to care for each other. We care for the sick, we care for the elderly and those who need our special help, we encourage our children, we create our community, we gather in prayer and...**Continued Page 3.**

### St Joseph's

#### The Church now is open to the Public for all Masses

All Masses will be Live Streamed

Confessions will be heard on request.

**Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021:** Dates are now available from 10th October onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle  
burns for  
**Roisin, Tommy &  
Malachy Blair and  
Peter A Watts**

**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.

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

**\*\*Missio Red Boxes:** Empty boxes are now ready to be collected from the Sacristy. They will be collected again in November ready for money to be banked by 1st December\*\*

**Baptism:** We welcome into the Church Leo Dennehy and Jacob Cleary who are both being Baptised this weekend

**200 Club:** Congratulations to Kim Pope and J O'Connor, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in July's 200 Club draw. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday, 15th August. 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

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** 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 donations you make, please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711 346 405

#### **The recently deceased of our churches:**

Fr. John Burns, Peter Wright, Pat Henderson, Margaret Copson, Michelle Blackband, Tina Reynolds.

**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.

#### **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.splsps@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com), Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email [safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com](mailto: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:** praise. We celebrate our joy and share our sadness together. This is what community living is. We care for each other. This is the example we see in the growth of the Church as communities of believers were established. Each Parish is a family, each family looks after its own. It is self contained but it also has a care for its neighbours too. What does belonging to a parish family mean to you ?

Just one or two updates. The green and red spacing stickers and the two metre distancing lines have been removed from our Churches in Catholic Leamington. We are still invited to wear a mask and I would like to encourage everyone to use the hand sanitiser on entrance and exit of the Church. The QR code is still available for your use. Track and trace is still available.

At St Peter's we now have contactless donations. If you would like to make your offertory donation this way, please select the amount and when it appears on the card reader allow it to read your card. It could not be more simple.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John.

**Fr. Benedict's Homily:** Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website [frbenedict.blog](http://frbenedict.blog)

**The Bread of Life Discourse:** Over the few Sundays, the Church presents to us the sixth chapter of Saint John's Gospel. I am going to take this opportunity to preach on a different aspect of the Eucharist each week:

The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

How we should prepare ourselves to approach the Eucharist.

The Eucharist as a foretaste of heaven.

The Eucharist as communion.

I will be making each of these homilies available online. If you would like to listen to them, follow this link: [frbenedict.blog](http://frbenedict.blog)

**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

**Our Lady and St. Teresa's School Foundation Governor:** OLST School are looking for a Foundation Governor to help guide the school during this academic year, if you would like more information please contact the Parish Office on 01926 423824 and leave a message

**Governors needed:** 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**Something Greater:** Catholic Leamington is starting an important initiative called 'Something Greater'. Please take home with you a prayer bookmark available on your way out of church. Consider giving one to another Catholic who may not be attending church.

**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](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk) > Social Action > sfg : <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/saturday-friendship-group-homelessness.html> Contact [cl.sfg1@gmail.com](mailto:cl.sfg1@gmail.com) or phone 07811882746 Thank you.

**Live Simply Parish:** We are working with *Recycling for good causes* to raise funds for CAFOD. Please see the July Extra bulletin for more details. The Collection box is now in place in Our Lady's church (at the back, near the side door) awaiting any items that you can unearthen. There are leaflets available there explaining what items we need .Briefly - old mobile phones, cameras ,satnavs, jewellery, iPods/mp3 players , games consoles and games , any old currency , used postage stamps , tablet computers **(not laptops) Any condition accepted - even broken** Visit [www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org](http://www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org)

**Summer Picnic:** As Covid restrictions ease, we in Catholic Leamington can now look to start building up our community. We are having a picnic in the Pump Room Gardens opposite St Peter's after 11am Mass on Sunday 15th August [if weather is poor it will be on 22nd]. Bring a chair, your own food and any games for grass if you wish.

**CAFOD:** Thanks to all who signed the petition cards or took them home to send at the 9am Mass last week. You can always sign online of course at [cafod.org.uk/cop26petition](http://cafod.org.uk/cop26petition). Also from [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/CAFOD](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/CAFOD)

**The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace:** rosary intention for August is 'We pray that all young people may be refreshed and reinvigorated in the holidays'

**Archdiocese Survey:** Share your experience of Faith during the Pandemic. Archbishop Longley is inviting us to complete a survey: see website: [birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk) > News and events > News

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace:** This weekend we commemorate the anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima (6th August 1945) and Nagasaki (9th August 1945) killing between 125,000 and 225,000 people, almost all civilians. You may like to watch a 2-minute video on how much the world spends on nuclear weapons compared with how much it would take to save us all from COVID-19, at <https://paxchristi.net/advocacy/the-nuclear-weapons-ban-treaty/>.

**The August EXTRA** is now on the parish website [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter) This month there are contributions about Recycling for Charity, Young Adults webpage, Tools with a mission, CAFOD and Schools, CTL Walkers, SPAN Donations and Appeals. If you have not contributed previously, but you feel you have something to say, send your **contribution** to [catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com) by **the last day of the month, 31st August**.