

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)

## Sunday 15th August 2021

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### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 15th August

**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

#### Monday 16th

7:00: Derrick Bowler RIP 10th Anniversary

#### Tuesday 17th

9:30: Sean McAndrew & Family;  
Jimmy Dunbar's Intention

#### Thursday 19th

7:00: Shirley White & John Steele

#### Friday 20th

9:30: Har Doyle RIP

#### Saturday 21st

9:30: Pat Henderson RIP

1:30: **Wedding: Pauline Campbell & Robert Hollister**

#### Sunday 22nd

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00: Margaret Copson RIP

5:30: People of the Parish

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

#### Saturday 14th August

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

SP: 3:00: **Baptism: Niamh Nalci**

#### Monday 16th

SP 9:30: O'Mullane's Intentions

SP 12:00: **Wedding: Anna Dulce & James Chittal**

SP: 6:00: Martin Streeter

#### Tuesday 17th

SP 9:30: Thanksgiving (D&H Manning)

#### Wednesday 18th

OL 12:00: Meg & Arthur Gill

SP 1:30: **Funeral Service: Peter Wright RIP**

#### Thursday 19th

SP: 11:00: Private Intention (CLC)

#### Friday 20th

SP: 11:00: Grandparents and the Elderly

SP: 5:00: **Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions**

SP: 6:00: Pro Populo

#### Saturday 21st

SP 9:30: Helen Page

SP 12:00: **Wedding: Daniella Oliver & Matthew Rockcliffe**

OL: 5:00: Eileen Godfrey

#### Sunday 22nd

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SP 9:00: May & Seamus Martin

SP 11:00: Katherine Harbinson

SP:3:00: **Baptism: George Young**

#### Saints of the week

##### **Saturday 14th August**

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

##### **Monday 16th**

**Opt. Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary**

##### **Thursday 19th**

**Opt. Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest**

##### **Friday 20th**

**Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church**

##### **Saturday 21st**

**Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope**

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:** Violet Metcalfe, Jonas

Kunigiskis, Patricia O'Sullivan, Peter Wall, Helen Bowen, Barry Joyce, Kathleen Hannan, John Lucey, Mary Hower, Bridget McEnery, Ann Falvey, George Mather, Dorothy Harding, Peter Reid, Noel McGrath, Gill Titcomb, Ellen Talbot, Derrick Bowler, Archbishop Bernard Griffin, Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Canon Berard Cusworth, Fr. John Clavin, Fr. Thomas Dennison, Fr. Michael McGrath, Fr. Leslie McCallum, Fr. Kevin Keany, Fr. Terence Smith, Fr. Patrick Cooney, Deacon Douglas Taylor. **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:** Martin Streeter, 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, 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: **Kathleen Hannan & Elizabeth Clancy RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

The bleak image of the gates of the Nazi extermination camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau have come to symbolize terror and hopelessness. On Saturday we celebrated the feast of a Saint who died there. St Maximilian Kolbe brought the light of Christ even into this darkest of places. St Maximilian, Prisoner 16770 in Auschwitz-Birkenau, offered his own life to save a fellow prisoner, Franciszek Gajowniczek, condemned to death by the camp authorities after a successful escape by a fellow prisoner.

St Maximilian was born on 8th January 1894 in Zdunska Wola. When he was sixteen he joined the Franciscan order, before going to study philosophy and theology in Rome. In October 1917 he and six other students formed a new body, Militia Immaculatae, which promoted devotion to the Virgin Mary, worked to secure converts and to perform good works.

Kolbe returned to Poland to lecture at the Franciscan seminary at Krakow. In October 1927 Prince Jan Drucki-Lubecki gave to the movement a plot of land near Warsaw to develop their work: this became Niepokalanów (The City of the Immaculatae). Here the community flourished, publishing prolifically, and soon its influence spread across Poland and much of Europe.

In 1930 Kolbe travelled with four of his brothers to Nagasaki, Japan. There they bought a second plot of land and built a friary there before soon publishing another journal, provoking curiosity and interest in the city.

Six years later Kolbe returned again to Poland. By now Niepokalanów was producing nine journals with huge print runs. Kolbe viewed it not as a business, but as "a modern workshop of the improvement of man". When war broke out, he sent his brothers away, but remained there himself. He was soon arrested after using his journals and radio station to speak out against the Nazis. At Auschwitz he was known discreetly to give his own food to other prisoners, even as his own health crumbled, to hear confessions and, in the face of stern prohibitions, to celebrate Mass. It was late in July 1941 that a prisoner in his own block escaped, and now Kolbe stepped forward to make his sacrifice.

In the starvation cell six of the ten who had been selected died within two weeks. Kolbe was still fully conscious when, on the eve of the Assumption of Mary, 14th August 1941, he was killed by lethal injection.

The cell where he died is now a shrine. Maximilian Kolbe was beatified as Confessor by Paul VI in 1970, and canonized as Martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

In the words of St John Paul II, St Maximilian Kolbe is a saint for our modern times. I encourage you to say a prayer asking for his intercession. He is my favourite saint, and as such I can testify to the fact that he is a powerful heavenly friend to have!

St Maximilian Kolbe, Saint of Auschwitz, pray for us!

God bless you,

Fr Benedict

### 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  
**Kathleen Hannan &  
Elizabeth Clancy RIP**

**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 Eva Soto & Victoria Clare Almeida Bellamy 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:

John Ireson, Fiona Ersahin, Muriel Sinnott, Fr. John Burns, Peter Wright, Pat Henderson, 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.

**The Assumption:** This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Normally this would be a Holy Day of Obligation, it falls on the Sunday so will not require us to make a special day during the week. Weather permitting, we look forward to a Picnic in the Pump Rooms after the 11 am Mass. The bell ringers have offered to serenade us with a peal of bells and at 2pm there will be Proms in the Park at the Bandstand to celebrate an anniversary of the British Legion. As we contemplate the life and special role of Mary as the Mother of Jesus her example is a constant inspiration to us and through her maternal intercession as Queen of Heaven we know she has a special place for each one of us in her heart.

**Existing Parishioners:** It is over 5 years since we had our last Census and people's contact details and information can often change. I do not have any details of parishioners who attend or live in the parish of Our Lady's Church at all so it would be helpful if those who are online could send their contact and address details. Similarly if you are a parishioner at St Peter's Church. I will put some leaflets out to complete for me if you are not online. Start date will be 1st September 2021 for the month

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

**Wedding:** Congratulations to **Sophie Robertson** and **Charlie Peden** who were married at St. Peter's yesterday (14th August 2021). May the Lord guide and protect them as they start their new life together.

**Baptism:** We welcome into God's family **Niamh Nalci** who will be Baptised at St. Peter's today (Sunday 15th August).

**Harvest Supper:** Saturday 18th September 2021 at Our Lady's Church Upper Hall starting at 6pm. (6pm) the dinner will be Lasagne, garlic bread, salad and a glass or two of wine. The cost is £10 per person. Limited to 30 people. Fr John will be cooking with a few helpers. Please bring a gift for the raffle.

**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

**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.

**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.

**Welcome News:** I would like to welcome the Sparrow family who have recently moved to Leamington. They arrived a few months ago and after renting for a while have found what they hope will be their forever home. Stephen is a Hedge Fund Manager who can work from home, his wife Gillian is not a Catholic but is interested in learning about the faith. They watched mass via live stream online during the pandemic.

**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'.

**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**.