

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday 19th September 2021

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### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 19th September

*Twenty Five Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**9:00:** Fiona Ersahin RIP

**5:30:** Joe & Rose McGreevy

#### Monday 20th

**7:00:** John Ireson RIP

#### Tuesday 21st

**NO MASS TODAY**

#### Thursday 23rd

**7:00:** June Arran RIP

#### Friday 24th

**NO MASS TODAY**

#### Saturday 25th

**NO MASS TODAY**

#### Sunday 26th

*Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**9:00:** Molly Hanrahan's Intentions

**5:30:** Mary McGivern RIP

#### Confessions:

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

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

**St Joseph's :** On Request

#### Saints of the week

##### *Monday 20th September*

*Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

##### *Tuesday 21st*

*Feast of the St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist*

##### *Thursday 23rd*

*Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

##### *Friday 24th*

*Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham*

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

**Mass Intentions:** Please be aware the **earliest availability for Sunday 11am Mass at St. Peter's is in the New Year.**

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

#### Saturday 18th September

**SP 9:30:** John Salt RIP

**OL: 5:00:** John Ireson RIP

#### Sunday 19th

*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**SP 9:00:** People of the Parish

**SP 11:00:** Mary Murphy

**SP:3:00: *Baptism: Maya Waters***

#### Monday 20th

**SP 9:30:** Fr. Benedict Skipper

**SP: 5:00: *Holy Hour and Confessions***

**SP: 6:00:** John Ireson RIP

#### Tuesday 21st

**SP 11:00:** All the Faithful Departed

#### Wednesday 22nd

**NO MASS TODAY**

#### Thursday 23rd

**SP: 9:30: *Requiem Mass: Mary McGivern***

**SP: 2:00: *Wedding: Jodie Murphy & Nicholas Vince***

#### Friday 24th

**SP: 11:00:** John Daly RIP

#### Saturday 25th

**SP 9:30:** Peter & Margaret Dimambro (50th Wedding Anniversary)

**OL: 5:00:** Kitty Ryan RIP

#### Sunday 26th

*Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**SP 9:00:** People of the Parish

**SP 11:00:** Sheila Insua

**SP:3:00: *Baptism: Reign & Roman Webb***

#### The recently deceased of our Churches:

Ian Williams, Michael Patterson, Paul Bidmead, Una Forde, Mary McGivern, Mick O'Driscoll, Nuala Scarisbrick, Muriel Sinnott, John Ireson.

*May they rest in peace.*

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Leslie Newton, Peter Hales, Ray Handford, Bernard Bergonzi, Jane Kirby, William Ryan, Nora Harris, Salvatore Lazzara, Michael Brady, David Caves, Eileen Howe, George Morgan, Ethel Canty, Ernest Brazier, Giullietta Brown, Jean Blake, Babs Dunbar, Max Dunn, Mgr. Michael McTernan, Canon David Mellor, Canon Leo Twiney, Canon Albert Adams, Canon Peter Reilly, Fr. John Lopes, Fr. Alan Holtham, Fr. Peter Lees, Fr. John Steward, Fr. John Hanrahan, Fr. John Roddy, Fr. Bernard McAllister, Fr. John Love, Fr. Peter Lloyd, Fr. John Bale, Fr. Gordon Bancks, Fr. Paul Orchard, Deacon Michael McCormack. *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:** Sofiane Rebika, Sheila Ireland, 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: **Grace Isaac's Birthday Intentions**

Dear Parishioners,

This was my recent contribution to Our Lady & St. Teresa's School Newsletter for the Thanksgiving of the Harvest and I thought that I would share it with you all.

"During the first Lockdown in 2020 many people discovered how enjoyable it can be to do some gardening. Children especially take an interest in what is growing. Who can grow the tallest sunflower? Who can grow the heaviest pumpkin? It can be very exciting to look after and nurture your plants.

At our first school Mass of the year at Our Lady and St Teresa's we gave thanks for the Harvest. It was an opportunity to think about the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is produced. Nowadays we can be almost unaware of the food chain and the effort needed to produce our food when we buy it in the shop.

When I was a child, I recall the Harvest Festival at School. There was no Catholic School where I lived so I attended a state school in the London Borough of Harrow in northwest London. It was a very big school. I think there were over 500 children in the Primary School and about 200 in the Infants. Our Harvest Festival display was enormous and filled the entire area of the stage in our school hall. In the centre of the display a local baker produced an artistic loaf of bread shaped like the sheaves of wheat. There were tins of food stacked up in walls, fresh produce at the front on tables, homemade food like cakes and biscuits, home crafted goods. Bottles of chutney and jam. It was an amazing sight. In the school assembly we sang Harvest hymns like All Things Bright and Beautiful, We Plough the Fields and Scatter, Come ye Thankful People Come, Praise my soul the King of Heaven. The local Priest or Vicar would come and bless the food before it was distributed to the needy. I bet some of the home-made cakes and biscuits found their way into the staffroom! (For a donation of course).

It is good for the children to learn to say "please" and "thank you" and especially to say a prayer of thanksgiving for the food they eat. Eating together is something they do at school, but it is not always possible at home. However, try to eat together as a family when you can. The conversation is always interesting. It helps us to learn to share and to serve others before ourselves.

There are many different prayers and graces to say before food. These can be said slowly or very fast depending on how hungry we are! Before we eat it is good to give thanks to God for our food, for those who prepared it, produced it and for those who don't have much food.

Nowadays our surplus food goes to the Foodbank where it is distributed to the needy. It is good to share our excess food with those who have nothing. There is enough food for everyone."

Every Blessing,

Father John Cross

## 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:** Only three are now left for 2021, 14th November, 5th & 12th December, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle  
burns for  
Margaret Copson

**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

**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.

**Welcome:** Fr. Noel is on Holiday next week and we welcome Fr. Chris Greaney who will very kindly be saying Mass for us on Monday 20th, Thursday 23rd and Sunday 26th September. **There will be no Mass on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Friday 24th or Saturday 25th September.**

**Second Collection:** This week, 19th September for Catholic Evangelisation/Home Mission at all Churches. Next week there will be a collection at all Churches for Father Hudson's

**Church Flowers:** Are there any keen flower arrangers in our Congregation who would like to help by joining the very small flower arranging team here at St. Joseph's. We would appreciate any help! Please contact Jill on 01926 424372 for further details.

**Art Group:** The Art Group has restarted in St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Wednesdays at 9:30am, all welcome so do come along.

**Irish Traditional Music Classes:** for children aged 7 years and upwards start back on Friday 17 September in St. Joseph's School, Rowley Road, Whitnash (after school). This is run in conjunction with the Leamington Spa branch of Comhaltas. All in Leamington and beyond welcome. Come and give it a try. Contact Carmel Burke on [irishtradmusic4all@gmail.com](mailto:irishtradmusic4all@gmail.com)

**Wedding Congratulations:** Congratulations to Jurgita Liutkeviciute & Jatinder Singh who were married at our Church on Friday 17th September. May we wish them every happiness as they start their new life together.

**"Come and See"** and learn about the Catholic Faith. Do you have a relative, friend, neighbour, work colleague who might be interested in finding out what being a Catholic is all about? He/she could be a non-Catholic or a non-churchgoing Catholic. Would you like to refresh your own Faith? Our weekly "Come and See" sessions will be starting on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**, hopefully in the parish centre. Contact Margaret on 01926 428399, or email [rcia.cathleam@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.cathleam@gmail.com) to register interest or for more information. More details also available at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/exploring-the-catholic-faith.html>

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

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## 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 Sparrows:** We all have a bath in the bird bath but as you can imagine there is a pecking order. First Dad, then mum, then the rest of us one by one. There's nothing like a good scrub followed by a good flap and drenching in the water. By the time we have finished there is hardly any water left. Thankfully someone always refills the bowl when it is empty.

Best tweets, Sparrow. \*\*\*

**St. Vincent de Paul Talk:** This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will be telling you about their history and the work that they do in parish. It will be a brief talk at each Mass and a chance to talk to the members afterwards. If you are not at the Mass but would like to know more, please contact David Burton on 07713 246987

**Can you Help?** Can you spare a few hours to help out in and around the Church of St. Peter's. We need 2 representatives to look after **Health & Safety, General Handyman**—fixing/repairing, putting things up/taking things down, etc. **Gardeners**, did you see the consultation a few weeks ago for the Parish Youth Programme, comments and thoughts are very much appreciated.

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

**Baptisms at St. Peter's:** We welcome into God's Family: **Maya Waters** who was Baptised 19th September. May the Lord Bless and keep her.

**Job Opportunity :** Gardener required to cut hedges, weed and general handyman work. Please contact St. Peter's Parish Office on 01926 423824 for further information.

**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.

**URGENT! - EXTRA Newsletter:** Brian Austin would very much like to have some help in assisting with collecting material and putting EXTRA together each month, as he is now on his own! If you are computer literate and you may be able to give a couple of hours each month, please let him know at [catholicleamington.extra@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@rcaob.org.uk)

**SfG: Volunteers needed:** Our Saturday Friendship Group (sfg) works with the Salvation Army Way Ahead Project for those living on the margins. This has kept going all through the pandemic. But, now, from Monday 20th, normal working is going to be resumed, but to do so, **more volunteers are needed**, especially for Saturday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, usually every other week. Can you help? Do you feel called to this voluntary work? It's very rewarding and you will be trained. If so, please email [cl.jandp@gmail.com](mailto:cl.jandp@gmail.com) for more information and to register your interest. Thank you.

**Season of Creation:** DATES TO NOTE: Creation Day - Sunday, 19th September, Creation Sunday - Saturday, 25th September, Creation Season Walk - Sunday, 26th September, Choir Concert - Monday, 4th October, St Francis of Assisi.

**Marriage Thanksgiving Mass:** The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday 9th October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk) for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation.

**SPAN:** At our open SPAN meeting we confirmed the action of the committee, over the break, to respond to immediate financial assistance for six families, supplying food vouchers; sending £ 250 via the SVP at St Joseph's who have been supporting 6 families over the last few months with 1 family moving into new accommodation and requiring further help. At this time of year, we also send £ 300 to priests: Fr Frederick Kasozi, Otumbari, Arua, Uganda and Fr Gabriel Mwanza, Chadiza, Zambia for their pastoral work in their communities. The meeting wanted to respond to the plight of refugees and so agreed £ 300 to Welcome Here – supporting local Afghan and other refugees and £ 300 to Circle of Friends – a new response within Warwick Deanery to help Syrian refugees arriving soon. To find out how to add to this support see our website: [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/SPAN](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/SPAN) or use the SPAN envelopes in our churches.

**Tree walk in Jephson gardens to celebrate the season of creation:** On Saturday 25 September 3-4 pm. Meet at the gates that are opposite the Pump rooms. Please come along for a guided stroll around the gardens and find out about the special trees that grow there.

**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 this Sunday 11th September 2021 for the month.

**Retrouvaille Courses:** Has COVID-19 had an impact on your marriage? Do you feel alone or frustrated in your marriage? Have you lost closeness in your Marriage? Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Do you have stress in your Marriage? For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend on ...21stst – 24th October 2021. Call or text +44788 7296983/+440797 3380443 Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**The Bible Timeline Course:** Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, world-wide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @7pm. Info & Registration: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**St. Peter's Choir:** "The combined choirs of Catholic Leamington are performing a concert for the Season of Creation, with readings from Laudato Si, on Sunday 26 September at St Peter's Church at 7.30. Save the date!!"

**Parish Update:** Please complete and return the parish update form available as you leave church from this weekend. Take one form for each household and return as soon as possible either in the boxes at the back of St Peter's or Our Lady's or to St Peter's presbytery. It is also being made available on the parish website if you would rather complete it online. This is a vital way to continue the rebuilding of Catholic Leamington for St Peter's and Our Lady's.

**The September EXTRA** is now on the parish website newsletter page [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter). A special Season of Creation edition, including: An Ecological Examen, Exploring the Catholic Faith, Season of Creation, Care for our Earth, LiveSimply Parish, Recycling for Good Causes, Green Energy, ecological conversion, Tree Walk, Synodality, Something Greater, Thanksgiving for Marriage, St Vincent de Paul. 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, 30th September**.



Talk to our Specialist Leaders about their strong partnership links with some of the best performing schools in the country.

Listen to our newly appointed Headteacher share her ambitions and goals for the future of our school

Ask our students about their learning journey from Year 7 through to Sixth Form and how they have formed friendships for life.

# Open Evening

22 SEPTEMBER 2021  
6-8PM

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