

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 21st November 2021

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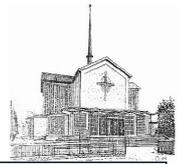
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St Joseph's

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9:00: In Thanksgiving for Our Priests.

5:30: Michael McMahon RIP;

Deceased members of the McGrath Family.

Monday 22nd

7:00: Josie De Courcy RIP;

Elaine Murphy RIP

Tuesday 23rd

9:30: Derrick Bowler Birthday Anniversary;

Rodrick Harrison Birthday Anniversary

Thursday 25th

7:00: Holy Souls

Friday 26th

9:30: Michael Murphy;

Anna Kutty Chako

Saturday 27th

9:30: Mary O'Connor RIP;

James Farrell RIP

Sunday 28th

First Sunday of Advent

9:00: James Drumgoole RIP Anniversary

5:30: Holy Souls

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 20th November

SP 9:30: People of the Parish & Holy Souls

OL: 5:00: Sean Kearon & Holy Souls

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SP 9:00: Martin Wall

SP 11:00: Thomas Riley RIP & Holy Souls

SP: 1:00: Baptism: Luna Faulkner

Monday 22nd

SP: 9:30: Mike Murphy

Tuesday 23rd

SP 11:00: Sheila Skidmore

Wednesday 24th

OL: 12:00: Delfino Family & Holy Souls

Thursday 25th

SP: 11:00: Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP

Friday 26th

SP: 11:00: Heather Scott & Holy Souls

Saturday 27th

SP 9:30: Alfreda McHale

OL: 5:00: People of the Parish & Holy Souls

Sunday 28th

First Sunday in Advent

SP 9:00: Christa Marie Cross RIP

SP 11:00: Carlota Sa

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Annie Gleeson, Laurence Treacy, Pauline Shakeshaft nee Kelly, Barbara McGrath, Mary O'Connor, Beryl Hartnett.

May they rest in peace.

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 22nd November

Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

Tuesday 23rd November

Opt. Memorial of St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr

Opt. Memorial of St. Columban, Abbot, Missionary

Wednesday 24th

Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday 25th

Opt. Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Hanora Kennedy, Alice Galvin, William Connolly, Eileen High, Sandra Mattingley, Patrick Clarke, Josephine Williams, Elizabeth Hales, Brian McCann, William Markham, David Carr, Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Canon Maurice Woulfe, Canon Augustine Emery, Fr. Francis Lockett, Fr. Gerry Jackson, Fr. David Higham, Fr. Michael Connolly, Fr. Edward Neary, Deacon Pat Linthwaite **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: Peter Simmons, 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: **Nuala Scarisbrick RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It marks the last Sunday in the Liturgical year of the Church and draws to a close with a flourish the variety of Religious Practices which make up the foundation of our Faith.

This last year and the year before our Faith has been tested in ways we could never have imagined. We have had to be extremely careful and continue to be innovative in the ways of staying safe. Now we attend Mass wearing a mask, Holy Water has been replaced with hand sanitiser, 2 metre distancing, no singing, no physical sign of Peace and so on have tested us and by taking extra care we have come through the worst of it. If anything our conclusion is that life is full of changes and the only way forward is to have Faith in the Will of God.

Our last Sunday of the year is an expression of our Faith in God as well as God's Will for us that we might be saved by the Sacrifice of Jesus. Here is our true salvation. This is the Faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it.

Advent begins next Sunday. We have the Walk With Me Booklets and calendars to distribute this weekend. The Parish has to pay for these booklets so a contribution of £1 would be gratefully received. Please place your contributions in the Piety box.

The Synodal process continues to make progress. Those who volunteered to assist us are seeking ways to assist us to speak about how we see the Mission of the Church.

Over the last few weekends we have seen the launch of the Christmas Voucher Scheme from SPAN as well as the Christmas Hampers Programme from the SVP. SPAN is seeking a financial donation via the envelope you will find at the entrance to Church. The SVP are looking for donations of tins etc and especially Christmassy gift items for their hampers. The shops are full of such items at the moment so I am sure we can all make a Donation to help the poor in our Parish in one way or another.

As the Liturgical year draws to a close we have much to be thankful for during a time that has been difficult for us all. Let us spend a while in Church or at home this weekend in a Prayer of Thanksgiving to God for the blessing we have received and pray that our Faith has been nourished and enriched by the gift of God's never ending love.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: On Sunday 19th December at 7.30. JOY TO THE WORLD. St Peter's choir would like to invite you to a family evening of joyful Christmas Music. Carols and Readings. **Free Entry** with a retiring collection for **Zoe's Place Baby Hospice** and **Papyrus** prevention of young suicide.

Advent Retreat

Preparing to welcome Jesus at Christmas in a new way

St Peter's Parish Centre on Saturday 27th November. The optional Mass at 9.30am is followed by coffee before we start at 10.30am and end by 3.30pm. Please bring your own bible and a packed lunch. Drinks will be available.

To cover the cost of using the hall there is an entry charge of £5 (cash).

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: The candle is now fully booked for this year, dates are available for 2022 from 30th January, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for:

The Intentions of the Conlon & McHugh Families

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.

Missio Red Boxes: Empty Missio boxes are now available to collect from the Narthex.

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

Friday Coffee Morning: These have now restarted in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome so please come along.

Chair Yoga: The benefits of an active lifestyle are well known and documented. It's often said that "exercise is the best medicine". Luckily, chair yoga is an effective and assessable form of exercise for everyone. Using your chair for seated poses or balancing poses, you can take advantage of the many benefits yoga provides, such as increased circulation; feelings of well-being; decreases in blood pressure, anxiety, inflammation and chronic pain. Classes for all beginners are at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Wednesdays, 1—1:45pm. Contact Ildiko for details on 07933 951794 or email ildiko@salsaukdancers.co.uk

Second Collection: There will be a second Collection at all Churches today for Catholic Youth Service, there will be a collection next week at St. Joseph's for the SVP

Music Group: Can you play the Organ, Keyboard or Guitar or do you like to sing? If so, the music group at St. Joseph's needs you to help and support the singing at Mass. For more information, please contact Brian Malone on 07724 845801 or email brijen1@hotmail.co.uk

November—Month of the Holy Souls: Envelopes are available at the back of Church in which you can place the names of your deceased loved ones together with your donation and then place in the box provided. Holy Mass will be offered for them during November.

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary: This has now started at 8:30am on Saturday mornings.

Mass for the deceased of the Parish: This will take place on Thursday 25th November at 7pm. The names of the Parishioners whose Funeral Service was held here at St. Joseph's during the last 12 months will be read out and also on display in the Parish Remembrance book.

Walk With Me: The Advent booklets are now available in the Narthex.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk , Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk. 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**** - Are on Holiday this week but will return next week with tales of their exploits. Best Tweets, Sparrow.

Parish Lunch: 19th December 2021 a Christmas Sunday Lunch in the Main Hall at St. Peter's after the 11am Mass. The cost is £20 per person which includes a 3 course meal and glass of wine. Sign up sheet at the back of the Church.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2022: We would like to invite all the Children who are in Year 3 and attend a non-Catholic School to register with the Parish Office at stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk for First Holy Communion in 2022. The deadline to register is 6th January 2022.

Something Greater: Please see Newsletter Extra for current news. Prayer bookmarks are available at the back of church

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 for more information and to register your interest. Thank you.

Parish Update: - *for all parishioners of St Peter's and Our Lady's.* Please complete and return the Catholic Leamington Parish Update form available at the back of St Peter's and Our Lady's. 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 available on the parish website if you would rather complete it online. This is a vital way to continue the rebuilding of our Catholic community and update our parish records at the same time.

Live simply parish group: - Our Recycling for Good Causes is at St Peter's at the moment – please check your drawers and cupboards for old mobile phones/tablets/cameras/ coins/stamps and jewellery. We have already got a cheque for £87 to go to CAFOD! - so many thanks to those who have already had a clear out and keep up the good work. The more we get the more CAFOD can help those in need.

Friday Luncheon Club: If enough parishioners are interested, we might hold our usual Christmas get together on Friday 4th December at 1pm. at Simons Place. This has now been taken over and has new owners, and the venue is big enough for us to spread out. If you are interested, please phone Carmel on 01926 859303, and leave a message, and I will get back to you. This, of course, depends entirely whether we are in lockdown or not.

Young Adults Group (18-30): We're so excited to be able to bring in 2022 together at NEW. This will be a retreat filled with friendship, community, fun, prayer & learning as we enter into a NEW year from the 31st December - 2nd January at Trinity Catholic High School in Woodford Green, London. Book NOW! youth2000.churchsuite.co.uk/events/vxjhconq

SPAN: Our meeting agreed to send £ 250 for appeals from: the Orchid Project - female genital cutting (FGC) is practiced in 90 countries in Africa, Asia and Middle East, OP work with communities to change this not religious but cultural practice; Tanzania Development Trust enabling water access through using hand drills and water pumps; Children of the Dump helping neglected children in Manila, Philippines, an International Refugee Trust project supporting the "Italian Hospitals" in Karak and Amman, Jordan, run by the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation and the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

SPAN's Christmas Supermarket Voucher Appeal: see Nov EXTRA for details. . A Just Giving donation page is available www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanxmasappeal21 you can also Gift Aid this donation at the same time.

Christmas Cards: sending a warm message to isolated parishioners: Last Christmas the SVP, SPAN and Kindaid sent cards to housebound parishioners, those in Nursing Homes, or those effectively isolating, and it would be good to do the same this year. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a religious card, please let us know, in confidence, their name and address. Please contact Peter May on 01926 421785 (SVP) or Jeanette Davison on 01926 424529 (SPAN).

Synodality: Please contact Paul Hayden a.s.a.p. if you could assist on a Parish Steering Group on Synodality. paulhayden444@gmail.com A Parish webpage on the Synod is now active, please visit www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/Synod for more information and look at the ten areas for reflection. There will be Parish meetings on Synodality in the New Year.

CAFOD World Gifts: Word Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will help transform the lives of families living in poverty. If you are asked what you would like for Christmas you can say, "A World Gift from CAFOD please". Or you might like to give them to others and they will delight the people you give them to. Please see the range and order online at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk as there only a limited number of catalogues at the back of the church.

Synodality: Anyone interested in Synodality or the future of our Diocese is welcome to join a Zoom talk and discussion with Eric Kirwan, Chief Operating Officer of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, on "the Diocesan Plan" at 7 pm Wednesday 24th November, organized by Birmingham ACTA. Please email actabhm@gmail.com to register and receive the Zoom link

Circle of friends- Warwick: is a Community sponsorship project, set up by parishioners from St Mary Immaculate (Warwick) and St Charles Borromeo (Hampton on the Hill) and have committed to welcoming a refugee family to Warwick, helping them settle and start to make a new life here. They are trying to fundraise £10,000 to "Sponsor" a family. If you wish to make a donation please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/circleoffriendswarwick> or to find out more information visit <https://www.stmary-immaculate.org.uk/circle-of-friends.html>

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace: Rosary intention for November is: 'We pray that as individuals, parishes and a diocese, we may play our part in furthering the aims of COP26'

Your pre-Christmas November EXTRA is now available. Go to our website page www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter and scroll down. Again, thanks to our contributors. In this edition we have: SPAN Christmas Appeal; SVP Christmas Hampers; J&P Christmas Card campaigns; Webpage: Pastoral letter; The Synod; Foodbank; Something Greater; CAP Money Course ; Recycling; CAFOD online talks; and World Gifts. **The deadline for the December EXTRA is Tuesday 30th November.** Please limit your contributions to 250 words. Send to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com And we need someone else to help. Thank you.

St Joseph's

St. Joseph 50 Year's Anniversary: On 21st November 1971, The Feast of Christ the King, the first Mass was offered in this Church, so this year marks our 50th Anniversary. With the difficulties and restrictions experience since March 2020 it was a problem as to how we would celebrate this milestone. However, I have a date for your diary, on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7pm we will have a Concelebrated Mass with the main celebrant a former Parish Priest and now the Bishop of Northampton, Rt. Rev. David Oakley followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. **We would be grateful for any donations of cakes & biscuits, either homemade or shop bought.**

Christmas Gifts & Cards: There is a selection of Christmas Gift & Cards in the Narthex, please put the money in the Piety box on the wall.

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