

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday 27th February 2022

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#### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 27th February

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00:** Albert & Clementina Pacitti Anniversary

**11:00: Baptism: Archer Gurney**

**5:30:** Michael MacMahon RIP

#### Monday 28th

**9:30:** John Ireson RIP

#### Tuesday 1st March

**9:30:** Joe Sweeney RIP

#### Wednesday 2nd—Ash Wednesday

**9:30:** Monsignor John Heslin RIP

#### Thursday 3rd

**9:30:** People of the Parish

#### Friday 4th

**9:30:** Beatrice Dowding 100th Birthday

#### Saturday 5th

**9:30:** Myrtle & Peggy Keating RIP

#### Sunday 6th

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00:** Jeff Knock

**5:30:** Cillian Boyle RIP

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

#### Saturday 26th February

**SP: 10.00:** Margaret & Family

**SP: 5.00:** Pat O'Connell

#### Sunday 27th

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SP 9:00:** Anthony Lambert

**SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass**

**OL: 10:00:** Tom Mulleague

**SP 11:00:** Mike & John Godwin RIP

#### Monday 28th

**SP: 9:30:** Stephen Bracey \***Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice**\*

**SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass**

**SP: 12:30: Requiem Mass: Margaret Hawthorne RIP**

#### Tuesday 1st March

**SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**SP: 10:30: Rosary**

**SP: 11:00:** People of the Parish

#### Wednesday 2nd—Ash Wednesday

**SP:10:00:** Albert Hohenberg RIP

**OL: No Coffee Morning or Holy Hour before Mass**

**OL: 12:00:** Babs Robinson

**SP: 7:00:** Stephen Clarke

#### Thursday 3rd

**SP: 11:00:** John Harbison

#### Friday 4th

**SP: 11:00:** John Powers

#### Saturday 5th

**SP: 10:00:** Thomas Riemister RIP

**SP: 5:00:** Christina Meredith

#### Sunday 6th

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SP 9:00:** Alberto Dimambro

**SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass**

**OL: 10:00:** In Thanksgiving (Children's Liturgy)

**SP: 11.00:** Maureen Wall (Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP)

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

Daphne Turner, Elizabeth McDermott, Matthew "Martin" O'Regan, Fr Gabriel Maguire CSsR, Rev. Graham Coles, Mgr. John Heslin, Anthony O'Mahoney, Margaret Kennedy, Margaret Hawthorne, Dan Kelly, James "Harry" Doway, Denis O'Halloran  
**May they rest in peace.**

#### **Saints of the week**

**Monday 28th February**

**Opt. Memorial of St. Oswald, Bishop**

**Tuesday 1st March**

**Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales**

**Friday 4th March**

**Opt. Commemoration of St. Casimir, Patron Saint of Poland**

#### **Confessions:**

**St. Peter's:** Saturdays: 9:15—9:45am, 4:15—4:45pm

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

**St Joseph's:** On Request

#### **Exposition:**

**St. Peter's:** Saturdays: 9 - 10am, Tuesdays: 10 - 10:45am

#### **Morning Prayer:**

**St. Peter's:** Saturdays: 9:40am

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Paddy O'Connor, Fina Monastero, Denis Hunt, Fr. David Cullen, Stanley Godwin, Patrick Campbell, Margaret Smith, Peter Simmons, Sheila Ireland, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Fraser, John Curran, Peter Curran, 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-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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are well.

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley has asked us to read to the Parishioners a Pastoral Letter. It is good to remind ourselves of the role of our Bishop to lead and teach as a successor of the Apostles. This is a huge responsibility and one which needs our prayers and special attention as he communicates the message of the Gospel to his flock.

At this time we are conscious of the precarious situation in the Ukraine where the population is being forced to accept the will of President Putin as he takes control of their country. Here is the message of the leader of the Ukraine Orthodox Church Metropolitan Onufriy of Kyiv to President Putin.

"Defending the sovereignty and integrity of Ukraine we appeal to the President of Russia and ask him to immediately stop the fratricidal war. The Ukrainian and Russian peoples came out of the Dnieper Baptismal font and the war between these peoples is a repetition of the Sin of Cain who killed his own brother out of envy. Such a war has no justification from God or from people."

Metropolitan Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church called on his people "to raise a deep and fervent Prayer for the rapid restoration of peace."

Archbishop Bernard Longley has asked all Churches in the Diocese to offer a special day of Prayer for Ukraine as well as a Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice which will be on Monday 28th February at 10am.

#### Lent

On Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. The ashes will be blessed and distributed at our Masses in Church and in the schools where this has been arranged.

Please check the Mass Schedule for the times of Mass in Church. The Walk With Me booklets are available for a £1 donation per booklet, as well as a limited number of calendars for Children, please place the donation in the Piety box.

On the reserve of the Newsletter you will find a printed sheet with the times and days where we shall be offering some extra events. I have to say that normally the attendance of Stations of the Cross is not always as strong as it might be and if we were to make one resolution this year it might be to make that extra effort to attend Stations of the Cross, the CAFOD soup lunch, the reflection on Scripture, weekday Mass and not forgetting the Sacrament of Confession which is our means of forgiveness, reconciliation, healing and peace.

Let us Pray for each other on our Lenten journey.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

### St Joseph's

**Church Re-opening:** From today, Sunday 27th February, the Church will be re-open for Mass, however there will be no heating so wrap up warm. Please note the Monday Mass will remain at 9:30am & Thursday Mass will return to 7pm.

Mass will be at the following times, Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:30am & Thursdays at 7pm. Sundays at 9am & 5:30pm.



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle  
burns this week for:  
**Paddy, Teresa &  
Ann Sugrue RIP**

**Live Streaming will not be available.**

Confessions will be heard on request.

#### **Our Lady's 7 Day Candle**

**Intentions for 2022:** Dates are available from 27th March, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.  
Sunday

**WW (Formerly Weight Watchers):** A new group has started in St. Joseph's Parish Centre every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

**SVP:** Foodbank Donations may be left at the Presbytery or in the box by the door at 4 Peto Grove, Warwick Gates, CV34 6GT. Thank you.

**Dates for your Diary: Confirmations** with His Grace Archbishop Longley will be on Sunday 20th March at 11am.

**First Holy Communions** with Fr. Noel Breslin will be on Sunday 12th June at 11am. **Ash Wednesday** is on 2nd March, Mass at 9:30am. **Easter Sunday** is on 17th April, Mass at 9am.

**Lectio Divina:** Monthly restarting in the Holy Family Room at St. Joseph's on Monday 7th March, 10:30 - 11:30am and each first Monday of the month ongoing. For more information contact Paddy Close on 07557 964347 or email [paddy.close@icloud.com](mailto:paddy.close@icloud.com).

**Second Collection:** There is a Second Collection this week for Cathedral Maintenance.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the Church Evan Thomas and Archer Gurney who are being Baptised this weekend. Sunday Collections: From the first Sunday of Lent, 6th March, we will be reintroducing the collectors taking the collections at the Offertory.

**Ash Wednesday:** is this week, 2nd March and Mass will be at 9:30am in the Church together with the School.

**Walk with Me Booklets:** These are available free in the Narthex, please help yourself.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Dermot Murphy, Bartholomew Leahy, Florence Dadson, Catherine Doyle, Thomas Mulleague, Bernadette Parker, Patrick Keegan, Nunzia Arena, John Thurlow, Isabel Thurlow, Mary Duggan, Catherine Collins, Paul Reszka, Zofia Domicewicz, Karen Wright, Ann Hopkins, Thomas Bannon, Paddy Sugrue, Cath Canning, Henry Griffin, Catherine Lane, Thomas Russell, Mary Hendry, Claire Lawson, John Ryan, Ester Rainbow, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr. Vincent Kennedy, Fr. George Brewster, Fr. George Tarrant, Fr. John Flynn, Fr. William Diver, Fr. Denis McGuinness, Fr. Denis Murphy, Fr. Douglas Carter, Fr. John Pinkman, Fr. Robert Wright. **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.**

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email [sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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\*\*** - This morning we were rudely awoken by a human with a blower machine, which makes a terrible noise. He just seemed to blow the leaves onto the verge and 10 minutes later a gust of wind blew all them all back onto the path. What a waste of time. Annoyed tweets, Clement Sparrow.

**St. Peter's Maintenance News:** This year we plan to have the outside of the West end of the Church repaired. Some years ago we had a section of stone banding come down, along with unusual movement in the brickwork we have decided that this year we will replace the piece of stone banding which broke off, investigate the movement of the brickwork, repoint the stone, brickwork and the coping stones. There will need to be scaffolding up during this work and we plan to carry it out after the summer holidays. The cost of the works will be £13,274.40. If you would like to contribute to these works please either speak to Fr. John after Mass, email the Parish Office or post your contribution through the Presbytery letterbox. If you wish to donate via contactless, online or by BACS please let the office know so we can allocate your contribution. There will be more information made available next month.

**Jumble Sale - Catholic Leamington:** St Peter's Parish Centre Saturday 26th February From 1pm to 3pm. Refreshments provided. Please bring any 'goodish' jumble to the Parish Centre on Friday 25th at 1pm. Contact: Mary Curran 07711 794 049.

**Readers for 5pm Saturday Mass at St Peters:** Now that Saturday evening masses have returned to St Peters, we are keen as soon as possible to set up a readers' rota for the weeks ahead. The liturgy of the word is such an important part of the celebration of our mass and we want to encourage as many of you who would like to, to play a part in it. We especially want to encourage younger readers (and their parents or guardians!) to help us celebrate this part of the mass and to help us hear the word of our Lord. For those who have not read at mass before, training will be provided with the opportunity to practise reading in the Church before mass.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the readers' rota – please contact Paul & Yvonne Milton – in the first instance by email: [paulmilton04@gmail.com](mailto:paulmilton04@gmail.com) or by phone on 0790 447 2590.

**Lenten Retreat:** Extravagant Love A quiet day reflecting on Luke 7. 36-50 in the hall, on Saturday 2nd April from 10.00 -3.00, bring your own lunch, donations welcome £5 suggested. Please contact Anne on 01926 882654 to book.

**Young Adults Group (18-30):** Aged between 16-24? Claiming Universal Credit? Looking for a job in Leamington? Fiat Fertility Care Ltd are recruiting for a Marketing and Admin Support person. Details here: <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/details/7572708?fbclid=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvKQ7S29vTZTOOgUzIEn1VHsE-cLmEqanrOq67cwo>

**Catholic Leamington Young Adults Group:** The Young Adults Group is open to all Catholics between the ages of 18-30. You would be most welcome. We meet on the Second Monday of the month, 7pm at St Peter's Church. Our group meets for a talk in the parish hall, or a time of prayer in church, followed by a social time together. This is our program for the next few months:

- Monday 14th March - a talk by Fr Benedict on the life and martyrdom of St Maximilian Kolbe
- Monday 11th April - a guided Holy Hour lead by Fr Sean Gough
- Monday 9th May - speaker to be confirmed

Monday 13th June - Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart followed by a BBQ

For more information please visit <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/young-adults-18-30.html> or contact Rose on [rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com)

**St. Peter's Sunday Lunch:** Following on from the success of the Christmas Dinner at St. Peter's last year, we have restarted the monthly Sunday Lunch. This will take place on the last Sunday of the month with the next dinner being on Sunday 27th March at 1pm after the 11am Mass. The 3 course Sunday dinner will cost £15-00 per person. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of St. Peter's and Our Lady's Churches from 1st March.

**This weekend – Church Action on Poverty Sunday:** Our Saturday Friendship Group will be making an announcement this week about their work at the Salvation Army's Way Ahead Project. If working for the homeless and marginalised is something that you feel you might appeal to you, then there will someone at each Mass to talk to about volunteering or contributing with a standing order.

**Children's liturgy:** It's lovely to see families returning to Our Lady's Church now the 10am Sunday Mass is back. The next move is to reintroduce the Children's Liturgy where children take part in their own child friendly versions of the prayers and readings and a practical activity related to the Gospel message. To do this we need volunteers who would be willing to lead or support the sessions.

If you feel able to volunteer or if you would like to know more about what is involved please let Fr John or Jo know after mass (you'll find Jo in the choir).

**Lent Study and Prayer reflections:** God Speaks to us. Come and join us as we reflect and share on the Lent Sunday Gospels. St Peter's Parish Centre on Mondays 3pm to 4.30pm and repeated on Tuesdays 7pm to 8.30pm, starting 7th/8th March with the last on 11th/12th April. There will be the chance to share in small groups. Please bring a bible or a Sunday Missal. No need to book.

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**Parish visiting:** Can you help with visiting; would you like to be visited? Now that home visits can begin again, after nearly two years of Covid restrictions, the Parish Visiting Team and the Welcoming Group are re-starting. They are appealing for new members to join them. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day:** Advance notice that the Fast Day is on Friday March 11th this year. Hopefully we will have soup a rolls again in the Hall after morning Mass.

**Abortion Exposed:** An insight into the abortion industry from ex-MSI international director Kevin Duffy. Come and listen to this talk as well as hearing the inspiring story of a mum who changed her mind part way through an abortion and kept her baby— Sunday 27th February at 2pm in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph & St. Helen's Church, 84 Northfield Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 1JG. For more details contact Isabel on 07773 501721.

**FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT:** Thanks to all the customers of the Traidcraft stall last weekend at Our Lady's - for remembering some cash! We took £70 and it was delightful to see people having a fair trade shop. We are having a stall at St Peter's on Sunday 6th March between the 9 and 11 am masses. Hope to see you then and remember your cash please! In the meantime look for the logo when you go shopping – your guarantee of fairness for the producers.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** On Friday 4th March at 2.00pm the 2022 Women's World day of Prayer Service will be at Holy Trinity Church in Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa. This year's service has been prepared by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme "I know the plans I have for you". All are welcome to this ecumenical event.

**SPAN:** At our February meeting we sent money to our core local and overseas charities and also £ 300 via CAFOD for urgent humanitarian aid for families in Afghanistan. Our minutes can be read on [www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/SPAN](http://www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/SPAN) At the AGM an impressive Review of SPAN activity for 2020 was shared – see website for details and the SPAN committee was re-elected.

**Walking Together/Synodality:** At the start of this month we completed our 7 parish open meetings and collated the Synod Forms that parishioners completed. The process of summarising what had been said for each of the 12 questions around the 'Areas of Reflection' discussed at those meetings, summarising the Synod Forms from our churches, the internet, and our other outreach, and most importantly discerning / praying about what had been written, was completed this week. The next stage, to be completed within 2 weeks is for a report from Catholic Leamington to the parish and the diocese to be drafted and reviewed. Please continue to pray for a fruitful report that we hope will help our parish and our Church. Paul Hayden coordinator of our Walking Together Team.

**World Day of Prayer:** This year the Whitnash WDP service will take place at the Methodist Church, Murcott Road East on Friday 4 March at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if anyone would like to contribute to the service in any way (cake donations would be very welcome!) please contact Anne Buttrum through the Presbytery

### St. Peter's and Our Lady's Lenten Schedule

#### Friday 4th March onwards

6:30pm: SP: Stations of the Cross (lead by Young Adults Group on 11th, 25th March and 8th April)

#### Monday 7th March onwards

10:30am: SP Hall: Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross

3:00pm: SP Hall: Lenten Reflection on Scripture for the coming Sunday (Fr. Christopher)(2 hours)

#### Tuesday 8th March onwards

7:00pm: SP Hall: Lenten Reflection on Scripture for the coming Sunday (1.5 hours)

#### Wednesday 9th March

12:30pm: OL: Hall: Charity Fundraising Soup Lunch

1:30pm: OL: Stations of the Cross

#### Sunday 20th March

5pm: OL: Evening Prayer

#### Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March

Friday 12:00pm - Saturday 12:00pm

#### Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

3pm: SP: Passion Play (1 hour)