

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 6th March 2022

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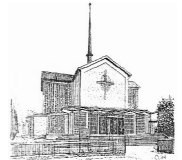
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9:00: Jeff Knock

5:30: Cillian Boyle RIP

Monday 7th

9:30: For the Preservation of Peace and Justice

Tuesday 8th

9:30: Zena Godwin RIP

Thursday 10th

7:00: Elizabeth Cronin RIP

Friday 11th

9:30: Christine Craig

Saturday 12th

9:30: Justin Luke

Sunday 13th

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00: Mary Scullane RIP Birthday Anniversary

5:30: Marian Dowds RIP

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 5th March

SP: 10:00: Thomas Phiemister RIP

SP: 5:00: Christina Meredith

Sunday 6th

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SP 9:00: Alberto Dimambro Mr. Dos Santos RIP

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

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

SP 11:00: Maureen Wall Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP

Monday 7th

SP: 9:30: Anne Purfield

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 8th

SP: 9:30: Paul John White

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

Wednesday 9th

OL: 12:00: Lilian Hodges RIP

OL: 12:30: Soup Lunch followed by Stations of the Cross

Thursday 10th

SP: 11:00: Monica Weld-Richards

Friday 11th

SP: 11:00: Nicola Oates RIP

Saturday 12th

SP: 10:00: Rosa Dimambro

SP: 5:00: Eve Stephens

Sunday 13th

2nd Sunday of Lent

SP 9:00: Phyllis Harrison

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: James Dunne RIP **Children's Liturgy**

SP: 10:30: Stations of Cross in Hall

SP: 11:00: Barbara Robinson RIP Antonio Quirino Spencer

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Margaret Rowlands, Mary Coleman, Dennis Hunt, Betty Keane (in Ireland), Daphne Turner, Elizabeth McDermott, Matthew "Martin" O'Regan, Fr Gabriel Maguire CSsR, Mgr. John Heslin, Anthony O'Mahoney, Margaret Kennedy, Margaret Hawthorne, Dan Kelly.

May they rest in peace.

Second Collection at St. Peter's and Our Lady's Churches this weekend for: **CAFOD Ukraine Emergency Appeal.**

Saints of the week

Monday 7th March

Opt. Commemoration of Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Tuesday 8th March

Opt. Commemoration of St. John of God, Religious

Wednesday 9th March

Opt. Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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, 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, 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

Seven-day candles:

Our Candles burn this week for: **The People of Ukraine**

Dear Parishioners,

The situation in the Ukraine continues to dominate the headlines. On Ash Wednesday I asked for an impromptu collection after the 12 noon and 7pm Masses at Our Lady's and St Peter's and you gave a staggering £820 combined. This was in reaction to the appeal we received that morning from the Polish Church/Centre for items for their HGV lorry delivery. I used the cash to purchase goods and the shopkeepers in the town were incredibly generous once they knew the purpose, giving huge discounts and throwing in goods for free. I felt overwhelmed by their generosity and kindness. It shows how when we do good things God Blesses our efforts.

The request for help continues and there is a list of items needed on the noticeboards of our 3 Churches. After just 3 days, there was enough to fill 2 or more HGV's. We continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine in all their desperate situations, those who are fighting to defend their sovereignty, those who are now refugees, those who have died, those who have lost their loved ones and we ask for an end to war and bloodshed. Hard though it may seem, we must pray for the aggressors that they may end this carnage, as well as the ordinary people of Russia, now caught up in a situation which is not of their own making.

Many thanks to our Pastimes group who raised nearly £1000 last Saturday afternoon for Parish Maintenance at St Peter's with their Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall. There were mountains of clothes, shoes, handbags, bric-a-brac, DVD's, books and so on as well as lots of lovely homemade soup, cakes and biscuits. It was a real community event. We hope to hold a monthly jumble sale in the hall.

During Lent we have plenty of opportunities for spiritual renewal via the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, scripture reflection, stations of the cross, soup, Exposition and not forgetting the Lenten Alms appeals. St Peter's Church is now open from Mass time until 4pm so if you are in town you are very welcome to drop into Church and say a prayer, light a candle. I hope your Lenten resolutions have begun and if things haven't worked out so well in these first few days **Continued Page 3...**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: James Kelly, Chrissie Lane, Margaret Gallagher, Anne Samson (Bergonzi) Suzanne Gordon, Mary McSharry, Kathleen Farrell, Catherine Collins, Paul Reszka, Zofia Domicewicz, Karen Wright, Ann Hopkins, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Mary Wall, John Moore, Patrick McKeown, Eileen Falkous, Catherine Walsh, Virginia Simeone, Doreen Caffery, Michael Kundert, James Dunne, Louisa French, Kathleen Shortall, Canon Peter Taylor, Canon Anthony Allport, Canon Gerard Hanlon, Canon Raymond Walsh, Fr. John Pinkman, Fr. Robert Wright, Fr. Humphrey Crookenden CO, Fr. Terence Luxon, Fr. Ernest Jarvis, Fr. Thomas Fullerton CO, Fr. Francis Johnson, Fr. Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Fr. Christopher Thornton, Fr. Connell Harkin, Deacon James Rowe, Deacon Patrick Duffy, Fr. Vaughan Lloyd, Fr. Anthony Sims. **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 Joseph's

Church Re-opening: The Church is now open 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.

Live Streaming will be available.



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

Confessions will be heard on request.

Sunday Collections: From today we will be reintroducing the collectors taking collections at the Offertory. **Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022:**

Dates are available from 10th April, 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. **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. For more information contact Paddy Close on 07557 964347 or email paddy.close@icloud.com.

Second Collections: This week the collection is for **Cathedral Maintenance** & next week it is for CAFOD, please take a **CAFOD** envelope from the Narthex home and return it next week.

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

Red Missio Boxes: Please bring your box to the Sacristy by Sunday 27th March for the first quarterly count of 2022. Thank you.

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.

Dear Parishioners Continued: please don't give up at the first hurdle!

Fr Benedict will be away next week, and I shall be on a Clergy retreat in Walsingham from 14-18th March. If you have any special petitions for Our Lady of Walsingham I would be happy to take them to the Shrine of Our Lady for you.

St Joseph's Church is open again albeit with no heating, so dress warm. Our Lady's church hosts a visit from the Diocesan Historic Churches Commission next week who want to make sure the new heating system conforms to the requirements. Please pray they will give their permission for this. Our heating system is on its last legs and I think it unwise to keep pouring money into this single 1970's gas burner. All being well the new system will provide instant heat and keep the congregation warm. Those of you who have used the upper hall at Our Lady's will have seen the new units and how effective they are.

UK Prays will be using the grounds of Our Lady's on Sunday afternoons as their base for saying the Rosary for peace and true freedom in society. Unfortunately they were not allowed to use the Pump Rooms so I am happy to offer Our Lady's. Look up UK Prays on your search engine. Many thanks to Monique Knight for arranging this in Leamington.

Update on Parish Maintenance: The outer hedges at St Peter's will be trimmed at last on Monday. Work to complete the electrical inspection report (due every 5 years) was completed at St Peter's last Thursday and Friday.

The fire extinguishers and blankets, alarm systems, smoke alarms had their annual inspection at all our buildings at both sites. Cost: £1,058-00. The 8 gas boilers at St Peter's will need to be serviced. The repair of the boiler room roof and store roof cost £8,179-00. The combined gas bill for the Church per month is around: £1,500. If you can make a donation to support these annual expenses please consider making a standing order, use the donation button on the website, the Dona machine or good old fashioned cash. Speaking of which if you have any old £1 coins we are happy to take them off your hands. Same applies to old type bank notes too.

On Tuesday the newly combined Rugby and Warwick Deanery will be meeting in St Peter's Hall. We shall also welcome the Episcopal Vicar for the Southern area, Canon Paul Fitzpatrick who is helping us to facilitate these changes.

We welcome our existing Warwick clergy as well as Fr Gerry Murry of Hillmorton and Bilton, Fr Shinto and his assistant from St Marie's which is run by the Rosminian Order. Afterwards we shall have lunch at the Newbold Comyn Arms which as you know is run by Sarah Miller, one of our Parishioners. Monks Kirby and Fr Matthew Pittam will be joining the Coventry Deanery. He has responsibility for Nuneaton Hospital and needed the support of the Coventry Clergy. Our Clergy support Fr Benedict who is Hospital Chaplain for Warwick Hospitals, Rehab and Ellen Badger, Shipston-on-Stour.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

**** The Sparrows**** - We have all given up something for Lent this year. Linus has given up sitting on his favourite perch, Cletus has given up chasing everyone around, Sixtus has given up insisting we meet in groups of six. Cosmos and Damian have given up arguing and I have given up being with the rest of my noisy family. Peaceful Tweets, Lucy 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.

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 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=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvkQ7S7z9vTZTOOgUzIEn1VHsE-cLmEqanrOq67cwo>

The Catholic Leamington Justice and Peace Rosary Intention for March is 'We pray for a peaceful resolution of conflict in so many areas in the world, particularly in Ukraine'

St Peter's & Our Lady's

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

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. The sign up sheet is at the back of St. Peter's and Our Lady's Churches.

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.

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

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: This year's CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day is Friday 11th March. To mark the day there will be a simple lunch in St Peter's Hall from 12pm – 1.30pm. Delicious homemade soup and fresh rolls available, come anytime, bring your friends, everyone very welcome.

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 At the AGM an impressive Review of SPAN activity for 2020 was shared – see website for details and the SPAN committee was re-elected.

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.

Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross: There will be Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross in St Peter's Parish Hall at 10.30 am on Mondays during Lent. All are welcome and coffee will be available from 10 a.m. These reflections help us think about the many people throughout the world who struggle at this time, with conflict, hunger, poverty, lack of water, ill health and the effects of climate change

Hosanna! The Hand in Hand Group are putting on a Story for Easter in song and mime, with narration, on Saturday 9th April at 3pm, at the church of Our Lady in Lillington. There is a part for everyone- whether you love drama or are happier as part of the crowd, whatever your age or ability-we need you! We are particularly inviting people with learning disabilities to join us. As part of this musical story, we are also looking for people to sing or can play a musical instrument like guitar, flute, drums... There will be a rehearsal from 9.30 on the morning of the 9th April, in the church/hall with the performance of the Cantata for an audience at 3pm for friends, families and parishioners. If you are interested or want more information contact Mary Holden on 01926 420045 or Julia Fitzsimons on 01926 735275

Lenten Alms 2022 in Catholic Leamington: During the Lenten period we have appeals to support the Maintenance of our Cathedral, the CAFOD Fast Day (Friday 11th March) with donations due on the 2nd Sunday of Lent (13th) and the Catholic Leamington Appeal which is spread over the other weeks. This is a 3-way appeal, similar to last year's, to support our most needy local parish families through food vouchers via schools, to support the work of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry and the Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya. Please see March EXTRA for details or posters in Church, gold-coloured envelopes are available, and donations can be Gift Aided. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

March EXTRA: The March EXTRA Newsletter is now available on the website on the NEWSLETTER page and will also be circulated with the e-newsletter mailing. In this edition you will find: CAFOD Fast Day, Justice Stations of the Cross, Lenten Appeals, More from CAFOD, Pastimes, Pope Francis Homily, LiveSimply Parish, Hosanna by Hand in Hand. Could you help with producing this each month? The team needs another person to help – contact catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com

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.

Friends of the Holy Land: Come and Meet Laila Asfoura from Bethlehem: Wednesday 23 March. 7pm in the Parish Centre, St Francis Church, Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1HL. You are warmly welcomed to meet Laila Asfoura from Bethlehem, who will share the latest situation in the Holy Land, the work of FHL and answer any questions. Laila is the Founder Member of FHL's local Committee. A buffet supper is being arranged with a cash bar. Tickets £10 per person are available from peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or by telephoning the FHL office 01926 512980.

World Book Day: With it being world book day this week we are sharing our amazon wish list of books needed to complete our learning curriculum set for the year. The parents and friends of the school have been so supportive with purchasing the books for the Autumn and Spring term and we only have Summer to go. If you can spare any money at all to give the gift of a book it is really gratefully received. We have seen the books being used in the class and it really does make a difference to the children's learning. https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/GMAFGNGQND08?ref_wl_share We have found that sometimes the books are cheaper elsewhere, or even parents have had an excellent second hand copy. If this is the case, please click on the "buying this gift elsewhere" link on the Amazon page. This will then remove it from the wish list. Thank you once again for your support.

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)