

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8th May 2022

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St Joseph's

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Sunday 8th May

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9:00: Eugenija Liutkeviciene RIP

11:00: **Baptism: Giovanni Munt**

5:30: Bernardo Valentini RIP

Monday 9th

9:30: Robert Devine

Tuesday 10th

9:30: Noreen Barry RIP

Thursday 12th

7:00: Patrick & Joyce McCartney and Tom & Kitty O'Connor RIP

Friday 13th

9:30: Linda Scott

Saturday 14th

9:30: In Thanksgiving for the Priests of the Diocese

Sunday 15th

5th Sunday of Easter

9:00: Arthur & Margaret Devanney

11:00: **Baptism: Annabelle Thompson**

5:30: Sean Meehan

Saturday 7th May

SP: 10:00: Gloria Powers

SP: 5:00: Althisa Pearson

Sunday 8th

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SP 9:00: Julie Barber

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

OL: 10:00: People of the Parish ***Catechism Class—First Holy Communion***

SP: 11:00: Gerry Quinn RIP;
May Barker

Monday 9th

SP: 9:30: Carl Sweeney

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

Tuesday 10th

SP: 9:30: Fr. Brendan McGuinness SDB RIP ***Please note Mass time***

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

SP: 10:30: **Rosary**

SP: 5:00: **Reception: Frank Garvey RIP**

Wednesday 11th

SP: 9:00: **Requiem Mass: Frank Garvey RIP**

OL: 12:00: Robert Devine

SP: 4:00: **Reception: Gemma Waddell RIP**

Thursday 12th

SP: 11:00: **Requiem Mass: Gemma Waddell RIP**

SP: 6:30: **Mass of Thanksgiving to Brian & Janice Austin**

Friday 13th

SP: 11:00: **Requiem Mass: Martin Ryan RIP**

Saturday 14th

OL: 10:00: **OLST School - First Holy Communion *at Church***

SP: 10:00: Hannah O'Sullivan

SP: 5:00: Special Intention

Sunday 15th

5th Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: People of the Parish

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

OL: 10:00: James Dunne;
John Walsh RIP

SP: 11:00: Marcellino Mota RIP;
Agnes Pinto RIP

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

Saint of the week

Tuesday 10th May

Opt. Memorial of St. John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church.

Thursday 12th May

Opt. Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

Friday 13th May

Opt. Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th May

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Fr. Laurence Crowe, Paddy O'Connor, Christopher Huckvale, Kathleen Donovan, Olive Burdett, Michael Harwar, John Sheehan, Timothy O'Sullivan, Martin Ryan, Gemma Waddell, Frank Garvey, Keith Duxbury. **May they rest in peace.**

Our prayers for the Sick: Vincent Coleman, Tim O'Sullivan, Ahmed Musa, Paddy O'Connor, Fina Monastero, 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, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Clare 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:

The Our Lady Chapel candle burn this week for: **Kevin & Helen Ward**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping well.

It has been 3 weeks since we published the last Newsletter and so the first item on my agenda is to offer the appreciation of the Clergy for your cards, gifts and offerings at Eastertime.

As late as last weekend I received the information I was waiting for concerning the details of the funeral for Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP former Parish Priest of Our Lady's, Lillington from 1994 to 2016. The Requiem Mass will take place at St. Chad's Cathedral on Thursday 19th May at 12 noon. There is a list at St. Peter's and Our Lady's to see if we can get together enough people to hire a coach. Many of you have expressed an interest in attending and in view of the Birmingham Congestion Charge—£8, the lack of parking and the distance from Snow Hill Station, this would seem to be the best solution. Please add your name to the list if you are interested.

On Thursday evening this week there will be a Thanksgiving Mass for the many years of dedicated and generous service to the Parish and for the various projects which support the homeless and the needy in this area for Janice and Brian Austin. For many years Janice was a teacher at St. Anthony's School. The couple will shortly be moving to Bristol to be closer to their family.

We are moving towards the First Holy Communion season of Masses for the Children who will be receiving Jesus for the first time. Today the Children from the Catechism class will make their First Holy Communion. We welcome them together with parents and relations at Our Lady's Church at 10am. Many thanks to everyone who has helped to prepare the Children and the Mass.

Please check out the forthcoming events in the Newsletter, including the "Platinum Bash" a fundraiser event for Kindaid to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on

on Saturday 21 May starting at 6.30 pm cost £7.50 per adult; £5.00 children.

So that's the good news. Now the bad news. The recent Levy payment extracted from our account by the Diocese—26% of the total income has left us in a serious state. As soon as I realised the situation I sent a letter to the Head of Finance for the Diocese advising him that we would not be able to meet our bills, maintenance and...

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St Joseph's

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022: Dates are available from 5th June, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns this week for:
**Kathryn Lord RIP
2nd Anniversary**

Dates for your Diary: First Holy Communion with Fr. Noel Breslin will be on Sunday 12th June at 11am.

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you are a taxpayer and would like to contribute weekly via a weekly envelope please contact the office.
Piety: There is a selection of Cards

& gifts in the Narthex.

200 Club: Congratulations to John Gately and Matthew Greene who won the 1st and 2nd prizes in April's 200 Club draw as well as Paddy Close who won the additional Easter prize of £25.

May's 200 Club collection and draw will take place after all Masses this Sunday, 8 May.

New joiners welcome and all profits go to the Church Building Fund.

Recycling for Good Causes Box: help us raise funds for CAFOD. The Box will remain at St Joseph's until the end of May. A chance for you to have a clear out and recycle old mobile phones, other electronic equipment, watches, jewellery (these can be broken or not) plus used stamps. Leaflets with box explain what we collect. £153 raised so far for CAFOD - can you help us raise more?

Baptism Welcome: We welcome into the Church **Giovanni Munt** who is being Baptised today.

Quo Vardis: The Diocesan Vocations Office are holding a series of three Zoom sessions for University Students on the theme of discernment during the month of May. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex.

Roof & Boiler Repairs: This repair work has now started. The work is expected to take a few weeks and once completed the other repairs required inside the Sacristy/Piety Shop area will be addressed. All of this work will be covered by insurance.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection this week for the Clergy Training Fund. There will be a collection next week for the Diocesan Appeal for Ukraine.

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: John Curham, William (Billy) Harris, Jim Harding, Frank Harvey, Maurice Fitzgerald, Armondo Carvalho de Azevedo, Philip Banholzer, John Long, Stephanie Norton, Ryan Newsham, Michael Carney, Victor Scott, Lawrence Gibbins, Bridget Mulhearn, Canon Francis Woodward, Fr. Francis Carr, Fr. Walter Joret, Fr. Patrick Cocklin, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, Fr. Denis Hickling, Deacon James Duffy. *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.*

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.

Dear Parishioners Continued....and staff wages. Working from home, lockdown and administrative hiccups have delayed the repayment of the Gift Aid to the Parish. The holdup is with the Diocese at the moment.

The second item of bad news is the result of the boiler servicing last week. Both our Church boilers north and south side have been "Condemned" as dangerous and decommissioned. We do not yet know the cost of the repair but it is likely in the region of £20,000—Which at that moment was £15,000 more than we had in the bank. Thankfully the special fund I am going to set up to raise the money for the repair can not be levied—it is called a restricted fund. So once again I appeal to you to help to pay for the essential repairs.

I would also like to set up a group to investigate other ways of heating the Churches because like everyone the cost of energy bills has risen dramatically and for St. Peter's alone it is (for the 3 buildings on site) in the region of £,1700 pcm.

I think we need to take this into account and consider the true cost of living when we make a contribution to support the Church.

Thankfully with the warmer weather we have 4 months grace, I will need to review when the heating is switched on or how to make best use of our buildings. I welcome your suggestions.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

**** The Sparrows**** - We have finally returned... it is not that we have been away per se more that we have found a new, preferred restaurant at which to dine, however after speaking with the boss, who has assured that the menu will be what we prefer.

Best tweets, The Sparrows.

Young Adults Group: The Young Adults Group is open to all Catholics between the ages of 18-30. 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 11th April - a guided Holy Hour lead by Fr Sean Gough

Monday 9th May – a talk by Fr Lim Gamsi

You would be most welcome. For more information please visit <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/young-adults-18-30.html> or contact Rose on rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com

Platinum Bash: To celebrate seventy years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, Kindaid is holding a Platinum Bash in the Upper Hall, Our Lady's, Lillington, on Saturday 21 May starting at 6.30 pm. There will be a: Hot supper, Table quiz covering seven decades, A Sing-Along. Tickets cost £7.50 per adult; £5.00 children. Tickets available after Mass at Our Lady's or contact Jo Mander on 07980 315575.

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

Tea Dance: at St. Peter's on Saturday 18th June starting at 2pm. There will be a selection of Sandwiches, Scones, Cakes and Prosecco. There will also be a live Classical Quartet band. Cost is £15-00 per person. Please call Giovanna to book - 07780 543976

Prisoners of Conscience: Many Thanks to all who signed cards at Our Lady's and St Joseph's last week for those imprisoned for their beliefs, There was a great response – and 53 cards were signed for the three chosen recipients. We hope that this will help lift the spirits of these people a little. There is an opportunity to sign cards this coming weekend at St Peter's at the 9 am and the 11 am Mass. Also at the 10 a.m. at Our Lady's. First Communion Masses

First Holy Communions: The Parish group's First Holy Communion Mass is at 10am Sunday 8th May at Our Lady's Church. Our Lady and St Teresa's School's First Holy Communion Mass is at 10am Saturday 14th May at Our Lady's Church.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Brian and Janice Austin's work in Leamington: Thursday 12th May at 6.30 p.m. – is a special Mass for us all to celebrate their work in the Catholic Parish of Leamington over 50 years. Please come to wish them well and celebrate. There will be refreshments in the Hall after the Mass

We would like to give a CAFOD World Gift in recognition of the contribution made to the Parish by Brian and Janice as, among other things, they have been actively involved in working with CAFOD for many years. For those who would like to contribute these are the ways you can: –

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St Vincent de Paul Society: are looking for a Treasurer to help run the finance side of the conference at St Joseph's. It would suit someone with financial or book keeping experience (Microsoft Excel based), but training will also be given. It will involve 3-4 hours a month and attending the conference meetings. If you can help us, please contact Brian on 01926 613693 or David 07713 246987, to learn more about this role.

Vocations Art Competition: Open to any school-aged person, entry to consist of any medium (including photography or digital artwork) illustrating the theme of listening to Jesus & walking together. Full details on posters in St. Joseph's Narthex.

Synod Report from the Catholic Leamington Walking Together Team: The is available online at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod Two full copies are available to view in each church. The main report has been printed for parishioners this weekend with the Appendices available online. The Walking Together Team hope that the report will be seen as helpful for our parishes moving forward. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

Youth Ministry Opportunity: Are you ready for adventure? And looking for a Catholic Gap Year? The Kenelm Youth Trust are looking for young adults aged 18-25 who are down-to-earth, are committed to their faith, and who want to work with young people. More info here: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/youthministryteam.html> Youth 2000 are also looking for a Gap Year Volunteer - someone who is a recent graduate (within the last 5 years). Please see the person specification here: <https://www.youth2000.org/openings>

Friday Luncheon Club: The next lunch will be on Friday the 29th April at 1-0 pm at Valle on the corner of Warwick Street and Clarendon Street. I have put a notice up on the Church notice board in the porch, for you to add your names. New members always welcome. For any enquiries please contact Carmel on 07941 840433.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for May is: 'We pray that we may remember and support all those imprisoned for their beliefs or for speaking out against injustice.'

SPAN meeting: Our open meeting is on Monday 9th May at 7.30 in St Peter's Hall. All welcome. To see documents in advance contact paulhayden444@gmail.com

Diocesan response to Synod Reports across the diocese: Our Parish Report and the Diocesan Synthesis can be read online from www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

Ukraine Appeal: The Leamington Polish Centre are looking for further much needed community donations of the following goods for the Ukrainian Aid Effort: Pasta, Rice, Barley, Lentils, Flour, Cereals. Canned or Instant Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meat & Fish, Dried Fruit, Energy Bars, Tea, Coffee and Sugar. Donations may be dropped off at the new Army Surplus Warehouse, Harbury Lane, CV33 9SA, which is open Monday—Saturday, 9am—4pm.

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