

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

EXTRA

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PEACE SUNDAY 16 January 2022

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Lynda Gould (J&P)

Message from

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon:

In his message to parishes, the Pax Christi National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon says: *This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times*

EXTRA is primarily for information that we do not have room for in the weekly newsletter. But we can only publish what you send in; please send notices (up to 250 words) to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com by **31st January** for the February edition. The EXTRA team is Brian Austin, Martyn Hathaway and Jane Rebika

St Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP at St Joseph, St Peter and Our Lady's would like to thank the parish for their generosity in giving plenty of food items for the Christmas Hampers project. We were able to make up to **eighty hampers** that went to our Primary Schools and to many other appreciative families

The SVP continually needs new members to help us with our work, if you would like to find out more about what we do, please feel free to contact the SVP Presidents at our three churches –



St Peter's, Peter May – 01926 421786.
St Joseph's, Brian Malone – 01926 613693
Our Lady's, Richard Gordon – 07974 455732.
www.svp.org.uk
From David Burton



THANK YOU to parishioners in St Joseph's, Our Lady's and St Peter's, across Catholic Leamington. Your donations to the SPAN Christmas food voucher appeal have reached **over £5,000** this year! Any Gift Aid we can

reclaim will be added to this total. Many families have found this an extremely difficult year and we have helped in a small way. **£2,200 worth of vouchers** have gone to our Catholic Schools, **£400** to refugee families via Richard Gordon and SVP. The remainder was distributed to the Children's centres and Hubs, who were able to identify those in need in our community and assisted in the distribution of vouchers

Heartfelt messages of thanks have come back to us via our schools, SVP, the clergy, and the local Children's Centres and Hubs. Thanks to Jean Feely for communicating with agencies and schools again

SPAN hope you all had a safe and prayerful Christmas, are enjoying a peaceful New Year, and have a hopeful start to 2022

Monthly ZOOM Meetings

SPAN and J&P both have monthly zoom meetings. Anyone from the parishes is welcome to join in. All you have to do is to ask for an invite

For SPAN on 2nd Monday of the month:
7:15 for 7:30pm email paulhayden444@gmail.com

For J&P on 3rd Monday of the month:
7:00 for 7:15pm email cl.jandp@gmail.com

FAMILY PEACE SUNDAY QUIZ

1. Pax Christi is a Latin name. What do those words mean in English?
2. Who is Malala Yousafzai and how did she become the youngest person to win the Nobel Prize for Peace?
3. What is specially remembered on each of these dates every year: a. 15 May / b. 6 August / c. 21 September / d. 11 November?
4. Who wrote and recorded a song with the repeated line: 'All we are saying is give peace a chance'?
5. How many countries are members of the United Nations?
6. What is Mahatma Gandhi famous for?
7. What do you call a person who believes it's always wrong to fight?
8. a. Who are known as the blue berets? / b. The white helmets?
9. Which English nurse said 'Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness in my heart for anyone'?
10. Which animal did St Francis persuade not to attack the local villagers? Was it a lion / a bear / a wolf / a snake?



A Youth Call to Action: Fostering Inner and World Peace

According to the UK Mental Health Foundation 50% of mental health problems are established by age 14 and 75% by age 24. With increasing numbers of young people suffering from poor mental health, it is imperative that we confront internal conflict. If we do not have inner peace ourselves, how can we have peace with other people? We need to be self-reflective, open to address and overcome issues, rather than conveniently sweeping them under the carpet

Once at peace with ourselves, we can be outward looking and concentrate on external conflict, wider societal and world issues of peace. We can all do something! Everyday actions may include recycling, home insulation, tree planting, pressurising parliament, switching to electric vehicles, supporting fair-trade products, and caring for creation to foster inner and community peace

In the words of Pope Francis "There can be no peace without a culture of care," by advancing on the "path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations." We must enforce governments to bear legal responsibility and abide by their political promises regarding climate change. We urgently need a worldwide agreed long-term global goal for emission reductions. Fossil fuel mitigation must be on a global scale, a worldwide collaborative effort to significantly reduce damaging consequences of climate change

More than half of all CO₂ emissions since 1751 were emitted in the last thirty years

Now is the time to act. The future is in our hands.

Rosemary Pauling (Young Adults Group)

This is a very shortened version of an Essay that Rosemary submitted to the International Young People's Peace Essay Competition 2021 as part of the Coventry Peace Festival in November. If you would like the full version, please email catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com for a copy.

The title of Pope Francis' Message for World Peace Day is

Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace

You can find

[Pope Francis' Message for World Peace Day](#)

on our website page at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/the-church-blog

Whom might you share the message with?

Parish, school, J&P group, peace network...?

How might you share it?

When? and **where?**

There are plenty of ideas – and a poster – along with many other resources...bidding prayers...homily notes...activities for children... can be found on the [Pax Christi Peace Sunday 2022 page](#). You will find a short two-minute talk by Anne Dodd which you could use in your parish and a podcast by Fr Rod Esdaile.

Reading Pope Francis' message, and these reflections on it might prompt a response in you... If it does, why not send us your thoughts, ideas, hopes... and in the spirit of a 'dialogue between generations' which Pope Francis urges, we can learn from each other so that in 2022 we can 'walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work'.

Pax Christi

Live simply parish

Have you saved all your stamps from Christmas cards and presents? These can be put in an envelope and put in the **recycling for good causes box**. This will stay in St Peter's until the end of January before moving on. Reminder: you can also still put in [even if broken]:

- Gold, silver or costume jewellery
- Watches
- Bank notes and coins
- The following electrical devices ONLY: mobile phones, cameras, video cameras, satnavs, video gaming devices, iPads, MP3 players, tablet computers [but not PCs or laptops]



Join us

The next LiveSimply Parish team meeting is on **Thursday 20th January at 8pm via zoom**.

Would you like to join us? Ask Sioned to send you a link

sioned_hammondjones@yahoo.co.uk

You would be very welcome

An Invitation

to the Journey of being sustainable

2022 is now here! A Happy New Year to you all. Hopefully we can all live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor during this coming year

But how do we do this? How do we try to make more progress to making this a reality? Well, here is a suggestion for those of us who use the Internet (Sorry to others reading this who do not have access)

Let us, each one of us, join in the journey that Pope Francis himself has invited us to do, using a new 'Laudato Si Action Platform' website. This is an ambitious initiative, which addresses seven sustainability goals. It has been set up for us to use either individually or communally, as a family, school or parish

But first, let's start with ourselves

To begin, I think it's worth watching a video – just six minutes – to listen to Pope Francis himself. This is the link: <https://youtu.be/aWppq44r-c> (you may get an advert first!) and it is also on our website page

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply

In the video, the Pope says: "... I would like to invite everyone to tackle this journey together ... only in this way will we be able to create the future we want, a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world"

So, let's do it! Let's join the Pope in starting out on this journey, which is on the new website, the [Laudato Si Action Platform](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply). I've begun to do it myself and I've written a short article about the Action Platform and how to use it; There is not room for it here but it has been put onto our LiveSimply website page (link above)

We would really like to know if you do join us and take up the invitation. So, we're putting a sign-up form on the same website page (above) to say, "I'm in!". Just enter your name and email address and 'sbmit'. Thank you

Brian Austin (for the LiveSimply Parish team)

Family Peace Sunday Quiz—answers

- 1 The Peace of Christ
- 2 The Pakistani schoolgirl shot by a Taliban gunman in 2012 for speaking up for girls' education. She came to the UK for medical treatment, attended school, then studied at the University of Oxford.
- 3a. 15th May: International Conscientious Objectors' Day
- 3b. 6th August: the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima, Japan; in 1945.
- 3c. 21st September: International Day of Peace.
- 3d. 11th November: Remembrance Day.
- 4 John Lennon & the Plastic Ono Band
5. 193
6. For his long campaign of nonviolence leading India to independence.
7. A pacifist.
- 8a. Soldiers of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force;
- 8b. Volunteers helping victims of the war in Syria
9. Edith Cavell during the First World War.
10. a wolf.



Dare to Dream

Shape our Church for the future

Synod Meetings: Your Church – Your Voice!

Meetings schedule

Tuesday 11 January:

St Peter's, 7.30-9.00 pm

Friday 14 January:

Our Lady's, 7.30-9.00 pm

Friday 21 January:

St Peter's, 2.30-4.00 pm

St Joseph's, 7.30-9.00 pm

Wednesday 26 January:

Our Lady's, 2.30-4.00 pm

Thursday 27 January:

St Joseph's, 1.30-3.00 pm

Wednesday 2 February:

Zoom Meeting, 7.30-9.00 pm

Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone about the Catholic Church with the aim of shaping its future. Grassroot parish communities can play a huge part in fulfilling this request.

This month there is a series of meetings at each church in Catholic Leamington. There are two meetings at each church — one in the evening, one in the afternoon — to enable the widest participation. Individual churches will take on three questions from the Synod process ([see Synod Special 2 here](#)).

For those that cannot attend in person there will be a Zoom online meeting.

Anyone unable to access any of these options is urged to return a Synod Form by the end of January.

You can attend as many meetings as you wish but please try to attend at least one meeting — one and a half hours of your time will make a immeasurable difference to this global Catholic journey.

The meetings are set up for small roundtable conversations allowing each voice to be heard. Each table will have an Enabler and a Scribe, one to guide the conversation and the other to note the main points.

Refreshments are on offer from half an hour before the meeting.

[Click here for Synodal Special 2](#) about the parish meetings over the coming month and the questions that we will seek your views on.. Join the world's largest ever exercise in Listening.

Meeting format

- We will open in prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and a Scripture reading to focus us.
- Welcome. Description of the process.
- Individual table conversations covering three questions (allowing about 25 minutes per question). Each person offers their thoughts about the question. When all who want to contribute have had their say, there is a pause for reflection. Finally the table members give their views on how the Church should proceed.
- Closing prayer.

Synod Website Page

<http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod>