

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

## Sunday 13 September 2020

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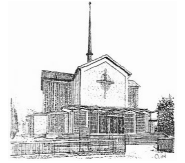
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### Forgiveness Yields Freedom

*Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."  
Matthew 18:22*

This is Jesus' famous response to the question of how many times we should forgive someone. He emphatically teaches us that we are to be gentle, compassionate, merciful and patient. In our humanness, we are bound to hurt each other. In our divinity, we are also bound to forgive. Because the Holy Spirit dwells within us, we are equipped and empowered to love unconditionally. Jesus knows that holding onto resentment and bitterness causes us to poison ourselves. Forgiveness yields freedom, peace and well-being.

Just as we are called to forgive others, we are also called to forgive ourselves with the same kindness and generosity of spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate areas of unforgiveness and bring them into the light of healing and restoration. It's time to let old grudges dissolve. It's time to clean up the dusty corners in the basement of our conscience. It's time to unkink the hose and restore the flow of ease and joy in our lives. It's time to let others, and ourselves, off the hook.

Kristin Armstrong @ *Living Faith*

Dear Parishioners

Yesterday St Peter's hosted its annual Heritage Open Day and I'm pleased to say it was a great success. A big thank you to the staff who pulled the schedule together and to all the stewards, cleaners and first aiders on the day who made this a safe day out for our visitors and parishioners.

My thanks go to the Mayor of Leamington Cllr. Susan Rasmussen for opening the event, to our speakers Andrew Fox, Richard Gordon, and Rose Pauling, organist Christine O'Grady, singers Anne-Claire Bennion and Laura Simmonds, and our bell ringer extraordinaire Simon Adams. It was a truly special day for the church. We look forward to being open again next year... without all the coronavirus restrictions. Unfortunately next Sunday's Heritage Open Day at Our Lady's has been cancelled. New rules come into effect tomorrow and there is not enough time to adapt Our Lady's Risk Assessment. But planning for next year is underway!

Next Sunday, 20 September, is the Ordination of our new Assistant Priest Benedict Skipper. It will be livestreamed from St Chad's Cathedral at 3.00 pm. Fr Benedict will be moving in to the Presbytery over the following week and I'm sure all parishioners will make him very welcome.

Every blessing, Fr John.

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

St Peter's and Our Lady's will celebrate the Day of Prayer in **Thanksgiving for the Harvest** at our Masses on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. You are invited to bring an offering for the Food Bank and

**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email [safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com). 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

#### Sunday 13 September

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**SP 11.00:** Private Intention;  
Bernard Forde RIP Anniversary

#### Tuesday 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

**1.30: Requiem:** Patrick McDermott (Family only)

**SP 7.00:** Seamus Martin RIP

#### Wednesday 16 Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

**OL 11.00:** David Dimambro Anniversary

#### Thursday 17 Feria

**SP 11.00:** Stanley Wilfred Taylor;  
Patrick Rochford 4th Anniversary

#### Friday 18 Feria

**SP 11.00:** Paddy McDermott RIP

#### Saturday 19 Feria

**OL 12.30 Mass:** For the repose of the soul of  
David Cronin;

Michael Barry

#### Sunday 20 September

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**SP 11.00:** Colm Malone, recently deceased

**SP 3.00:** Baptism: Kaelen & Aoife Carson

### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 13 September

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**9.00:** Malachy Blair

#### Monday 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**NB: 7.00:** Rosaleen Thurlow RIP

#### Tuesday 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

**9.30:** Molly Hannran

#### Thursday 17 Feria

**7.00:** Peter Bowdler RIP

#### Friday 18 Feria

**9.30:** Gerard Cotter RIP;

David Malin RIP

#### Saturday 19 Feria

**9.30:** Paddy Mulligan RIP

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#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**9.00:** Joe & Rose McGreevey;

Marguerite Ayres.

## St Joseph's

**Congratulations** to Charlie McMahon and June Arran, who won the 1<sup>st</sup> (£50) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (£30) prizes in September's 200 Club draw.

The next collection and draw will take place on **Sunday 4 Oct.**

**Church Cleaners / Stewards:** We still need more volunteers over 18 and under 70 to offer to help so that we can continue to open our Church and offer Public Mass every day. If you can help, please contact the Office by phone (Wednesdays) or by email. We are very grateful for all of the help already received as without this help we would be unable to open daily.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** for this current year which have not yet been collected are available from Fr Noel or the Sacristy.

**Fr Andy's Leaving Collection:** If you would like to contribute to the leaving collection for Fr Andy, then please put your contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Fr Andy's Collection" and either put



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle burns for  
**Roisin Blair RIP**  
Anniversary

through the Presbytery letterbox or in the collection basket after each Mass.

**Standing Orders/PayPal:** Thank you to all the parishioners who have set up Standing Orders or PayPal payments. These have been a great help to the parish during the recent times. If you have set up a payment since the start of lockdown please ensure you have given the details to the Parish Office by email or phone (Wednesdays) as we still have several unidentified payments into our bank account. Many Thanks. If you are now paying your Gift Aid donations by Standing Order instead of yellow envelope please return your box of envelopes to the Parish Office or put through the Presbytery letterbox.

**Baptisms:** If you previously had a date booked for a Baptism at St Joseph's which was then cancelled due to Coronavirus, these can now be rebooked under strict new guidelines. Please contact either Fr Noel or the Parish Office on Wednesdays.

**Confessions:** Saturday, 10.00-10.30 am. Please wait in the Narthex before you are called into the church.

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

your gifts will be placed on the altar. The SVP have been invited to talk about their work in the community on this day.

The results of the **September 200**

**Club draw:** 1st £50 Miss Hayes; 2nd prize £20 Eileen Healey; and 3rd prize £10 Philomena Watts. Congratulations to the winners!

**There is a vacancy** for a headteacher at Our Lady & St Teresa's School as Suzie Wilson takes up a new position in Coventry. We wish her well for the future. See website: [www.olst.co.uk](http://www.olst.co.uk)

**Stewards and cleaners** will be needed at every public event in the church for many months and even years to come. I appeal to those who are able, to offer some of your free time. Full training will be given. Contact Martin Foley on [martinfoley73@gmail.com](mailto:martinfoley73@gmail.com) if you can help at St Peter's. At Our Lady's Church, volunteers are asked to sign up to the Masses they can help at and other events as they arise.

**We warmly invite you to have a seven-day candle** lit for your intentions at both our churches. Envelopes will be left at the back of the church (then put in the weekly donations basket/bucket as you leave Mass). The suggested donation is £10.00 but we will gratefully accept any offering.

**Tales of the unexpected:** Whaa! I feel good!! Like a dog should!! I feel good!! Like a dog should!! So good!! So good!! Like I knew that I would!! The boss played this for the live briefing last weekend and I was really taken by the words. So good!! Best woofs, Bertie ;- ) xx

**Confessions: Our Lady's:** Before Mass, at call. **St Peter's:** Saturdays from 4.00-5.00 pm. Please wait outside the West Doors until you are called in.

**The recently deceased of our churches:** Vincenzo Scinaldi, Hans-Peter Boos, Patrick McDermott, Marguerite Ayres, Davy Sauvage.  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** William Ball, Daniel McCann, Una Hartle, Elisa Porozynski, Stan Taylor, Robert Griffin, Caroline Port, Barbara Tandy, Eileen North, Marcel Louis, Brendan Donaghy, John Stephens, Anne Usen, Ita Edwards, Elizabeth Matkin, Lottie Greenrod, John Gilligan, John Kane, John Hawkins, Paul Hawkins, Thomas Shanahan, Barbara Rizzo, Mary Sheard, Ann Sugrue, Owen Bennison, Mary Curran, Leslie Newton, Fr Richard Dinnis, Fr Patrick Meagher, Canon Robert Nicholson, Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer (sixth Archbishop of Birmingham), Fr William Oddie, Canon Peter McKenna, Fr John Lopes, Fr Alan Holtham, Fr Peter Lees. **May they rest in peace.**

**Seven-day candles:**

The Altar candles burn for the **People of the Parish**, and for **Babs & Paddy Dunbar**.

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Frances Kendrick**.

The St Joseph's Chapel candle burns for the **Sick of the Parish**.

**To mark the Season of Creation**

J&P is highlighting a different prayer for each of the nine Sundays up to the Feast of St Francis. Today's prayer: **Earth**

Creator God, we grieve for our Amazon sisters and brothers, whose lands are wrecked by greed. We take more from the earth than we need. Forgive us.

St Francis, joyful steward of creation, from you we learn to live with less, to give and not to take.

**St Francis, pray for us.**

Go to: [cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis#anchor](http://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis#anchor) for video and printable resources.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace **Rosary intention** for September is: *'We pray, in this Season of Creation and the year of a pandemic, that we do not forget our responsibility for the care of the world, our common home, in the face of the climate emergency.'*

**Our prayers for** Giovanni Allurlino, Fr David Bazen, Solange Beccles, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, 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.**