

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

## Sunday 20 September 2020

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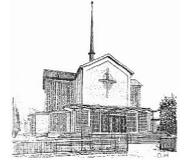
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### Extending Generosity

*"Are you envious because I am generous?" Matthew 20:15-16*

The landowner seems to act unfairly toward those he hired early in the day. They agreed to a daily wage, though they expected a bonus when he hired other workers later and paid them the same amount. Instead, he says, *"Take what is yours and go"* (verse 14).

What separates the last from the first in this parable? It is not the quality of their work nor the amount of time they put in. It is the attitude of superiority that the first workers had. They reject equality with those who came later.

Christ's economy is radically different from the economy of man. In the economy of man, we earn every penny by the sweat of our brows. In so doing, we earn the respect of our fellow citizens. In the economy of salvation we can earn very little by our own efforts. Rather, God's generosity extends wherever he wills, even to those of us who have only turned our eyes to heaven and said, *"Help me, Lord!"*

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Dear Parishioners,

Two for the price of one! Last Thursday 'Fr' Benedict (as he might well be by the time you read this newsletter) came over to St Peter's to deliver his luggage. He was helped by the similarly soon to be titled 'Fr' Sean who came to help carry all the boxes. I am pleased to say Fr Benedict has a bicycle so full marks to his green credentials. Cycling is certainly a good way of getting around the parish

It was good to see Sean again. He was looking in good shape and told me he had been to Walsingham for his pre-presbyterate retreat. He will be starting his first placement at St Peter & St Paul Church in Wolverhampton with Mgr Mark Crisp. I know this church very well and the Presbytery, called Giffard House, was originally the home of a Diocesan administrator predating the restoration of the Hierarchy (the re-establishment of Bishops and the Dioceses we know today) in 1850. I recall the church was 'hidden' behind the house and was one of the earliest post-reformation churches to be built in the Midlands.

One church which one could not describe as hidden is St Peter Apostle. Our Lady's Church is built on the side of a low hill in Lillington and is quite prominent in its own way while St Joseph's in Whitnash is always a surprise whenever I travel along Murcott Road. Our Lady's has a slim spire and St Peter's has its famous tower., at one time even higher with a steeple. Sometimes people delivering to the church ring up and ask where is the church? I say: "Look for the tower, you can't miss it!" Just over a hundred people managed to find St Peter's last Saturday when we held the Heritage Open Day. Many thanks to all who helped to make the occasion a great success. Some of the event was recorded via the live

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

#### Sunday 20 September

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**SP 11.00:** Colm Malone Recently Deceased  
Michael Pettipher

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

**Tuesday 22** *Feria*

**SP 7.00:** Repose of the soul of John Salt;  
Margaret Thorne Recently Deceased

**Wednesday 23** *St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

**OL 11.00:** James Daly RIP Birthday Anniversary

**Thursday 24** *Our Lady of Walsingham*

**SP 11.00:** Requiem Mass Vincenzo Scinaldi RIP

**Friday 25** *Feria* **SP 11.00:** Ann Sayce RIP  
Catherine Ryan

**Saturday 26** *Vigil 26th Sunday of the Year*

**OL 12.30 Mass:** Babs Dunbar Anniversary

#### Sunday 27 September

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**SP 11.00:** Thanksgiving for Kaung Family;  
Private Intention (C. H.)

**SP 3.00:** Baptism: Vito La Barbera

### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 20 September

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**9.00:** Joe & Rose McGreevey;  
Marguerite Ayres

**Monday 21** *St Matthew, Apostle*

**7.00:** Fr Frank Flynn's Intentions

**Tuesday 22** *Feria*

**9.30:** Margaret Thorne;  
Marguerite Ayres

**Thursday 24** *Our Lady of Walsingham*

**7.00:** Fred & Audrey Smith

**Friday 25** *Feria*

**9.30:** Dave Malin

**Saturday 26** *Feria*

**9.30:** Marguerite Ayres RIP

#### Sunday 27 September

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**9.00:** Anna Jelonek's Intentions

stream camera. If you didn't get in to see it the flowers seem to be holding up well to the recent extremes of temperature and I think they will still be as strikingly beautiful this weekend. We had a bit of everything for our visitors. The day was well planned by Helen Monastero and her band of helpers. Thank you to the parishioners who acted as stewards and cleaners. After the rigours of lockdown it was a chance to showcase the church and a day to remember. There are lots of pictures of the event on our Facebook Page Catholic Leamington SPA.

I am looking forward to Fr Benedict's Ordination which which will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September (today) at 3 pm at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. He is to be Ordained to the Priesthood with Fr Sean . They are good friends. He is only allowed to have 30 private guests so best watch it on Live Stream via the St Chad's Cathedral website or find it on the MCN Media TV website. I have moved the "Fr John Show" to Tuesday evening at 8.30 pm because on Sunday I shall need to drive to Birmingham to participate in this special Mass. Towards the end of next week our Fr Benedict will be with us. Within a few days of arriving he will be celebrating many different types of Masses and sacraments, be a new voice at the end of the telephone and finding his way around. The formation and training of the last 7 years will bear him in good stead but his on the job training as a new priest begins with us. It is a big responsibility but a good one and I feel honoured that Archbishop Bernard should have chosen our community to be the place where Fr Benedict's priestly ministry begins. There is no doubt he will be busy. Last week I had many calls to respond to. I ask your prayers for Fr Benedict and all your priests he begins his ministry among us. I wish Fr Noel a relaxing holiday. Fr Ramunas will cover for him.

When Fr Benedict arrives we shall all want to meet and greet him. Remember the two metre distance rule and remember we shall have a good few years to get to know him. It will be nice for you to hear a different voice at Mass and what he has to say in his sermons. Better pray they are shorter than mine!

All good wishes, Fr John

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

#### Seven-day candles:



The Altar candles burn for the **Enderle Family**, and for **Jennifer Greenwood (sick)**.

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Margaret Dunne (sick)**. The St Joseph's Chapel candle burns for **Fr Benedict**.

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 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 new RCIA Course** ( Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm via Zoom . This is a course designed for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The course will be presented by our Catechists by means of instructions, questions and answer and further reading. If you would like to sign up for the course please contact either Fr John or Margaret Dimambro.

**During the time** of lockdown when the church was closed there were a number of annual collections which were not made. The collection for The Holy Places which normally takes place on Good Friday will now be taken on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at our 3 Churches of St Joseph, St Peter's and Our Lady's.

**We need a new** Foundation Governor at St Anthony's School. Many thanks to Pat Reddin who has served in this capacity for at least two terms of office.(8 years) It is a very worthy responsibility and the main role is to represent the aims and objectives of the Archdiocese in managing our Catholic Schools. It is an interesting role to ensure our children are receiving a good education . We may not be awash with cash but our schools are oversubscribed from many non Catholics who know a good school when they see one. This is thanks to the dedication of our teachers and support staff as well as the care and advice of our governors. A Governor is a Catholic in good standing with the church aged 18 – 70. If you have experience of any of the following : management, building construction, legal, accountancy, computing, media this is an opportunity to use your gifts and talents. Being a school governor is a wonderful way to give back something to the community. Do have a chat with Fr John if you would like further information.

**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)

### St Joseph's



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **Minnie Stack RIP & Baby Theo Stack RIP**

**Holidays:** Fr Noel will be away for a well deserved holiday between 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September, the office will be open as usual on Wednesday, 10.00am – 2.00pm. For anything urgent please contact Fr John at St Peter's.

**Sunday 5.30pm Mass:** This Mass will restart on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the

first one will be led by the Youth Group. Social Distancing will be in place, please remember to wear your Face Masks.

**The annual sponsored walk for the SCJ Mission** which St Joseph's parishioners have supported for many years will take place next Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Because of government regulations the walk has been adapted this year and we are looking for walkers who will walk round Jephson Gardens in groups of 6 or less and sponsors. Jan and John Ireson, June and Peter Hawkins, May Murphy, Carol Bowler, Margaret Thomas and June Arran have already agreed to walk. They can be sponsored by telephone to the individual or by a sponsor form which is available in St Joseph's narthex. We remember the 23 years work Father Brian SCJ and Brother Michael SCJ gave to the parish and look forward to a pleasant walk around the park starting at 2.00p.m. from the clock tower by the café. If you would like transport please ring 01926 332303 and you will be collected from St Joseph's Church at 1.45p.m. Please consider walking or sponsoring. All donations will be very gratefully received.

**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 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.

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**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 if you can help at St Peter's. At Our Lady's Church, volunteers are asked to contact Fr John at the Parish Office.

**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:** " I'm so excited !!! I just can't hide it!!! I know, I know, I know, I know I just can't hide it !! It only took me 6 years to (break) (get) Fr Noel to feed me a few scraps from his dinner plate so I am hoping Fr Benedict will be as considerate as his predecessor. Quite a few of you have noticed I have lost a fair amount of weight since Fr Noel left. Best woofs, Bertie ;- ) xx

**NB** memo to the Boss. Could do better !

**Confessions:** At call when available . **At Our Lady's:** Before Mass on Saturday morning from 11.45—12.15 ish. **St Peter's:** Saturdays from 4.00-5.00 pm. *Please wait outside the West Doors until you are called in.*

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.

**Trinity School Academisation Consultation Even though the information may say otherwise** It's not too late to have your say. Please go to <https://sites.google.com/cwscsoventry.co.uk/>

**The September issue of our EXTRA newsletter** is out now. It is a special Season of Creation edition. Download your copy from the Catholic Leamington website.

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.'*

**Calling all parents who are about to apply for a place for their children at School. Please remember to apply for a Catholic School. Our schools prepare your child for the completion of their Sacraments of Initiation with instructions for Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Attending a Catholic School your child will be taught about the teaching and structure of the Catholic church, prayers, hymns, the saints and many bible stories. A Catholic school is part of the parish family. Our Catholic Schools are St Joseph's in Whitnash, Our Lady and St Theresa in Lillington, Cubbington and Offchurch,, St Peter's, St Patrick's and St Anthony's in Leamington.**

**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: **Those who suffer** Creator God, open our hearts to the sufferings of the landless poor who endure violence and threat. Forgive us for the sin of indifference.

St Francis, you were jailed and beaten, brother to the outcast. May your compassion be our guide.

**St Francis, pray for us.**

More at: [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 recently deceased of our churches:** Flora Maria DeMatteus, Paul Fitzpatrick, Bridget Purcell, Mark Andrews, Alice Williams Kathleen Underhill, Vincenzo Scinaldi, Hans-Peter Boos, Patrick McDermott, Marguerite Ayres,  
**May they rest in peace.**

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** this year is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and will be dedicated to raising much needed funds to deal with the Covid crisis in the countries in which they are working – Brazil, Peru, Myanmar, Palestinian West Bank, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Kenya, Honduras, Sierra Leone, Kenya. The CAFOD Covid Appeal has already raised £2.5 million online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) If you have already given, thank you. If you have not yet done so, go to our Catholic Leamington website page under PARISH ACTIVITIES or contribute on Harvest Fast Day.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Michael Pettifer, Joan Doyle, Thomas Hill, Jim Timlin, James Dunbar, Caroline Mancini, John Cronin, Kitty Ryan, Giullietta Brown, Babs Dunbar, Peter Hales, Ray Handford, Bernard Bergonzi, Jane Kirby, William Ryan, Nora Harris, Salvatore Lazzara, Fr John Steward, Canon David Mellor, Fr John Hanrahan, Fr John Roddy, Fr Bernard McAllister, Fr John Love, Canon Leo Twiney, Fr Peter Lloyd, Canon Albert Adams, Fr John Bale, Deacon Michael McCormack, Fr Gordon Banks, Mgr Michael McTernan, Fr Paul Orchard, Canon Peter Reilly. **May they rest in peace.**

**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.**