

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 27th Sunday of the Year (A)

4th October 2020 :

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Sunday 4th October

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

11.00: People of the Parish

3.00: Baptism: Natan Kaczmarek

Monday 5th

SP: 9:30 (Live Stream only) Lilian and Mick Doye

Tuesday 6th

SP 7.00: Ursula Ciba (Radford Prayer and Praise Group)

Wednesday 7th

OL 11.00: Margaret and Jim McGreevy

Thursday 8th

SP 11.00: Patrick McDermott

Friday 9th

SP 11.00: May Barker

Saturday 10th Vigil

OL 12.30 Mass: Silver Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 11th

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

SP 11.00: Bernard and Mena Malone

Saints of the week

Tuesday 6th October:

Memorial of St. Bruno, Priest

Wednesday 7th:

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday 9th:

Feast of St. John Henry Newman, Priest

Saturday 10th:

Memorial of St. Paulinus of York, Bishop

St Joseph's

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9.00: Stephan Bl. de Rozari RIP

5:30: People of the Parish (Youth led Mass)

Monday 5th

7.00: Joe Donnelly RIP

Tuesday 6th

9.30: In Thanksgiving (MH)

Thursday 8th

11.00: Requiem: Alice Williams

7.00: Anna Jelonek's Intentions

Friday 9th

9.30: Molly Hanrahan

Saturday 10th

9.30: Confirmation Mass: For the intentions of the Children making their Confirmations

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9.00: Teresa Skinner

5:30: Deceased members of the McGarvey & Bogue families

Confessions:

At **St Joseph's** : Saturday 10.00-10.30 am. Please wait in the Narthex before being called into church.

At **Our Lady's**: Before Mass on Saturday morning from 11.45—12.15 ish.

At **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:

Solange Beckles, Elaine Murphy, Michael Brady, Maureen McCann, Elizabeth Burt, Flora Maria DeMatteus, Paul Fitzpatrick, Bridget Purcell, Mark Andrews, Alice Williams, Kathleen Underhill, Vincenzo Scinaldi
May they rest in peace.

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email 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.

There will be a Second Collection at All Churches today for Peter's Pence. There will be a Second Collection at All Churches next weekend 10/11 October for CAFOD.

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Seven-day candles:

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns in **Thanksgiving**

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 martin-foley73@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.

Come and See: talks about the Catholic faith. Do you have a relative, friend, neighbour or work colleague who might be interested in finding out what being a catholic is all about? He/She could be a non-Catholic or non-Churchgoing Catholic. Would you like to refresh your own faith? Our weekly "Come and See" sessions will be starting on Wednesday 11th November at 7:30pm by Zoom. Contact Margaret on 01926 428399, or email rcia.cathleam@gmail.com to register interest or for more information. More details also available at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/exploring-the-catholic-faith.html>

Crackley Hall and Little Crackers will be having an Open day on Thursday 8th October 9 am—4pm. Princethorpe VI Form Wednesday 14th October 6.30pm to 9 pm. All will be by appointment only so please call Princethorpe School 01926 634200 or email : post@princethorpe.co.uk

Baptisms: This Sunday we welcome **Natan Kaczmarek**. May God watch over him and keep him safe.

We need a new Foundation Governor at St Anthony's School. Can you help? Contact Fr Benedict the School Chaplain on 423824.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day this year is on Friday 9th 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 (Burma), 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 If you have already given, thank you. If you have not yet done so, please go to our Catholic Leamington website page under PARISH ACTIVITIES or contribute on Harvest Fast Day or collect a CAFOD Envelope this weekend.

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.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for October is: 'We pray for a greater sharing of the wealth of our world, so that those suffering from poverty and hunger may also enjoy the fruits of the harvest.'

Creation Today's prayer: Creator God, we praise your world and look with awe on all that is. May we commit to heal the earth and share your gifts in faith and trust.

Brother Francis, in purity of heart you gazed upon the world with love. We ask you joyfully to intercede for us, as guardians of our common home. **St Francis, pray for us.**

St Joseph's

Sunday 5.30pm Mass: We are extremely pleased that this Mass restarts today, and we welcome the Youth Group who will be leading the Mass. Social Distancing will be in place, please remember to wear your face masks.

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 the help already received as without this help we would be unable to open for public Mass each day.

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: Last Chance! as this collection will be completed this weekend. If you would like to contribute please put your contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Fr Andy's Collection" 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 please ensure you have given the details to the Parish Office as we still have several unidentified payments 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 Covid, these can now be rebooked under strict new guidelines please contact either Fr. Noel or the Parish Office on Wednesdays

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who have responded to our school uniform appeal over the last few months. A wide range of items have been donated and these are being distributed through local schools.

Donations are still welcome and can be left in the box in the narthex.

Foodbank Update Thank you for your continued support for the Foodbank. It is anticipated that, as more people lose



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for **Shaun
Cotter and Family**

their jobs through Covid, there will be more call on the services of the Foodbank so your support is most welcome.

The items most needed at the moment are Instant Mashed Potato, Tinned Rice Pudding and Washing up Liquid. Items can be left in the basket in the narthex, at St Joseph's presbytery or in the box

outside 4 Peto Grove. Thank you.

The 200 Club collection and draw will take place after both masses this Sunday, 4 October. If you would like to join the 200 Club please speak to Anne or Carol about taking out a number for £1 per month. All profits go to the Church's Building Fund.

CAFOD: Please take an envelope home this week and return for the collection next week.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to the children of St Patrick's School who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning during a special Mass for them. Fr Benedict celebrated the Mass and even with the restrictions on numbers it was a lovely event for them. Let us remember in our prayers too the children of St Joseph's School who will be Confirmed by Bishop Breslin on Saturday 10th October. These Masses are to catch up from those which had to be cancelled during lockdown. The Bishops have given parish priests special permission to celebrate these special Sacraments.

This weekend we shall be distributing the CAFOD Fast Day envelopes in preparation for the Harvest Fast Day on Friday. There is a special link to make a donation to CAFOD via the J&P pages on our website.

I am wondering how many people are able to read the Newsletter? Those who do not have a computer will not be able to access it all now so I was wondering if you know of a parishioner living nearby who does not have access to a computer could you print off a copy for them?

I need to mention that with the colder weather on the way and wet weather too we will need to draw the doors of the church closed especially when the heating goes on. I have noticed many people seem to think they can arrive at the 11 am Mass on the dot of 11 am or even a few minutes after and still get in. Sadly, when we have reached our limit for places in the Church, we cannot allow any more people into the church. St Joseph's can open their hall because it is linked to the church, but St Peter's Hall is separate. The answer is probably to offer another Mass but then there are still many empty seats during the week and with the obligation to attend Sunday Mass suspended I would encourage parishioners to attend on a weekday if they are free and when there are plenty of free spaces. Every occasion the Church is opened whether for a Mass, Baptism, Funerals etc we need to have 4 stewards and 2 cleaners. As you know I have asked for more volunteers because we cannot expect the same people to do this for us week after week and of course sometimes they might be doing something else and cannot come. Those of us who can i.e. aged 18-69 all need to take a turn. Those who would like to see more Masses on a Sunday must be prepared to offer their services to be a steward and to clean the Church. Perhaps if I put the numbers who attend each mass and our limit you can see which mass you could attend and be sure of a place.

I am very sad at the time of writing because Bertie has gone to Heaven. Not sad that he has gone to Heaven, just sad that he is no longer by my side. I shall be having a few days away next week. For one reason or another I have been unable to take a holiday for over a year.

Every Blessing,

Fr John.

Tale of the Unexpected: Bertie has gone to heaven. I am sorry to say he has not been very well since being diagnosed with diabetes. Lots of things were going wrong for him and after talking it through with the vet it seemed he had run out of options. I know he would want me to say goodbye to all his friends and thank you for reading his Tales every week. He enjoyed making everyone laugh. I used to laugh so much when I saw what he had said. Rest in peace little Bertie, you were a good friend to us all. **Fr. John**

St Joseph's

The St Vincent de Paul Society are looking for a Secretary to help with running the conference. This covers all the usual tasks like taking notes at our meetings, sending out the minutes and maintaining the visit records. The Secretary does not have to be a full member who visits people, but they can do that as well if they want. It is an important role, because as a charity as we obliged to keep records of our activities. A basic familiarity with computers running Microsoft Office, especially Word, Excel and now of course Zoom or Teams are the skills needed. If you want to know more please contact David Burton on 07713 246987.

Sacred Heart Mission update: Thanks to the 9 walkers from St. Joseph's who took part in the sponsored walk last Saturday. Thanks also to the parishioners who so very generously supported them. Please hand in your sponsorship money as soon as possible if you have not already do so.

PayPal Payments: If you have set up a PayPal payment since the start of Lockdown please ensure you have given the detail to the Parish Office by email or Phone (Wednesdays) as we still have several unidentified payments into our bank account. Many Thanks.

Gift Aid Standing Orders: If you are now paying your Gift Aid donations by Standing Order instead of yellow envelopes please return your box of envelopes to the Parish Office or put through the Presbytery letterbox.

Confirmations: Those children who should have made their Confirmation in March but were unable to do so due to the Lockdown will now be Confirmed at Mass on Saturday mornings on the 10th and 17th October. Due to Social Distancing numbers at these Masses will be limited to the Children, parents and sponsor so we would request that Parishioners who normally attend the Saturday morning Mass either watch on livestream or attend Mass at a different time.

Justice and Peace Online Assembly 2020: The Climate Emergency

This year's Justice and Peace Assembly has been on Zoom and concludes on Sunday night 4th October 7pm with an Evening Service of Prayer for the Feast of St Francis in the Spirit of Laudato Si' and caring for our common home with the participation of Archbishop Bernard .

Anyone can take part, but to do so you will need to book online at <https://bit.ly/JPassembly2020>

Pope Francis is sending us a letter

On Saturday, 3rd October, Pope Francis visited Assisi and signed a new encyclical letter to us all after Mass celebrated in the Basilica of St. Francis, entitled Fratelli tutti or "All Sisters and Brothers" on fraternity and social friendship, recalling a central theme of his time as Pope. (The official English-language version has not yet been released).

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Catherine Fitzpatrick, Josef Nowak, Jim Ryan, Fred Bakewell, Kathleen Bowne, Greta Gilbert, Daniel Looney, Madge Hanratty, Margaret Fitzmaurice, John Dunne, Kathleen Nicholls, Mary Harrington, Kitty Ballantine, Thomas Quirke, Edward O'Connor, John Stephens, Arrianna Alton, Minnie Ryan, William Morey, Henry Smyth, Patrick Hawkins, Lina Talamini, Teresa Martuccio, Bridget Hayes, Gerald Fitzgerald, Bernadette Farrell, Canon Anthony Piercy, Fr. Percival Styche, Fr. John Bullen, Fr. Philip Casey, Fr. John Fitzpatrick, Fr. Thomas Power and Deacon Patrick Selwood. **May they rest in peace.**