

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Sunday 11th April 2021

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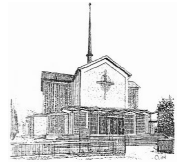
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St Joseph's

Sunday 11th

Second Sunday of Easter

9:00: Marion & Paddy Moran RIP

5:30: Mary Rogerson RIP

Monday 12th

9:30: Repose of the Soul of Mella Byrne

Tuesday 13th

9:30: Kath Molloy & Family RIP

Wednesday 14th

1:30: Requiem Mass: Mary Rogerson

Thursday 15th

7:00: Emmanuel Toutoungi;
Vinnie McCreevy

Friday 16th

9:30: John Costello & Family RIP

Saturday 17th

9:30: Martin Feeney;
Jim & Kitty Clancy

Sunday 18th

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00: People of the Parish

5:30: In Thanksgiving

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 10th

OL 12:30: Sue Franklin RIP

Sunday 11th

Second Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: Dermot Patrick Collins

SP 11:00: Pat & Bob Brash's Anniversary

Monday 12th

SP 9:30: Jack Frawley RIP

SP: 1:00: Requiem Mass: Luke Sweeney - Family Only

Tuesday 13th

SP 9:30: Donie Casey ** Please note Mass time**

Wednesday 14th

OL 12:00: Pam Allerton

Thursday 15th

SP: 11:00: Deirdre Mulcahy

Friday 16th

SP 9:30: Bishop Leo McCarty ** Please note Mass time**

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Michael Govern - Family Only

Saturday 17th

SP 9:30: Jack Ryan RIP

OL 12:30: Mary Burke

Sunday 18th

Third Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: Emmanuel Toutoungi

SP 11:00: Ann Sayce

The recently deceased of our churches:

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Mary Rogerson, Daniel Byrne,
Luke Sweeney, Fr. Michael Crumpton, Deacon Patrick Duffy,
Bernadette Parker, Graham Cane, Michael Govern

May they rest in peace.

Saints of the week

Tuesday 13th April

Opt. Memorial of St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr



Divine Mercy Sunday : Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. From 3 - 4pm at St. Peter's we will be having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotions to The Divine Mercy and Confessions.

Confessions:

St. Peter's, Our Lady's , St Joseph's : after Mass.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Michael Hannon, Thomas O'Donnell, Anna-Maria Stoneham, Michael Tierney, Madeline Reading, Gwendoline Bradley, Catherine Sturdivant, Sean Martin, Veronica Graham-Bryce, Patrick Donovan, William Allerton, Betty Reading, Richard O'Mahoney, John Ryan, Betty Butler, Kevin Purdy, George Adamson, Hilda Richards, Michael Dennehy, Betty Reading, James Kelly, Rose Darby, Stephen Newman, Patrick Henderson, Howard Burnett, Mary Moran, Canon Peter Jones, Fr. Kenneth Collins, Fr. Joseph Barr, Fr. Michael McManus, Fr. Edward Jones, Fr. Wilfrid Sheeran, Fr. Walter Edwards, Fr. Anthony Browne, Fr. Peter Moore, Fr. William Smith. ***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***

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, Bridie Daly, John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, 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-Clare Banner, 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

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to all who helped to prepare our Churches and participate in the Liturgies over Holy Week and Easter. I shall say a Mass of Thanksgiving for your intentions. Thanks also to our Stewards and Cleaners without whom no Church would be permitted to open. Thank you also for your cards and Easter gifts. We appreciate your kindness. Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! This devotion has become very popular among Parishioners. It was introduced by Pope St. John Paul II based on the devotions to the Sacred Heart of Sister Faustina. You may have seen pictures of Jesus with the prism of light shining from His heart? It is a devotion orientated to Jesus but using the Rosary beads with a series of prayers. There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to go to Confession. It always takes place on the first Sunday after Easter which is a good day in the Easter Octave to focus on the Sacred Heart of our Risen Lord.

At precisely 11am last Sunday the telephone at St. Peter's stopped ringing. Even on Easter Sunday morning we were receiving calls to book a place for the morning Masses! It is not something I want to repeat but was proof of the overwhelming desire among our Parishioners to attend Mass. Cardinal Vincent Nichols in his statement following the reopening of churches after Lockdown One stated that he recognised the need for more Masses to be introduced into churches as due to the 2 metre distancing rule their capacity would be considerably reduced.

This is certainly the case at St. Peter's and St. Joseph's where our churches were full at every Mass and Service during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Our Lady's church still had the capacity to accommodate more it is 10 minutes drive from St. Peter's and was the only church among our 3 to have space. It also boasts a large free carpark, shining block glass windows and a Children's room.

Both St. Joseph's and St. Peter's with only one Mass on a Sunday and therefore a limited capacity are following advice from Cardinal Nichols to add another Mass to our Sunday Schedule. Fr. Noel has decided to reintroduce the 5:30pm Mass at St. Joseph's and at St. Peter's I have introduced the 9am Mass.

The 10am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's will also be re-established and I am hoping to see a greater number of Children at this Family Mass. The 9am Mass at St. Peter's will be a quick no-frills Mass because it is followed by the 11am Mass an hour or so later.

Post Lockdown all the parishes will embark on their annual schedule of Maintenance. Here is the list for St. Peter's to give you an idea of tasks and costs.

Testing of all Fire fighting Equipment & Alarms - £486-00
Servicing of 8 boilers - £1,000-00 (estimate excluding repairs)
Electrical Testing - £432-00
Gutter clearing and Gutter repainting - £2,984-40
Tower Stonework Inspection - £4,062-00
Church Stonework repairs - £3,360-00

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St Joseph's

The Church now is open to the Public for all Masses

All Masses will be Live Streamed

We continue to be very grateful to our Stewards & Cleaners who continue to help us open the Church to the Public.

Confessions will be heard on request.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
**Susan Day & Tony
McAndrew RIP**

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 11th July onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

Message from Fr. Noel: I would like to thank you all for the many Easter Cards, Gifts and Easter Offerings, your kindness is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank everyone for booking their places at the Easter Services & attending at the appropriate times, we were blessed with full attendance at all of the services..

Gift Aid Envelopes: Boxes of yellow Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year commencing 6th April are now available for collection from the Sacristy. If there is anyone who is a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows us to claim back 25% tax on the donations you make, please contact Patrick Murphy 07711 346 405.

Mass Availability at St. Peter's

Please note that our Mass intentions are fully booked for the Sunday 11am Mass until November. We can be more accommodating with weekday Masses and the 9am Sunday Mass.

EXTRA: The April EXTRA newsletter is now available on the website on the **NEWSLETTER page**; scroll down below the weekly newsletter. Please make it as widely known as possible. This edition includes: Young Adults Retreat, Keeping in Touch, Thanks for Lenten appeals, SPAN AGM, St Francis Hospital Nyenga Uganda, How does the Archdiocese spend our money?, Climate Hustings, Become a Laudato Si Animator, Care for the Earth; and Our Website.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Kate Tennyson email safeguarding.splspsa@gmail.com, 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.

Dear Parishioners Continued: The following repairs are required in addition:

- Replacement of rotten roof to North side Boiler room
- Repair of stonework at West end gable, mortar repointing and associated works
- Replacement of the Stone Cross to West End Gable
- Replacing the Statue of Our Lady on the empty plinth.

At St. Peter's Hall the boilers need replacing they are 23 years old this year and are well past their sell by date. The South side heating unit is nearly 60 years old as is the boiler at Our Lady's Church. All have been maintained at great expense but they are not working properly. The time has come to look at solar panelling and a cleaner heating system as new gas systems will be phased out from 2030. At Our Lady's the system takes hours to switch on. The annual maintenance costs for gas heating is vast and every year the cost increases due to the extra maintenance required, parts are becoming unobtainable and have to be custom made. It is like driving a 60 year old car.

But should Priests be spending time on these problems? In truth I have neither the time nor the experience. My training was in Philosophy, Theology, Scripture and Pastoral Studies and this is the area where I have been equipped but much of my time is spent on maintenance. Do you think this is the best way to make use of your priest? I have to admit after 15 years of dealing with such issues I feel tired and frustrated that the work I should be doing ie my Pastoral work such as visiting the sick, arranging and leading Catechism, preparing couples for Marriage and families for Baptisms, counselling the Bereaved. Preparing Liturgy is compromised by the work I need to address with the support of an administrator on the time consuming tasks of Church Maintenance, Health and Safety. This is something I would like every Parishioner to think about—how to make best use of our Priests.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John.

Fr. Benedict's Homily: Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website frbenedict.blog

Zoom Prayers: The praying of the Rosary and Night Prayer on Zoom will resume on Monday 12th April.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. From 3 - 4pm at St. Peter's we will be having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotions to The Divine Mercy and Confessions.

Trinity Catholic School: is looking for a Foundation Governor to join its Local Governing Board. You will be joining the school at an exciting time following its recent conversion to an academy and is a great opportunity to help write the next chapter in its history. For more information, please contact Daniel on 07590351623 or dgraham@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk.

St. Peter's 200 Club: The first 200 Club draw of 2021 took place on Thursday and the winners of January's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No.26 - Mr. J. Murphy. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 29 - Mr. V. Cauty and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 109 - Pat Lee. The winners of February's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No.130 - Mrs. S. Larkin. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 165 - Hayes and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 40 - Fr. C. Greaney. Please could the winners contact the Parish Office to collect your winnings.

Climate Change Emergency: One of our parishioners, Brian Austin, has become a Community Champion for the Climate Coalition and would like to hear from anyone who is a member of any community group, such as the Womens' Institute, Lions, Rotary, Townswomens Guild, etc. Please contact him at cc.communitychamp@gmail.com. Thank you.

Catholic Leamington Website: Our website www.catholicleamington.org.uk has received some attention lately, although there is still more to do. But, thanks to Nollaig Doughan for offering to become our new Website Administrator! Nollaig will be taking over shortly and keeping it up to date and well organised. What we need now is for someone to work alongside him, so that the regular maintenance can be shared. If you can, let us know on the CONTACT US page.

SPAN: Thank you for your support for the Lenten Appeals for: Myton Hospice (£ 357.66 to date); the Kindaid Kiirua Mission in Kenya (£ 440.28); and extra support to our local families through food vouchers (£ 670.28). Full background is in the Feb EXTRA. The Just Giving link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent2021> The appeal will finish on Easter Sunday. At 7:30pm on Monday 12th April, at our monthly meeting we will hold the AGM (for 2019 Report and Accounts), we are looking for additional committee members e.g a Vice Chair. Please contact jenarmstrong@talktalk.net for more info. Contact paulhayden@ntlworld.com for a Zoom invite or other queries. Visit our website at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span>

Catholic Leamington Choir: have produced a special video to celebrate our 2nd Easter in lockdown. Singers from Our Lady's and St Peter's churches have worked hard to virtually record Look to the Day, by John Rutter, a message of hope in what has been a difficult time for all. The video is available here: https://youtu.be/RQptV_5_T58 and the audio version will also be played during mass at St Peter's Church on Easter Day. Special thanks to Anna Li for taking on this challenge and producing a beautiful video. Happy Easter from all the members of the Catholic Leamington Choir

SPAN: All in Catholic Leamington are invited to our AGM this Monday, with the Trustees Report for 2019, election of officers and our usual monthly meeting. To see the Report in advance, scroll to the bottom of our website: <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span> Zoom invites from paulhayden@ntlworld.com, we gather from 7:15 for a 7:30 start. We will also review our Easter appeal where your generous support has so far raised over £ 750 for Myton Hospice, over £ 850 for the Kiirua Mission in Kenya – long supported by Kindaid and over £ 1,000 for the local Needy. Well done Catholic Leamington!