

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Gaudete Sunday (B)

Sunday 13th December 2020

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St Joseph's

Sunday 13th December

Gaudete Sunday (Yr B)

9.00: The Intentions of the Lean Family

11.00: *Baptism: Jack White*

5:30: Fred Cowell

Monday 14th

7.00: Kathleen McCarthy RIP;
Bill Dunphy RIP

Tuesday 15th

9.30: Andy Justice;
Rosina Bertolini RIP

Thursday 17th

10:45: *Requiem Mass: June Arran*

7pm: For Vocations & People

Friday 18th

9:30: Anna Jelonek's Intentions;
Jacqueline Dube RIP

11:00: *Requiem Mass: Josephine Williams*

Saturday 19th

9.30: Bill Dunphy RIP;
June Arran RIP

Sunday 20th

4th Sunday of Advent

9.00: Kathleen McCarthy RIP;
Sean Doyle RIP

5:30: Joe & Rose McGreevy

Saint of the week

Monday 14th December:

Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

St. Peter's and Our Lady's Private Prayer

The Churches will be open at the following times for Private Prayer:

Monday SP - 7pm - 8pm:	Tuesday SP - 2pm - 3pm
Wednesday OL - 11am - 12pm	Thursday SP - 2pm - 3pm
Friday SP - 7pm - 8pm	Saturday SP 10am - 10:30am

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 12th December Vigil

OL: 12:30: Simon and Kevin Daly

SP: 5:00: Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;
Mary Bridget Collins

Sunday 13th Gaudete Sunday (Yr. B.)

SP 11.00: Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;
Eithne Dunne

Monday 14th

SP: 8:00am: Repose of the Souls of Parishioners who died in 2020
SP: 9:30am: St. Peter's School Mass (Live Stream only)

Tuesday 15th

SP 11.00: Mary Lampitt;
Tony Sullivan
Patrick, Sarah and Mary O'Mullane

Wednesday 16th

OL: 12:00: Harijs "Harry" Kraulis (*Please note: Our Lady's Church*)

Thursday 17th

SP: 9:30am: Our Lady & St. Teresa's School Mass (Live Stream only)

SP 11.00: Marie Conway
Frances Kendrick

Friday 18th

SP 12.00: *Requiem: Teresa Halikowska-Smith*

Saturday 19th Vigil

SP: 9:30: Private Intention
OL 12:30: Jack & Kitty Ryan;
Bob Habgood

SP: 5:00: Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;
Nancy, Paddy, John and Patrick Murphy
Patrick Kelly

Sunday 20th

4th Sunday of Advent

SP 11.00: Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;
Mary and Tom Beirne
John Dawson

Confessions:

At **St Joseph's** : On Request
At **St. Peter's**: At call after Mass

The Hour of Encounter:

At St. Peter's: Mondays and Fridays 7pm - 8pm
Open to Parishioners. A time of guided prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction.

The recently deceased of our churches:

Teresa Halikowska-Smith, Patrick Murphy, Josephine Williams,
Harry & Margaret Holland, Edith Durkin, June Arran, Rosalie Dwyer
May they rest in peace.

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 : 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

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candles burns for **F/O Patrick Anthony Hughes DFM**

The Our Lady Altar candle burns for **Eric Craig's Anniversary RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

This year we are all trying to think about how to make Christmas safe for everyone and enjoyable. 2020 has been a difficult year for most of us because we have had to face our biggest fears. We are told many people have suffered from isolation and loneliness. All our lives have been turned upside down. Last Christmas we had absolutely no idea what was coming. If anyone had told us our country would be in Lockdown for months, that we would all wear masks, that hand washing and hand sanitiser would be part of our daily lives we might have stared at them in disbelief and probably laughed at them.

And yet, each year our lives do change perhaps not quite so rapidly or as totally as in the last year but the events and the people who are close to us do change. As we age our appearance changes, our physical and mental health changes according to our circumstances. If there is one fundamental lesson of life it is to know how to adapt to the ever changing circumstances of our lives and how to make the best of what we have.

This Christmas will be different but we want it to be happy, we want to feel the joy of an event which we have been looking forward to. This year Christmas is perhaps more special than it has been for many a year. But let us not forget why we celebrate the story of Christmas. It is a celebration for religious and non-religious alike, a focal point which has been drawing us towards itself with the expectations of joy. But let us also be careful. Why spoil the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar? Given that we have been so careful up until now it would be silly and reckless to ignore the rules and guidelines which though hard do make good sense.

We must protect our "bubbles" and take care to avoid spreading the virus. I know many people miss being able to hug their loved ones but a hand on someone's arm or shoulder can be just as meaningful.

On the Third Sunday of Advent we look forward to the coming of Christmas with Joy.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

Christmas Mass Availability

St Peter's	St. Peter's	Our Lady's
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Christmas Eve
1pm	8am	11pm
3.30pm	9am	Christmas Day
5pm	11am	10am
10pm		

If you would like to book please telephone or email the office at St. Peter's. Please provide the names and telephone names and numbers of those attending and if you have any mobility issues.

St Joseph's

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: 2:30pm & 8:30pm

Christmas Day: 9am & 11am

Numbers are limited and therefore it is essential that you book in advance to attend these Masses, by emailing or telephoning the Parish Office.

The Christmas Eve 5:30pm Mass is now full, however there are places still available at the other Masses.

Confessions will be heard on request.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

We are very grateful to our Stewards and Cleaners as without their help we would be unable to open the Church to the Public at any times.

Baptism: We welcome into the Church Jack White who is being Baptised today.

Christmas Cards: There is a selection of Christmas cards & gifts in the Narthex, please put the money in the Piety box on the wall.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
Eric Craig RIP

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

New Email Addresses: Please remember to use the new email addresses at the top of the Newsletter as the old ones are no longer in use.

****Penitential Service at St. Peter's Church****

This Coming Tuesday (15th December) at 7pm.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Stephen Rogerson, Stephen Mason, Bernie Burns, Kathleen Geraghty, Brian Crowley, Peter Delia, Margaret Bell, Maria De Sousa-Monteiro, Ruth Paget, Mary Collins, Eithne Dunne, Annette Jarolyn, Mgr. Bernard Navin, Fr. Cyril Barlow, Fr. John Griffiths, Fr. Joseph Rowland, Fr. Denis Ryan, Fr. Michael McKiernan, Fr. Peter Kavanagh, Fr. Fergus O'Connell, Fr. Daniel O'Connor, Fr. Michael O'Meara, Fr. Edmund Motherway, Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson. **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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

First Holy Communion Programme 2021 for children who attend non Catholic Schools: Parents of children who are now in Year 3 or above who attend non Catholic Schools please contact the parish office stperaposle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk marked First Holy Communion 2021 to register your child for this programme.

The Course will be run via Zoom. It will begin at 2.30 pm on Saturday afternoon and each session will last for approximately half an hour. It is 20 sessions in total, excluding all school holidays. Parents will receive a package via email each week before the session with everything they will need ie prayers, home task, etc.

The Enrolment Mass for new candidates will be on Saturday 9th January. Reconciliation Service and First Confession on 6th March. First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 19th June.

Second Collection: There will be a Second Collection today for the Apostleship of the Sea, please place money either in the Collection box in an envelope marked Apostleship of the Sea or Post through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

Hour of Encounter: You are invited to join in a guided Holy Hour every Monday and Friday evening - 7pm -8pm. This time of Eucharistic Adoration will involve readings from Scripture and a short homily, all focused on the Season of Advent. The time of Prayer will conclude with Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction. Come and encounter to the Lord who loved you so much that He became man. Join on Live Stream and **from Friday, the Church will also be open during this time.**

June Arran's Funeral will take place on 17th December 2020: Due to the current restrictions numbers at the funeral are limited to 30, therefore if you would like to say your farewells to June as the cortege makes it's way from her home on Radford Road to St. Joseph's Church in Whitnash it would be a wonderful tribute. The route is as follows: 10:25 leave 154 Radford Road, then Sydenham Drive, Prospect Road, St. Margaret's Road, Whitnash Road and finally Murcott Road East arriving at St. Joseph's Church at 10:45am. Thank you.

Thank you from St. Patricks Catholic School: All the children and staff at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to our Christmas Fundraising Appeal. We have already raised over £780. Thanks to everyone's generous donations we are well on the way to being able to provide every child with a breakfast bagel every day for a year. There is still time to donate. Please visit our crowdfunding page at:

<https://www.rocketfund.org/magic-breakfast-no-child-too-hungry-to-learn>

We know that children learn better when they are not hungry and that food is the fuel for learning. Can you help us reach our target amount of £1300?

If you would like further information or you can provide help and support in other ways, please contact us on 01926 425958.

Young Adult's 'Christmas Quiz and Festive Fun': (for those aged 16-30yrs) at 5pm on 14th December - the feast day of Saint John of the Cross. Please check out the Facebook group on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/949489832168594>. Message Rose for meeting deets.

The Christian Life Community invites you: to our Virtual Information Evening by ZOOM on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. We are a world-wide organisation for lay people, who meet in small groups, currently virtually, for helping them with prayer, sharing their faith with others and exploring how to live their lives on a daily basis in the spirit of the gospel and for mutual support. We would like to offer the opportunity to Christians to experience this way of life by setting up new virtual groups by Zoom for the area. For more information, or for the Zoom link, contact:- Peter Dimambro, mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk 01926 428399.

ACTA: A number of Parishioners in Catholic Leamington are members of ACTA and have attended meetings of the Birmingham Archdiocese branch over the years. Now that we have moved to virtual sessions every month or two, it is easier for members and any others interested to attend them. The next Zoom meeting is on Sunday 13th December at 1:45pm for a 2pm start, when the theme will be Fratelli Tutti, the latest papal encyclical. David McLoughlin (Emeritus Fellow in Christian Theology at Newman University) will speak on "Pope Francis' vision of the roles of faith and politics in maintaining a Peaceful shared planet." Existing members and any others interested are welcome to register for this online conference by emailing actabhm@gmail.com and they will be sent the Zoom link.

The Sower Magazine: Is now available for advent at the back of Church or alternatively go to:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine

St. Peter's Piety Shop: The Piety shop is open and located under the Choir loft. In stock are all your Christmas needs including Christmas Cards, Mass Bouquet Cards, Christmas Candles, Walk With Me Booklets and much more. Please do have a look when entering or exiting the Church.

Walk With Me Booklets: The Walk With Me booklets are now available from the Piety shop under the Choir Loft. Please could we ask that you pay £1 for them. Please place the money in the Piety box. They are usually given out for free, however we can not cover the cost this year. Thank you.

Advent Service: There will be a Zoom Advent Service on Sunday, 20 December at 5 pm. This is a real collaboration, with music from the Virtual Choir and the Youth Band, and young and old(er) readers. All are very welcome, especially families. It will be wonderful to come together for a further time of preparation and prayer before Christmas. Please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com for the Zoom invitation and service booklet. If any children or young people would like to make a drawing or painting of the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary, please send a photo of this to Mary Rouse by email and we'll try and include these during the service. We will need them by Thursday, 17 December, please.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for December is: 'We pray for the lonely at this time of family gatherings: may we remember that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family.'

EXTRA NEWSLETTER The December edition is now available on the NEWSLETTER page of the website at catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter Content includes Youth and Young Adults, Advent Prayer, St Peter's Choir/Our Lady's Singers, SPAN, Evangelisation, Prisoners in Lockdown, Kindaid news, DVD for over 60s, A commitment to act, Youth 2000, Nuclear Weapons, Food Bank and last but not least, Christmas greetings to everyone.