

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 4th Sunday in Ordinary (B)

Sunday 31st January 2020

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St Joseph's

Sunday 31st

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Elias & Manola Saez;
Joseph & Doris Cassidy RIP

Monday 1st February

7:00: Pat O'Mahony;
Eugene McGarrell's Intentions

Tuesday 2nd

9:30: Alfred & Eva Keating RIP;
Elizabeth Meade RIP

Thursday 4th

7:00: Bert & Kathleen Vincent RIP

Friday 5th

9:30: June Arran RIP;
Alice & Peter Tolan RIP

Saturday 6th

9:30: Deceased members of the Boyce Family

Sunday 7th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Mary & deceased members of the McGarvey & Bogue family;
Mary Mullan Anniversary

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 30th

OL 12:30: George Robinson *Vigil*

Sunday 31st

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 11:00: Barbara O'Rourke

Monday 1st February

SP 11:00: Tony Sullivan

Tuesday 2nd

SP 9:15: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia *Live-Streamed only (Not Public)*

SP 11:00: Jack Frawley

Wednesday 3rd

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Kathleen Joan Sweeney RIP (Family Only)

OL 12:00: People of the Parish

Thursday 4th

SP 11:00: Requiem Mass: Sheila Collins RIP (Family Only)

Friday 5th

SP: 9:15: Our Lady & St. Theresa School *Live-Streamed only (Not Public)*

SP: 1:00: Requiem Mass: Margaret Moore RIP (Family Only)

Saturday 6th

SP 9:30: Private Intention

OL 12:30: George Robinson *Vigil*

Sunday 7th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 11:00: Maria Tavares

Saints of the week

Tuesday 2nd February

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday 3rd February

Opt. Memorial of St. Werburg, Abbess
Opt. Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr
Opt. Memorial of St. Ansgar, Bishop

Friday 5th February

Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

Saturday 6th February

Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Monday - Friday when the Church is open, Saturday 10 am – 11 am and upon request.

Our Lady's: Wednesday when the Church is open.

St. Joseph's: Upon request

The recently deceased of our churches:

Canon Giles Goward, Sue Franklin, Frances Kendrick,
Dorothy Rimmer, Tony Gaggero, John Coombes, Pam
Allerton, Maisie Lynch, Myles Richards, Luigi Bossi, Jack
Frawley, James Rowles, Margaret Moore, Kathleen Jackson,
Joan Sweeney, Emma Lawless, Dominica Turturici,
Jacqueline Skelcher, Sheila Collins.

May they rest in peace.

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

The Churches will be open before Mass during the Week for Private Prayer. Please see above for Mass times.

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.

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: Bob Grainger, 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

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candle burns for **Frederick Plummer RIP**

The Main Altar candle burns for **Tony Sullivan RIP**

The Our Lady Altar candle burns for **Shelia Collins RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday we shall vacate the month of January 2021 and Monday signals the start of February at the beginning of the working week. Tuesday marks the Feast of Presentation of the Lord. Mass will be on Live-Stream & public Mass at St. Peter's at 11am. Wednesday at Our Lady's Church we shall have the Feast of St. Blaise and the traditional Blessing of the Throats will this year have to take the form of Blessing at Mass as opposed to the physical use of the crossed candles. There will be a public Mass at Our Lady's Church at 12 noon.

With the snow and ice and cold days January seemed like a long month but February promises to be shorter in length and divided by the arrival of Ash Wednesday on 17th February. Easter Sunday will be on 4th April this year, Palm Sunday on 28th March and Good Friday 2nd April. I am relieved we have these special days and although it might feel as if we have been living through a permanent Lent for months we know the time of Fasting, Alms Giving and Prayer will prepare us for what we all hope will be the joy of Easter, a festival of our Faith and our hope.

In the meantime most of us are living from day-to-day in a sense of solitary confinement but at least we can begin to see the changes in the flora and fauna. The birds are pairing off and the spring flowers are in evidence. As a colleague of mine used to say (frequently) "Not long now!". In the midst of all this it is good to see how technology helps our community to stay strong, many of our groups and societies are using Zoom or telephone to meet which is great.

This year our Catechism classes are held via Zoom and we shall soon begin the Confirmation Class in preparation for the Sacrament. Archbishop Bernard Longley has given permission for all Priests to celebrate this Sacrament when and as the need arises. Our course will begin in a few weeks time. Please contact fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk to register your place ASAP.

Places are still available at Our Lady's school. I would appeal to all parents to support Our Lady and St. Theresa's School in Cubbington which not only has one of the best views in the area - miles of rolling countryside but offers excellent Catholic education for the Children in the catchment area of Lillington, Cubbington and Offchurch. As with all our Catholic schools please - Support Our Schools - or SOS for short! Please contact me for more Information.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

St Joseph's

The Church is open for Public Mass at the following times:

Tuesdays: 9:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

Sundays: 9:00am

All other Masses will be Live Streamed, there will only be one Mass on Sundays.

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



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
The Harwar Family

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.

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

The Parish SVP: is looking to provide these items for a local family in need - Warm Winter clothes: Ladies size Medium or size 10, Girl's size 11 yrs, Boy's size 15 yrs. Footwear: Lady's size 4, Girl's size 4, Boy's size 6. If you have any of these items to donate, please take to -Presbytery at St Joseph's, or give to Father Noel after a Mass. or 4 Peto Grove, Warwick Gates Estate, Heathcote. CV34 6GT. Knock on door or place in box just outside house. Food bank - a reminder we are still collecting items for the local food bank, again please drop off at the Presbytery or 4 Peto Grove. If you want to donate money, please can it be as cash, as this gets to the food bank quicker. Thank you, St Vincent de Paul Society at St Joseph's.

St. Joseph's 200 Club: Congratulations to Joe Sauvage and C McCrudden, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in December's 200 Club draw. The extra Christmas prize of £25 was won by Alison McLeary.

Congratulations to Patrick Hynes and Anna Jelonek, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in January's 200 Club draw. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday, 7th February. It would be wonderful if some more parishioners could join the 200 Club. It only costs £1 per month which you can pay by cash, cheque or standing order as far in advance as you want.

All the profits go to the Church's Building Fund and will be put towards the major repairs due on the Church and Parish Hall.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Myranda Lintott, Richard Randall, Peter Harding, William Nicholl, Mary McGarvey, Charles Shinkwin, Linda Stoodley, Thomas Shinkwin, Thomas Jeavons, Michael Stack, Patrick Dunne, Anthony "Tony" Sullivan, Frederick Plummer, Margaret Caves, John Moody, Archbishop Frederick Keating, Mgr. Michael Williams, Fr. David Condron, Fr. Denis Clancy, Fr. Joseph Connelly, Fr. Thomas O'Carroll **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**

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Confirmation Class 2021: Attention All children who attend non-Catholic schools in Catholic Leamington. This year children from St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary Immaculate's Church in Warwick will participate along with those from Our Lady's and St. Peter's Churches in the Confirmation class on Zoom. Our course will be lay led and begin in a few weeks time. Please contact fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk to register your place ASAP.

Holy Rosary and Night Prayer: Monday and Friday, 8-8.45pm on Zoom. You are invited to join with fellow parishioners as we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and pray Night Prayer. This group is for both those who regularly pray these prayers, and those who are new to them. Only Fr Benedict's camera and microphone will be on; so you don't need to worry about background noise etc. The login details are the same for every meeting: Meeting ID: 945 327 7340 Passcode: pray Or click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9453277340?pwd=Q1VhSVQxNGhTWDRJSW96UUVHTVdoUT09>



First Friday Devotions at St Peters: The image we have of God is of great importance for our spiritual lives. In the 16th and 17th centuries a heresy called Jansenism became prevalent. This false teaching presented God to be full of wrath because of mankind's sins, what's more, it taught that our response to the divine should be one marked by fear and a feeling of utter

unworthiness. It lead Christians to be fearful of Jesus.

This was the context in which God revealed the mystery of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque during a series of mystical revelations. God established devotion to the Sacred Heart to ensure that our image of him is correct. In this beautiful devotion Jesus reveals his heart to be burning with love for humanity. Pierced and crucified — offering salvation and mercy — Jesus' heart longs for us to offer our love and devotion in return.

If some distorted forms of spirituality focused only on God's punishment, the Sacred Heart emphasised mercy. If many believers inordinately feared God, here divine love and joy were manifest. If Jesus had seemed distant and unapproachable before, the Sacred Heart beckons us to enter into the divine furnace of love.

When he revealed this beautiful devotion to Saint Margaret he made nine promises to those who followed the devotion. The final of these promises reads: "In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."

On the First Friday of each month, starting on Friday 5th February, there will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 5.30pm, followed by Mass at 6.30pm. Each month you are invited to come and encounter the Heart of Jesus which burns for love of you.

Young Adults Group (16-30 yrs): Prayer and Adoration - 5pm, Friday 5th February. We'll begin with an icebreaker saying 3 fun facts about ourselves. Then we shall chat about our thoughts and results of the Revised Fivefold Ministries Inventory: <http://www.fivefoldsurvey.com/surveys>. The test is designed to give you a snapshot of your Base and Phase ministry gifts as articulated in Ephesians 4 (Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Evangelist, Pastor). There will be led prayer with chill and contemplative time. If you'd like to join us check out the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2925071417815699/>

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 raised an incredible £1,506-00. 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. To find out more about St Patrick's Catholic Primary School please visit our website <https://www.stpatricks-lspa.com/>

Parishioners who are care givers or work in the mental health sector: Mini retreat for care givers in the midst of the COVID pandemic Prepared by Ben Bano at Welcome Me As I Am, a scripture based reflection every day for a week (see attached). For more info visit <https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>

The Christian Heritage Centre: are offering a couple of webinars (13th Feb & 13th Mar) to support Catholics (and indeed Christians) who work in the mental health sector. Link to the event page is <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/spirit-mind-body/>

Marriage Enrichment: Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans, January 30th-31st 2021. An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. To find out more visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or call 0845 2602016

Marriage support for those experiencing difficulties: Is lockdown and living in a time of so much uncertainty affecting your relationship? Are you more stressed, silent or arguing a lot? Have you reached a point that you are considering separating or divorce? Help and support is available. Retrouvaille (<https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>) offer a virtual weekend programme (25th-28th Feb 2021) that may help. For more information or to speak to someone in confidence call or text 07887 296983 / 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

Tony Gaggero RIP: Those wishing to contact Tony's family to pass on their condolences to Susie or Chris Gaggero please email sj_gaggero@yahoo.com.

Peter Fury a former pupil of Dormer School: 1959-1962 when he was aged 13-16 now retired would be interested to hear from anyone who knew him, or attended the school at that time. He remembers Mr Hall who taught English and would love to reminisce with someone from that time. His family attended St Peter's Church and lived in the parish. He now lives near the south coast. Please call him by phone between 9am and 9pm. Tel 01202 948933 or Mob 079 889 472 46.

The following Mass was celebrated by the clergy privately last week (25th - 29th January 2021): Jack Frawley RIP

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Kate Tennyson email safeguarding.splspa@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.