

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

St Peter's, Our Lady's, St Joseph's

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER A

Divine Mercy Sunday:

Sunday 19 April 2020

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Live-streamed Masses from St Joseph's Church this week

Mass Intentions that will be privately celebrated

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| SUN 19 April Second Sunday of Easter A DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | 9.00 | Paul Rabone RIP Thomas Healy RIP Patrick Murphy RIP Michael Maxwell RIP Nora & Tom Quirke |
| MON 20 April Easter feria | 9.30 | Special Intentions (JQ) |
| TUE 21 April Easter feria | 9.30 | May Martin RIP |
| WED 22 April Easter feria | 11.00 1.30 | Portia Brightburn's Intentions Joy Barry |
| THU 23 April St George | 7.00 | Birthday of Sr Elizabeth |
| FRI 24 April Easter feria | 9.30 | Holy Souls Ronald Forbes Anniversary |
| SAT 25 April St Mark | 9.30 | Michael & Kathleen Cassidy RIP |
| SUN 26 April Third Sunday of Easter | 9.00 11.00 | Paul Rabone RIP Jess Austin-Hayward RIP First Anniversary Kathleen Walsh RIP Sr Carmel |

MONDAY 20 April
For those self-isolating

TUESDAY 21 April
Anna Robson

WEDNESDAY 22 April
Requiem: Joy Barry

THURSDAY 23 April
NHS & key workers

FRIDAY 24 April
Eileen Lawless

SATURDAY 18 April
Michael Hartnett
Maria Alice Spencer

Recently deceased:

Emmanuel Toutoungi, Bernard Kirton, Michela Rolando, Fr Timothy Burke, Doreen Gianelli, Anna Robson, Joy Barry, Doreen Burford, Mario Fuchs, Michael Fuchs, Annie Chalk, Mary 'May' Martin, Ann Hopkins.
May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Thomas Maher, Teresa Webber, Mary Bowen, Mick Long, Mary Ruby, Robbie Burns, Sally Lamont, Paul Thacker, Ian Jermond, Margaret Aitkin, John O'Sullivan, Vincent Reilly, Bernadette Cordina, Eileen Singleton, Irene Sudlow, Molly Mulroney, Elizabeth MacDonald, John Newstead, Bridie Fitzgerald, Bridget Crotty, M. Tiasik, Kathleen Walsh, Susan Hiorns, Anna-Maria Stoneham, Ellen Cleary, Mary Pettipher, James Baker, Christine Collins, Ann Alexander, Catherine Cronin, Mary Maguire, Mary Collins, Fr Reginald Slade, Fr Patrick Downey, Fr Hugh Griffith, Fr Oswald, Fr Liam Bouchier, Deacon Peter Seeney, Fr Patrick Quilty, Fr Benjamin Cox, Fr Wilfrid Davenport (long-serving former Parish Priest of St Peter's), Fr Desmond Donnelly, Fr Peter Dennison. **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.

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON : Second Sunday of Easter A, 19 April 2020

Dear Parishioners

Without doubt the “lockdown” in response to the Coronavirus pandemic has tested every member of our society and every institution. After weeks spent in isolation during some of the most beautiful weather and verdant Spring growth, we are now required to embark on

an extended (yet necessary) curb on our freedom and way of life. Sadly there seems to be no end to the virulence of this disease which has closed down our society but, at the same time, has brought out some of the best in our society too.

The Easter weekend was for us all a very strange experience. The live-streamed Masses and services at St Joseph’s have been a boon. Yet celebrating Mass in an empty church (and knowing many members of our congregation are watching) is surreal. On Holy Thursday I ‘led’ a reflection on the Stations of the Cross for children. I spent a lot of time preparing the material to do this in front of a camera. There was little feedback bar two people who said they watched it. I felt very odd delivering this reflection and very out of my depth.

The Triduum services of Holy Thursday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in a way realised an aspiration to celebrate these main events together. Pre-lockdown, the Liturgy Committee for St Peter’s and Our Lady’s discussed a joint service at Our Lady’s for Maundy Thursday. In the end this wasn’t to be, yet there was even better because we celebrated this important moment of our faith as three churches together. At one stage I imagined using the twelve feet of six shop mannequins for the washing of the feet. Thankfully this was one idea that did not reach fruition!

The Triduum is heavily weighted in text but there is also plenty of opportunity for highlighting our Christian symbols. On Thursday the Eucharist is a day of priesthood, service and the institution of the Eucharist. Fr Andy sourced a loaf of bread and some grapes, filled a decanter and draped the priest’s stole to provide a visual message to Mass. On Good Friday the big crucifix was a visual image for us to venerate. We asked each parishioner to venerate their crucifix at home as well as to ‘attend’ the Service in the church. The Easter Vigil always starts with the Easter fire. You could not see it but many heard the fire alarm going off, caused by the smoke in the confined space of the Narthex. Fr Andy was pleased to know the alarm worked! The Paschal candle brought light into the darkness of the church and the readings opened our minds to the story of our faith. The font and water were blessed. In the modern design of St Joseph’s this worked so well as it is situated on the altar – a constant reminder that it is through our Baptism that we have received the gift of eternal life and become members of God’s kingdom. On Easter Sunday we renewed our Baptismal promises and celebrated the joy of the resurrection. It felt wonderful, but odd, because our Alleluias were not returned by the congregation!

I am very grateful to Fr Andy that he has shared the benefits of St Joseph’s web-streaming with Our Lady’s/St Peter’s. I was amazed that families situated overseas were watching our humble Masses. The messages I received through the website showed that these were mostly former parishioners. The experience brought them close in a way which was previously impossible. It suggests to me that web-streaming is going to become an important aspect in the future of the church: for example where people cannot attend because of illness or isolation, where they cannot travel and for many other reasons. Investing in the equipment to set up web-streaming is a necessary expense. But so too is computerisation for the elderly and those members of our population who do not have the internet.

Every blessing, Fr John.

St Joseph’s



This week
Our Lady’s
Seven Day
Candle
burns for

Alf Woodward RIP

Thank you: On behalf of myself and Fr Ramunas a sincere thank you for all your cards and gifts over the Easter weekend. It is much appreciated especially at these uncertain times.

Cllr Bernard Kirton RIP: Cllr Kirton’s family have been in touch and there will be an online Memorial Mass for the late Cllr Bernard Kirton on Tuesday 28 April at 7.00 pm. Please go to MCN Media, Warwickshire Churches, St Joseph’s Whitnash or the Live-streaming link on www.stjosephs47.org.uk to attend the Mass. Cllr Kirton amongst many other roles in our community was a Governor of St Joseph’s School for 35 years.

The Parish Office is closed until further notice. For anything urgent please leave a message on the answerphone 01926 772712 or email st.josephs47@outlook.com for Fr Andy.

Offertory envelopes, contributions, Mass Intentions and 200 Club subscriptions can be put through the letterbox.

E-news: Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via Mailchimp on Twitter, Facebook, the parish or Deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

Sick of the Parish: Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Ashley Gurney, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, David Kendall, Mist Johnson, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Brian Murray, Paula Newton, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Anna Tye, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the parishes. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all who care for them. Amen.**

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON : Second Sunday of Easter A, 19 April 2020

Our Lady's & St Peter's

Easter Thank You: Fr Noel and I would like to thank you for your gifts and offerings for Easter.

Thank you also to parishioners who have signed up to give their offertory by Standing Order and to those of you who have already made use of the online card donation option on the website. Offertory envelopes can also be placed through the Presbytery letterbox. I am extremely grateful for your continued support of the parish at this difficult time.

Mass Intention requests can also be put through the letterbox. They could also be posted, emailed or phoned through on [01926 423824 Ext 0](tel:01926423824). I could put them on your tab!

St Peter's School is asking for donations of non-perishable food and other household items. Some of the families whose children attend the school are requesting help. Many people are struggling at this time. Lay-offs, redundancies and delayed payments are just some of the reasons. With the unprecedented pressure on Foodbanks, this is another way to help needy parish families.

200 Club: The results are in! First prize C Hayes £50; second prize Clare Lucey £20; and third prize Anthony Coleman £10. Congratulations to the winners!

Links to share. Have any of you found really good prayer resource websites that you would like to share with others? I would love to hear from you via newsletterstpeters@gmail.com. As well as those links on the Archdiocese website, I have had a recommendation for <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for April is: *'We pray for all those who are isolated and lonely at this extraordinary time, that they may be supported by our prayers and practical help'*.

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Tales of the Unexpected: Lockdown for canines is very good. We now have a proper walk for an hour. We have proper exercise in the garden in the afternoon. And we get proper attention during the day. It's a win, win, win for dogs. Best woofs, Bertie ;-) xx

End note

The lockdown experience has reminded me of the famous words of the Bible from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3. I include it for you with a few added verses based on my own experience of lockdown. *Fr John*

A time to sleep and a time to stay awake
 A time to eat
 A time to catch up with the news
 A time to work
 A time to buy online
 A time to pray
 A time to hope
 A time to exercise
 A time to do the washing
 A time to clean
 A time to socialise
 A time to help
 A time to do the garden
 A time to visit the supermarket
 A time to put the rubbish out
 A time to dream
 A time to listen to music

A time to watch tv
 A time to eat chocolate
 A time to do some of the things I have put off for years
 A time to take food to the food bank
 A time to check the church
 A time to say hello
 A time to say sorry
 A time to telephone
 A time to say thank you
 A time to applaud the NHS and essential workers
 A time to cry
 A time to laugh
 A time to mourn
 A time to wish I hadn't put my airfix kits into the jumble sale
 A time to do a 1000 piece jigsaw and finish it
 A time to chat to neighbours over the fence
To be continued