

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) Sunday 17 MAY 2020

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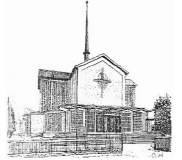
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Masses that will be live-streamed from St Joseph's Church

Sunday 17 May

9.00: Mary Lou Duwell RIP;
Jenny Allister & Family

11.00: Ann Sayce

Monday 18 May

Easter feria

7.00: Emma D'Arcy Willett RIP First
Anniversary

Tuesday 19 May

St Dunstan

9.30: David Harwar RIP Birthday
Anniversary

10.30: Requiem Lucrezia Bishton

Wednesday 20 May

Easter feria

11.00: John Wheeler

Thursday 21 May

Feast of The Ascension

11.00: Bishop Leo McCartie

7.00: Jim Ball RIP; Emmanuel
Toutoungi RIP

Friday 22 May

Easter feria

9.30: Wellbeing of the Thomas
Family

Saturday 23 May

Easter feria

9.30: Deacon Tom Pringle's Ints.

Sunday 24 May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00: Chris Scullane Birthday
Anniversary; Patrick McGuinness RIP

11.00: Solange Beckles

Mass Intentions that will be celebrated privately

Monday 4 May

Requiem:
Maureen Finnessy

Tuesday 19 May

James Dunne

Wednesday 20

May

Joy Barry

Friday 22 May

Geoffrey Rendell

Saturday 23 May

Fr Andy Kenny

Dear Parishioners

I am heartened when I hear from you how our local Catholic family is active in its efforts to keep the faith. For those who have access to the Internet, you have made the celebration of Mass a key part of your day. For those who do not have this, you have spent time in prayer and reflection, saying the words of the Mass, listening to services on the radio or TV, saying the rosary, novenas and devotions, intercessions and petitions. You have made more time to read scripture and to meditate. Hearing about your experiences and how your faith has helped you through this difficult time has brought me great joy. It is wonderful to hear you speaking about your experiences. Did you know that when you are giving this testimony about your faith, you are proclaiming the word of God?

Spiritual communion has been the key to our time of endurance, unlocking our faith and helping us to remain faithful. Has it been a surprise to you how powerfully the Spirit has been working in your life? This Sunday the Gospel reminds us that Jesus bequeathed the Spirit to his disciples. It is this same Spirit which has brought our faith alive at this difficult time. It is the gift of Jesus to each one of us and we are thankful.

On Thursday it is the Feast of the Ascension. In normal times it would be a Holy Day of Obligation but now I don't need to exhort the faithful to go to Mass. I now know, if I didn't know before, that you have a great love of the Mass and that you will celebrate either in your own parish, or in many other churches locally, nationally and internationally. All I need to say is: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Every blessing, Fr John.



Your generosity to your churches is very much appreciated at this difficult time for everyone. Thank you. Our letterboxes can continue to take the strain (if you can reach them safely): Offertory envelopes, Mass Intentions, donations are all welcome. All three dogs are well trained not to chew paper, especially currency! Similarly both Parish Offices, though devoid of our staff, are continuing to function as best we can. If you call and there's no reply, please leave us voicemail messages, we will get back to you as soon as possible (ditto emails). Thank you for your support. It is good to 'see' so many of you at Mass!



"It ain't heavy Father, it's your Offertory envelopes!"

Frs. John and Andy

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.

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This week there is an edition of the newsletter EXTRA to enjoy online. It is on both the Catholic Leamington catholicleamington.org.uk and St Joseph's websites stjosephs47.org.uk



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St Joseph's

Thank you for the Cards and Gifts that I received

to mark the eighth Anniversary of my 35th Birthday. I greatly appreciate your kindness.

Angele Handford RIP. Thank you to all those parishioners who turned out on Friday to pay their respects to Angele. The family were very touched by your presence and our prayers on Murcott Road. It was a fitting way for us to pay our respects to a much loved parishioner. Angele and Ray were founding members of the parish. May they both rest in peace.

This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **Linda Scott's Birthday Anniversary**

Aunty Win RIP: Please could I ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of my Aunty Win. She wasn't my real Aunty but was the next best thing as my Nana's closest friend. My Nana (who died in 1996) and Aunty Win for many years helped to take sick pilgrims to Lourdes and it was lovely some years ago to go with her and my Mum on pilgrimage there. Aunty Win read the first reading at my Ordination Mass in 2004. She died at the age of 99 just short of her 100th birthday and was also a staunch Man Utd fan! Her funeral rites were celebrated in North Wales last week. Win was much loved by us as a family and will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

Thank you: For donations both financial and edible towards the work of the SVP and the local Foodbank.

Livestream Funeral Mass. If you would like a simple Funeral Mass from St Joseph's before the burial or cremation of a loved one please do ask the priest celebrant and he will gladly help you to arrange this.

Live-stream Viewing Figures: I was pleasantly surprised to see that the viewing figures for Weekday Mass are on average between 600-700 and for Sunday Mass the average is 2,300. This is how many "machines" are tuning in, there could be of course more than one person watching. The countries where people are tuning in are Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Lebanon, the UK, the USA and of course Lithuania where Fr Ramunas's family get to see him every day! I hope you agree that the livestream has been a worthwhile investment and has helped to keep the community in spiritual contact with one another.

SVP: Our SVP Society is willing and able to help anybody who may feel isolated at this time. David Burton is our contact davidburton636@gmail.com One of the ways in which the SVP can help is by taking food donations to the

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

A prayer line: Fr Christopher

is self isolating and is happy for people to ring him if they would like a prayer to be said or to have a short chat. Calls can be made between 10.00 am and 7.00 pm **Tel. 07385 794080.**

SVP Lillington president Richard Gordon is in daily contact with the local foodbank as part of the SVP's outreach work. Instant mash, readymade custard in cartons, and toothpaste are currently most needed. Most supermarkets have collection boxes but Richard is willing to collect reasonable size donations (tel. 07974 455732). The Carriers of Hope website <https://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/our-needs/> gives a list of the items most needed by the refugees & migrants helped by the Centre's Destitution Fund: nappies, toilet rolls, cleaning products, toiletries, sanitary products.

Keep in contact with other parishioners via Our Lady's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ourladylillington>

St Peter's School is very grateful to the parishioners who have either donated money or given food for those parents and individuals who are struggling.

Tales of the unexpected: My hours are 24/7. This means being on standby like your TV and being able to switch on at a moment's notice. It doesn't work like that with the boss. He is 15/7 on a good day and 13/7 if he's had a busy day. He normally falls asleep in his chair by 9.00 pm. Best woofs, Bertie ;-)

Recently deceased:

Fr Peter Gooden, John Long, Mike Feeley, Barbara Wright, Judith Endean, Michael Butler, William Collis, Maureen 'Mo' Finnesey, Angele Handford, Lucrezia Bishton, Bishop Leo McCartie, Rosa Venetico, Bridget Punch, Ann Sayce.

May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Sarah Mackay, Thomas Kenny, Roy Stanford, Breege Thacker, John & Julia Sheehan, John Kavanagh, Eddie Hoare, Innocenzo Martuccio, Elizabeth Curran, Mary Donovan, Margaret Murphy, Giuseppe Giorgio, Louisa Beard, Margaret Looney, Maudie Kafno, Bridie McGertie, Bernard Geraghty, Joan Holmes, Steve McSweeney, Mary Rose, Aniela Lepkowski, Nora Connolly, Geraldine Gandy, Daniel Kirwan, Mary Jane Donovan, Bryan Morgan, Istran Barta, Mary Wiseman, Anne Mulercikas, Daniel Murphy, Henry Martin, Mary Pigott, Angela Pickering, Ronald Filcek, Fr Thomas Canning, Canon Wilfrid Smith, Fr Joseph Griffin, Fr Ernest Cook, Fr William Lyons, Mgr John Humphreys, Fr George Boulton, Fr Thomas Foynes, Mgr Wilfrid Moore.

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Continued from page 2 local foodbank. Food donations can either be taken to 4 Peto Grove, Heathcote, CV34 6GT. Contact Jackie Rabone on 01926 832983 or donations can be left on the Presbytery doorstep for Jackie to collect. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthy cause.

E-news: Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via Mailchimp on Twitter, Facebook, the parish website (stjosephs47.org.uk) or Deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

Parish Sick List: Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, David Kendall, Mist Johnson, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, 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 those who care for them. Amen.**

2020 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Although the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has been cancelled for 2020, we can instead join in online for the opening Mass on Sunday 24 May at 3.00 pm from St Chad's Cathedral. See the Birmingham Archdiocese website birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Greetings cards to prisoners of conscience

This campaign to send Easter cards was due to happen just before 'lockdown' and so sadly we couldn't organise it as usual.

There are many people in various countries who are locked up for long periods in horrible conditions and often tortured for having attempted to help others, share faith or gain human rights.

With little hope of release a card can provide a ray of sunlight. You can access the list of prisoners through the website of 'Action by Christians against Torture' <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/copy-of-sos-torture-1>.

Please note that many of these people are imprisoned for their faith and you must not send a religious message as that would endanger them further. Do read the information and even if you cannot send a card please pray for them. Thank you. **Jenny Armstrong**

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for May is: *'We pray for all those who work in the NHS and care homes, and all who put the lives of others before their own'*.

Resources for prayer and reflection

Peter Dimambro has brought together some resources to help us through this time and he shares them here with all parishioners:

Those without access to the internet can now phone 01642 130120 to hear 10.00 am Mass for the previous Sunday at Middlesborough Cathedral. Calls are charged at local rate and free if in one's included minutes.

Sunday live streamed Mass from St Joseph's: did you know that you can playback Mass and listen again to the sermon? (scroll down main page)

Resources for prayer and reflection.

St Beunos Outreach: Reflections on Sunday readings; can also be received by email. <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

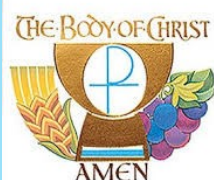
Living Space, Sacred Space: Reflections/commentaries on daily and Sunday Mass readings. <https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/> Users are guided through a ten-minute session of prayer centred on one of the Mass readings of the day.

Pray As You Go: 10-15 minute meditation/reflection on one of the daily Mass readings. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

Lectio365: this app helps you engage with Scripture to inspire prayer and shape your life.

Alone Together – How to pray and thrive in isolation, with monk Fr. Christopher Jameson. <https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/>

The Word Among Us – daily scripture readings: wau.org



Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord even when we are not in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord. This can be prayed several times daily.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.