

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON
St Peter's, Our Lady's, St Joseph's
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HAPPY EASTER



**SOLEMNITY OF THE
 RESURRECTION
 OF THE LORD**
Easter Sunday:
Sunday 12 April 2020



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

SUN 12 April Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord EASTER SUNDAY	9.00	Nellie Scannell RIP Ian Wilshire RIP
	11.00	Michael Hannan Siobhan Hannan
MON 13 April Easter Monday	9.30	Patrick Murphy RIP
TUE 14 April Easter Tuesday	9.30	David Sterry RIP
WED 15 April Easter Wednesday	11.00	John Molloy
THU 16 April Easter Thursday	7.00	Paul Rabone RIP
FRI 17 April Easter Friday	9.30	Marian Moran
SAT 18 April Easter Saturday	9.30	The Intentions of Bishop Peter Doyle
SUN 19 April Second Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9.00	Paul Rabone RIP Thomas Healy RIP Patrick Murphy RIP
	11.00	Michel Maxwell Nora & Tom Quirke

Mass Intentions that will be privately celebrated

MONDAY 13 April
Fr Timothy Burke

TUESDAY 14 April
In Thanksgiving,
Ayres-Hunt Family

THURSDAY 16 April
John Shannon &
Richard Lawrence

FRIDAY 17 April
Requiem: May Martin

SATURDAY 18 April
Jack & Kitty Ryan

Recently deceased:

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, Paul Reszka,
Michael Hughes.

May they rest in peace.

Sick of the Parish: 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, 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.

Anniversaries: Edward Hayes, Paddy Crowley, Eric Black, Catherine Lane, Patricia Earle, James Fitzpatrick, Molly Benson, Richard Gunthorpe, Hilda Cullinane, George Adamson, Rose Darby, Hilda Richards, Stephen Newman, Michael Dennehy, Patrick Henderson, Betty Reading, Howard Burnett, James Kelly, Mary Horan, David Shanahan, Patrick Donovan, William Allerton, Richard O'Mahoney, John Ryan, Betty Butler, Keven Purdy, James O'Regan, Lily Jenkins, Fr Wilfrid Sheeran, Canon Bernard Hodgson, Fr Walter Edwards, Fr Anthony Browne, Fr Peter Moore, Fr William Smith. **May they rest in peace.**

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Dean of Warwick Deanery:** Fr John Cross
Parish Priest, St Joseph's: Fr Andrew Franklin
Assistant Priest: Fr Noel Breslin
Deacon: Rev David Palmer
Retired: Fr Christopher Greaney

*Your Parish Clergy send our good wishes and prayers to everyone.
We hope you are able to make the best of what is a difficult situation
for us all by watching the live-streamed Masses from
St Joseph's Church. All the priests are participating in saying these
Masses for you. God Bless.
Fr John, Fr Andy, Fr Noel, Fr Christopher & Deacon David*

Dear Parishioners

This Easter is a first: locked churches, none of our Priests leading the Holy Week and Easter Services for the Catholic community in Leamington. Like many, it is the first time I have been unable to enjoy the company of friends and family at this time of rejoicing.

Priesthood aside, I have been able to smell the proverbial roses. More time walking Bertie, greeting fellow walkers (at a social distance of course), listening to the birds, admiring the beauty of nature, hearing the world speak. A quiet sky without so many huge aircraft coming into land.

Yet I am keenly aware that not all people can currently see the world in this way. Due to isolation, many cannot see their family. Some are mourning the loss of loved ones whose funerals they cannot celebrate in the usual way. Many fear for the welfare of their loved ones, working on the frontline in the health services, in essential work. Thousands have come onto the streets each week to applaud and thank – as we all do – the NHS and frontline staff for their selfless dedication. Our own Prime Minister will be adding his own applause as he thankfully recovers from this illness.

All the joys and sadness of life were witnessed by Jesus who understood the meaning of life because he himself lived it. In Holy Week we walked with Him on His final journey to the Crucifixion, humbled by His human generosity. In His Resurrection Jesus becomes for us the way, the truth and the life and is the source and summit of our Faith.

Today, Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The world is blessed, the fear of death is taken away and the joy of Heaven is heralded as God's Gift of Life to the World. We celebrate new life. This year new life is something we are all thinking about when our community lockdown comes to an end. We will come through, but life will never be the same again. May God Bless our families and loved ones, protect and help those who are on the frontline, assist those who are caring for us in so many different ways and help all of us to cherish the beauty of life.

Every blessing, Fr John.

St Joseph's

Thank you. For your kindness and generosity to myself, Fr Ramunas and the parish at this time of uncertainty.

Easter Week. This week we will have a 'Catholic light' week; that is just Mass, Rosary, Devotions, Exposition and Morning Prayer will have a week off and resume next week.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
Marian Moran

Congratulations to Anna Jelonek and Andrea Neale, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in April's 200 Club draw. The Easter prize of £25 was won by Cath Johnson. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday 3 May. April is the start of the 200 Club Financial Year and a lot of participants like to pay for the year ahead. Please don't worry if you are unable to leave your subscriptions at the Presbytery. Everyone will continue to be included in the draw until the lockdown is over and payments can be caught up with at that time. It is also possible to move to paying by Standing Order if you prefer. Contact Anne via the Presbytery. All profits go to the

Church's Building Fund and as you know there is a large amount of work that needs doing very soon so thank you for your support.

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 or secretary.st.josephs@gmail.com for Hazel.

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/>

Our Lady's & St Peter's

Birthday thanks: Thank you for your cards and gifts for my birthday last Sunday. It was a very enjoyable day. I look forward to a party when we are back to normal (and without social distancing !)

The Easter Sunday Collection is traditionally your gift to the clergy. This year with the churches it will not be quite so easy to take this collection. However we shall leave it to the ingenuity of the parishioners to find a way of showing their appreciation.

I would like to say a special thank you on behalf of all parishioners to our helpers and volunteers who contribute in one way or another to the life of the parish: those who help in our Liturgies, parish administration, cleaning and care of the clergy.

Your continued support of the parish is much appreciated. Offertory envelopes and other contributions can continue to be placed through the Presbytery letterbox if you are safely able to do so. **Mass Intention** requests can also be emailed or phoned through.

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The Parish Office is currently closed. Please do leave me a message on voicemail [01926 423824 ext 0](tel:01926423824) or email stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (next Sunday, 19 April) will now be celebrated at home. Those of you who have your booklets and Divine Mercy picture can follow the prayers. We can have a time of reflection and meditation. Next year we hope to be back to normal. There may be an opportunity to join a live-streamed service. Check the internet to see what's available. There is a dedicated website thedivinemercy.org where you can find resources.

Tales of the Unexpected: I am enjoying watching the live-streaming of the Masses. Even after lockdown ends I can see this is the best way to attend Mass on a Sunday morning. The best part is you don't even have to get up! I particularly enjoyed the General Absolution last Tuesday which he gave to the whole parish (even me!) Normally I am

not allowed to attend church ... many years ago, when I was a young pup, someone left the door open. I just went to see why the boss was singing. Normally he only sings for three reasons. When he is at Mass, when he is listening to music and when he's had a few. At other times I have to listen to inane humming of nothing in particular which comes and goes. He says he has music in his head. On that particular occasion I went into the church one lunch-time. Doris Hall tried to catch me while I was on the lower sanctuary and I thought it was a fantastic game! Well how could I have known it was a funeral? After that I received an ASBO! Now at last, after being banned for nearly 10 years (a long time for a good Catholic dog), I can enjoy watching the boss celebrate Mass from the comfort of his own chair! I also keep a good bone nearby to gnaw on when the sermon goes on too long! Bliss!

A very Happy Easter and lots of woofs and kisses to all my friends, Bertie ;-) xx

