

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

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Catholic Leamington Lenten Appeals 2022

SPAN: Local need is even greater this year than last. At Christmas just past, and Lent last year, we appealed to you, so that we could obtain supermarket food vouchers for local families. Thank you for that support, it helped many families. We start with the families identified by our primary schools and SVP; we include local refugee families and those mentioned by parishioners. We would like to give £60.00 to each family and, if funds allow, we include families identified through local children's centres. Your generosity through past appeals has been greatly appreciated by our local families



KINDAID: The Kiirua Mission is situated in the Rift Valley of Kenya. It offers loving care from a Christian Community for children who have been orphaned or abandoned with the aim of re-integration where possible into their own families or the wider community. The children are nurtured, educated and given the tools to overcome past experiences thereby building self-esteem and self-confidence. Funding also supports some of the older children to access secondary school and higher education. The Mission includes a hospital which, as well as offering primary care, provides the local residents with a range of health education programmes and support, including nutrition and feeding programmes for their younger children



Easter Greetings Campaign 2022

Around Eastertide ACAT UK (Action by Christians against Torture) publishes a list of people around the world to whom we specifically write to expressing solidarity and messages of hope. ACAT supplies a list of individuals and human rights groups to whom it is possible to send specifically Christian Cards

Here in Catholic Leamington J&P are planning to have a sign in on the weekends of 30 April/1 May and 7/8 May and have selected three people in particular who can receive Christian messages. People can choose which person for whom they take a pre-printed card and sign. A £2.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of the card, envelope and postage. Anything left over will go to ACAT



The people we have chosen are: Pablo Lopez Alavez, an environmental campaigner in Mexico, serving thirty years in prison. Pastor Zafar Bhatti, founder of Jesus World Mission in Pakistan, held for five years and tortured before a sentence of life imprisonment for blasphemy and now sentenced to death. Ju Dianghong and her sister Liang Qin, sentenced to 13 and 10 years for Christian activities in China

You can read their full stories on <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/copy-of-prayer-vigil-july-2017>



... and Zoë's Place

Zoë's Place Baby Hospice Most of the support given at Zoë's Place in Coventry is respite care. The babies at the Hospice have life-limiting or life-threatening conditions often requiring 24-hour support on a one-to-one basis. Zoë's Place offers parents and carers a chance to recharge their batteries or to spend time with their other children. The value of respite care to families cannot be underestimated; families would not be able to cope without the help and support of the team. The whole family receives support through a parent support network and sibling groups. Zoë's Place currently cares for around forty families, with a six-bed hospice. Its current level of funding means that the hospice can care for up to four babies at any one time.



PLATINUM BASH

KINDAID invites you to a PLATINUM BASH at Our Lady's on Saturday, 21 May from 6.30 pm

Quizzes, best tiara/crown competition, plus a sing song of music through the 7 decades of the Queen's reign

Tickets: £7.50 - adults £5 - children

Price includes a jacket potato supper

Bring some change for the bar and the raffle!

All are very welcome but we do need you to buy tickets in advance so we know numbers for catering.

For tickets or info call Jo Mander: 07980 315575

St George's Fayre

On **Saturday 23 April** – from **11.00 am until 3.00 pm** – in **St. Peter's Parish Hall**, the Pastimes Group is inviting charities to book a table to fundraise for their own causes.

So far, a table has been reserved for the Motor Neurone Disease Association; and interest shown by Kindaid, St Peter's Aid for the Needy (SPAN), a local school, the Epilepsy Society and Save the Children. Pastimes will have a table selling jewellery.

In addition, Pastimes will welcome all visitors with refreshments.

If you wish to book a table, please contact Mary Curran by coming along to Pastimes in St. Peter's Parish Hall (Tuesdays from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm) or Mary Holden (01926 420045). Your support for this new initiative will be greatly appreciated by the individual Charities.

CAFOD Lenten Activities

The **Soup Lunch** on Family Fast Day was a great success raising **£206.00** (£171.00 cash and £35.00 card donations). Many people were also very generous with their donations on the following Sunday collection. The total so far at St Peter's is **£1,060.00** (including the "soup" donations). Please note that it is not too late to bring in your donation envelope in the next few weeks or you can put it through the presbytery letterbox. Taxpayers can increase their contribution by 20%, at no cost to themselves, by completing the details on the envelope. **You can also donate online** by following the link on our website page

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod



Our Lady's Lillington, as well as its Sunday collection, has also raised funds at one of its regular Sunday tea/coffee mornings after the 10.00 am Mass. The next tea/coffee morning for **CAFOD** will be on **24 April**.

Schools: As well as financially supporting its partner agencies working in Poland to help Ukrainian refugees, this Lent **CAFOD** is highlighting the fact that **200 million children around the world are at starvation level**. Several of our local Catholic schools have responded to the appeal and have held sponsored "hunger" walks around their fields.

Volunteers: Your **CAFOD** team is now down to **TWO!** Can you please help us? We could do with another volunteer from each of the three churches. Please contact me: Ann Allison

amtallison@hotmail.com

SVP Treasurer



The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is looking for a Treasurer to help run the finance side of the conference at St Joseph's.

It would suit someone with financial or book-keeping experience but training will also be given. It will involve 3-4 hours a month and attending the conference meetings.

If you can help us, please contact Brian on 01926 613693 or David 07713 246987, to learn more about this role.

After-Mass refreshments at Our Lady's

These will be provided by the following groups:

- First Sundays: **SVP**
- Second Sundays: **Kindaid** –
with cake sale commencing 8 May
- Third Sundays: **SPAN**
- Fourth Sundays: **CAFOD**
- Fifth Sundays: (when these occur) **Kindaid** for parish funds



Ecumenical Collaboration ON GOOD FRIDAY

Following on from the synod project, it seems appropriate for me to contact you relating to "[Ecumenical and Interfaith Collaboration](#)".

On **Good Friday** there is a fantastic opportunity to act! The annual Churches together in Leamington Spa the Good Friday

"Walk of Witness and Raising of the Cross" will be taking place, **starting at 11.45 from outside Holy Trinity Church, Beauchamp Avenue.**

There will also be an **Easter Sunrise Service** led by St Mark's Church, followed by Breakfast, meeting at Campion Hills, Back Lane at **6.30 am on Easter Sunday.**

Anne Elson, St Peter's representative on CTL

Use the Recycling Box at St Joseph's

Our **Recycling for Good Causes** Box is still at St Joseph's. Recycle your old mobile phones (working or not), and other electronic equipment, watches and jewellery, stamps and coins. Proceeds will go to **CAFOD**.



Care for our common home

The road to being sustainable. Use the **Action Platform**. Go to the link on our webpage

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply

It's as easy as 1-2-3

Become an Animator (Influencer)

Get trained with the global *Laudato Si' Movement*. The next course is from **April 13 through to 20 May**. **ENROL NOW**. This free training is **every Wednesday at 2pm and repeated at 8pm**, but you can access the recorded session at your own convenience. The course ends with a project to do and report on.

The *Laudato Si'* Movement says this: **"When you train to become a *Laudato Si'* Animator, you'll be joining a global movement of hundreds of thousands of people committed to prayer and action for our common home. This leadership development training will equip you with the skills you need to lead your community in urgent action."**

Enrol at laudatosianimators.org

Organ Recitals: All Saints Parish Church

Please save these dates for your diary!

Bank Holiday Monday **18 April**, 11.00 am – Anthony Grey

Bank Holiday Monday **2 May**, 11.00 am – Leamington Music Festival

Sunday **22 May**, 3.00 pm – Sean Montgomery

Sunday **5 June**, 3.00 pm – Christopher Cromer

Sunday **10 July**, 3.00 pm – Tim Campaign

Sunday **14 August**, 3.00 pm – James Short

Bank Holiday Monday **28 August**, 11.00 am – Marion Bettsworth

Sunday **25 September**, 3.00 pm – Annastasia Minclethwaite – Flute & voice

Sunday **9 October**, 3.00 pm – Keith Hearnshaw

Calling All Cyclists



CORD, which campaigns for non-violent solutions to conflict and for peace building, have made this request: **Do you have cyclists in your church?** CORD has places in this year's [RideLondon](#) event - 100 miles through traffic-free streets in London and Essex. We're looking for people to join our team and pedal for peace. Please share this fantastic opportunity throughout your congregation. For all those who are interested, please email

info@cord.org.uk

