

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

EXTRA

JUNE 2022

Results of 2022 Lenten Appeal

SPAN and KINDAID presented three charitable causes for this year's Catholic Leamington Lenten Appeal.

1. LOCAL need is greater this year than the last!

We appealed to you, so that we could obtain supermarket food vouchers to be distributed to local families. We gave £60.00 to each family and your generosity has been greatly appreciated by all recipients.



£2,500 was donated to local needy families, via our schools.

2. KINDAID's Kiirua Mission Hospital



Situated in the Rift Valley area of Kenya, the Mission Hospital offers loving care from a Christian Community for children who have been orphaned or abandoned. £1,000 was donated to Kiirua Mission Hospital, Kenya.



3. Zoë's Place

Most of the support given at Zoë's Place in Coventry is respite care. The babies at the Hospice have a life-limiting or life-threatening condition, often requiring 24-hour support on a one-to-one basis. £1,000 was donated to Zoë's Place.



Zoë's Place Baby Hospice

War... conflict... refugees... the world holds its breath as daily reports from Ukraine send fear and sadness to our hearts.

It is so easy to forget about other wars still raging, and past conflicts that have brought desperation, displacement, homelessness and dire poverty.

For years, the International Refugee Trust has been able to help displaced or orphaned children at the Moyo Babies' Home and the Redeemer Children's Home in Uganda. **With YOUR support through SPAN**, we have helped provide safe harbours – loving, caring, nurturing environments for these abandoned, innocent children. The Sacred Heart Sisters at the homes continue to need our support.

In neighbouring Sudan, SPAN sends around £100.00 every month via CAFOD to Darfur where 1.65 million people have been displaced.

Pick up a SPAN booklet from our churches to see details of SPAN's donations over 2021 and how you can support us. Our next meeting is on Monday 13th June at 7:30pm in a room at St Peter's Church Hall. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com for the agenda and list of appeals.

Live Simply

Live Simply Masses were organised over the weekend of 21st and 22nd May at St Peter's and Our Lady's churches. The Live Simply group had displays encouraging parishioners to make a pledge to change something to live more simply, more sustainably and in solidarity with the poor and to tie it to the tree or washing line by the display. Have you made a pledge yet? Parishioners were also encouraged to walk/cycle/car-share to church where possible.





A Thank You

Janice and Brian wish to thank Fr John and everyone for their good wishes at our leaving Mass and social afterwards. It was a very special occasion and obviously enjoyed by everyone there. As a parting offering, may we leave you with what is called the 'Romero' prayer, written by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, but commonly attributed incorrectly to St Oscar Romero

God bless you all

Janice and Brian Austin

EXTRA is primarily for information that we do not have room for in the weekly newsletter. But we can only publish what you send in. Please send your notices [preferably in Microsoft Word] to:

catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com

by 30 June for the July edition. The EXTRA team is Jane Rebika and Martyn Hathaway. If you or someone you know can help with social media, please send us an email (address above). Thank you.

It helps, now and then, to step back
and take the long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts;
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime
only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise
that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,
which is another way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes
everything.

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water the seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further
development.
We provide yeast that produces effects
far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything
and there is a sense of liberation
in realising that.
This enables us to do something
and to do it well.

It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning, a step along the way;
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and
do the rest.

We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

Synod on Synodality

Our Catholic Leamington synod report and the Diocesan response are available on the webpage www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

It is interesting to look at reports from other parishes; some can be found at <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/synod-watch> a good source of parish responses and <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/synod-2023/diocesan-synod-reports> is particularly helpful for diocesan ones

Reports from other parishes do echo the main themes of our own.

When reading through different Diocesan responses I found some are clear about the main messages and mention widespread agreement of the laity.

For example, under the heading 'Next Steps', the Northampton Diocese reported: *To recognise a strong call in the diocese for renewed reflection from the Universal Church on areas of pastoral sensitivity such as women deacons and priests, married priests, communion for divorced and re-married Catholics, and outreach to the LGBTQ+ community.*

Or from the Middlesborough Diocesan report: *The Church can use the synodal process as an opportunity to explore again some of the difficult areas of its teaching.*

However, in some other reports I felt there was a blinkered outlook, not recognising any need for change, just being more assertive of old ways of presenting faith.

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Visit to Black Country Museum

On Tuesday 5th July social group Pastimes is organising a coach trip to the Black Country Museum. Total cost is £20.00 per person. To book a place, please call into Pastimes in St Peter's Church Hall on any Tuesday afternoon or contact 07711 794049.

A warm invitation is extended to newcomers to join us on Tuesday afternoons: light refreshments are offered as is an informal approach to our varied activities or just an opportunity to chat.

Mary Curran

