

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON
EXTRA
FEBRUARY 2021

LENT
EDITION

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WEDNESDAY
February 17th

- 9.30 Live-Streamed Public Mass at St Joseph's O
9.30 am Live-Stream Mass for schools Ø
10.30 am Live-streamed Public Mass at St Peter's O
12 noon Public Mass at Our Lady's O
4 pm J&P Stations of the Cross on Zoom Ø
7.00 pm Live-streamed Public Mass at St Peter's O
O = church open Ø = church closed



Stations of the Cross
Every Wednesday in Lent at 4 pm
on Zoom
email cl.jandp@gmail.com for the link

Stations of the Cross recorded last year using the Stations at Our Lady's, will also be available via a link on the parish website throughout Lent.

Evening Prayer Service every Sunday in Lent at 5.00 pm

Throughout Lent, choir members from Our Lady's are coordinating a Zoom Evening Prayer Service every Sunday at 5pm, with cantors and readers, plus music from the Virtual Choir. This is an opportunity for everyone, particularly those who are unable to get to Mass at this time, to come together and pray together.

Email maryrouse@rocketmail.com and we will ensure you receive a link and a service booklet containing all the words of the prayers, reading and songs for every service. All are very welcome, especially those who have never tried it before.

Catholic Leamington
Lenten Appeals in 2021



SPAN and KINDAID

are presenting three charitable causes for the

Catholic Leamington Lenten Alms

Donations via JustGiving will be split equally between these three causes.

If you wish to just nominate one cause, this can be done by cheque, bank transfer or gold envelopes through our churches and entering either **KINDAID LOCAL** or **MYTON**, as the reference or written on the back of the cheque.

All cheques should be made out to **SPAN**.

To give:

- All cheques should be made out to **SPAN**.
- via **JustGiving** use our campaign page link: justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent2021
- via **bank transfer**: account name SPAN, bank code **40-27-06**, account number **21324004** using a reference of **KINDAID LOCAL** or **MYTON**
or to split 3 ways: **SPAN**
- via **gold envelopes** in our churches, return via collections **or send** to Michael Barker:
77 Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7DS



KINDAID

The **Kiirua** Mission, situated in the Rift Valley area of Kenya, offers loving care from a Christian Community for children who have been orphaned or abandoned. With the aim of reintegration into their own families or the wider community wherever possible the children are nurtured and educated and given the tools to overcome past experiences and build self esteem and self confidence. Funding also supports some of the older children to access secondary school and higher education.

The Mission also includes a hospital which, as well as offering primary care, provides the local residents with a range of health education programmes and support initiatives which currently include a nutrition and feeding programme for their younger children.



Lenten Alms continued over >



offers specialist care and support to adult patients and their families in Coventry and Warwickshire, including Leamington Spa. Our patients have terminal conditions such as heart failure, cancer, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's and COPD. All our services are free of charge.

"Due to the impact Coronavirus has had on our ability to raise vital funds we expect to see a significant drop in voluntary income of somewhere in the region of £2 million this year."

"Being based in Leamington Spa, you may be interested to know that in the year to 31st March 2020, Myton at Home provided care to 26 patients from CV31 postcodes and 28 patients from CV32 postcodes. With 441 visits in total, this represented a patient receiving 8 visits on average."

"Each visit costs Myton an average of £106. Some patients will receive up to 3 visits per day, some have care during the night. A grant of £2,000 would pay for 18 visits to residents of Leamington Spa (held in restricted funds for this purpose) by either Registered Nurses or Nursing Assistants to provide end of life care to patients in their homes."

HOLY WEEK VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND

This Lent, join the Evangelisation Office for prayers and reflections on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, following a series of contributions from the Holy Land drawn from across the main Christian denominations.

Beginning in the first week of Lent, we will be meeting each Friday to use the *Holy Week Voices* book as our guide...

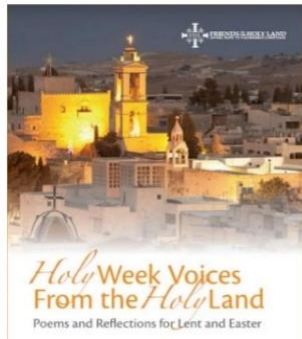
"In an imaginative way the poems, images and reflections walk in the footsteps of Jesus from the raising of Lazarus, through Holy Week right up to the appearance of the Risen Christ to the disciples on the road to Emmaus to create a unique reflection on the ways in which Christ's living presence has been experienced in these two times of extreme crisis two millennia apart."

All our meetings will be by Zoom, and last no longer than an hour. If you would like to join us, please contact us at the details below. Each participant is encouraged to buy the *Holy Week Voices* book, from which all the proceeds will go to supporting Christians in the Holy Land, struggling at this time of lock-down and reduced pilgrimages. Please contact us for more information.

Holy Week Voices | Friday 19th February - Friday 26th March | 1.30pm – 2.30pm | for Zoom codes contact: natalie.orefce@rcaob.org.uk

The book is available to purchase for £7.99 in paperback from the online shop at the Friends of the Holy Land website. A digital version can be ordered for the same price.

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/lenten-book



Local

At Christmas time, SPAN Christmas food vouchers were targeted towards local families. We would like to start with the families identified by our Primary schools and SVP, which would include our local refugee families or those mentioned by parishioners.

We would like to give £ 50 to each family and If funds allow, we shall include families identified through local children's centres. At Christmas and in the New Year, your generosity was much appreciated by local families.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**Lent Fast Day
Friday February 26th**

Thanks to your support last Autumn for our National Catholic charity, the poorest and most vulnerable communities are still being supported through this pandemic.

*This Lent we can continue to help those in need throughout the world with our prayers and donations. On **Friday 26th February** we are asked to particularly remember those in need by making our own contribution to their Family Fast Day. This can be even more challenging in these difficult times.*

This is our own fundraising page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeam>

ALSO



Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent?

*For this year's Lenten campaign, CAFOD is inviting our whole Catholic community to join the **Big Walk for Water** by walking a 5-mile route on **Saturday 20th February**. to help remind us of how far many people have to walk each day to fetch water for their family. These are two good ideas for us to consider.*

*Please have a look at the CAFOD website for further information and ideas - cafod.org.uk **ADVANCE** Our CAFOD Team are walking 5 miles on the 20th. Sponsor them at our fundraising page:*

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeam>

ADVANCE NOTICE

Parish Parcels for Easter

The parcels will include prayer cards, a palm cross and a small gift, and are a way for the parish to let those who can't come to Mass or leave their homes know that they are not forgotten.

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From the Jesuits:

Knowing Jesus: Lent Online Retreat 2021

This Lent and Easter, get to know the person of Jesus better in order to live a deeper and more authentic Christian life of service. 'Knowing Jesus' is a retreat that includes scripture and prayer material, art and music to pray with, and other prayer resources to help you deepen your faith.

[Find out more and sign up for the retreat >>](#)

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FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT 2021 22nd February 7th March

WHAT IS FAIR TRADE ?

- Better prices
- Decent working conditions
- Local sustainability
- Fair terms of trade for farmers.
- Fair trade premium to fund, Education, housing investment in community .

CHOCOHOLIC?

Read the story of chocolate and fair trade chocolate.



[Cocoa farmers | Fairtrade Foundation](#)

Did you know?

Cocoa farmers receive only 6% of the retail price of a bar of chocolate. Many are desperate to leave the industry. By buying fair trade chocolate you are casting a vote with your wallet. Your choice empowers cocoa farmers to support themselves and their families, protect the future of cocoa and the environment we share.

TRY THESE DELICIOUS CHOCs

- Divine,
- Traidcraft,
- Eat my Hat,
- Tony's Chocolonely



MESSAGE FROM THE FAIR TRADE FOUNDATION

'CHOOSE THE WORLD YOU WANT THIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

In Fairtrade Fortnight 2021, we will highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected by it. They have told us that:

- **Climate change is one of their biggest challenges right now.**
- **Low prices for their crops mean that they are struggling to fight back.**
- **Only with more money will they feel equipped to meet their everyday needs and deal with the challenges they face from climate change.**

The climate crisis is an immediate and ever-increasing threat and those in climate vulnerable countries are already seeing its impacts from droughts and crop disease to floods, heatwaves and shrinking harvests.

We need your help to put farmer's voices at the heart of tackling the climate crisis and share the reality of their struggles. Our global trading system is balanced in favour of the powerful few. Trapped in this system farmers already struggle to meet their basic needs. More than ever they need a fair price for their crops and their hard work. Fair trade works to raise the voices of the farmers and workers and prioritise what they need to respond to the environmental crises unfolding in already vulnerable communities. This Fortnight we are asking you to 'Choose the World you Want' and use your voice to tell others about the challenges that farmers face from climate change.'

TO DO LIST FOR FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT AND BEYOND

- **Search out Fair Trade items for your shopping – look for the logo – at all supermarkets. There are lots of brands of tea, coffee and chocolate, plus many other items, bananas, sugar, rice, dried fruit, cleaning materials and many others.**
 - **Get informed about what Fair Trade means. Look at Fair Trade Foundation website. <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>**
 - **Tell others about Fair Trade and encourage them to buy it – lots of choice!**
 - **Support Traidcraft – after 40 years of trailblazing they are still fighting for justice for the small farmers and workers. Traidcraft Exchange is a charity working to enable small producers to get into the market.**
- [Traidcraft – Fair Trade, Development and Campaigns](#)

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Stations of the Cross in Lent

I am very pleased to say that our Justice and Peace team have been working hard to present the **Stations of the Cross on Zoom at 4 pm on Wednesdays during this Lent**, which should bring the Sadness and Hope of Christ's Death and Resurrection into the modern world, where much Sadness is present but where, through prayer and hard work, there can be Hope for a happier world. We will bring the story of Christ's death into the intimacy of our hearts and homes.

Wilfrid Feely

Justice and Peace



There is a **Justice and Peace circulation list** and everyone is welcome to receive the notifications about **J&P, LiveSimply and CAFOD etc**; but you do have to **ask** to be put on the list – that's the law (GDPR) – so

please email cl.jandp@gmail.com to receive their bulletins.

YOUR EVANGELISATION TEAM

We all find it difficult to talk to others about our faith. But here is something that might help us:

Sharing my faith journey

Sharing your faith journey (also called a testimony) is a simple sharing of a part of your journey of faith, to give witness to Christ when an opportunity arises.

Peter Dimambro

Consider:-

- What has God done in your life, in the past?
- How is God present in your life today?
- Why are you a Catholic?
- What does your faith mean to you personally?

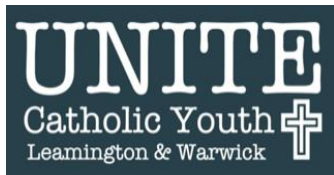
Answering one of these, or similar questions, will give you an outline to share your faith journey.

It is powerful because it demonstrates to others that God is real and that he cares about our lives.

This is explained in detail on our website page:

catholicleamington.org.uk > MORE > PARISH ACTIVITIES > PARISH LIFE > EVANGELISATION TEAM

or CTRL+Click [Evangelisation Team - CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON](#)



This new year has begun very similarly to how the old one ended, with us still on Zoom!! It is hard to imagine the time when we are able

to meet in person but rest assured, it will happen. St Paul teaches us that we must:

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Know that I am praying for you all and wish you well as we settle into the familiar routine of learning from home. As we were before Christmas, we will continue meeting via Zoom each **Wednesday between 6.30pm-7.30pm**. We will be continuing with the Chosen resources which I will share via the Whatsapp group in advance of our session.

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Much love as always
Emma x

Ministry /

YOUTH CLUB

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm via Zoom.

We will be continuing our Faith formation study published by Ascension Press called 'Chosen: This is your Catholic Faith.' **All are welcome**, you can find out more about the programme on their website:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/chosen-this-is-your-catholic-faith>

YOUTH SOCIAL

On Wednesday 27th January we had hoped to be meeting at the Escape Rooms in Leamington Spa. Unfortunately, because we have been placed in national lockdown we have had to postpone our outing- again!! This is likely to be in March but I will confirm closer to the time.

HOLY ROSARY

Fridays 3pm via Zoom.

If you would like to pray the Holy Rosary (or learn to pray it), you are invited to join me via the same Zoom link as youth club each Friday at 3pm, to mark the hour of our Lord's death on the cross



Meeting ID: 7876345307

[JOIN NOW](#)

Password: Hebrews11

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 notices (100-200 words) to

catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com

by the end of February. And we could do with more help, too! Let us know if you can help us: Sue Sugars, Brian Austin, Caroline Graham (same address as above).