

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

## Sunday 7th March 2021

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### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 7th

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00: Brian & Jenny Malone 50th Wedding Anniversary;  
Paddy Clancy

#### Monday 8th

7:00: Sue Franklin RIP;  
Bob Grainger RIP

#### Tuesday 9th

9:30: In Thanksgiving (MH);  
Kath & Bill Spalding RIP

#### Thursday 11th

7:00: Sheila Collins

#### Friday 12th

9:30: Hugo Boyle  
1:30: Requiem Mass: Rosaleen Gately (Family Only)

#### Saturday 13th

9:30: John O'Sullivan;  
Teresa Kelly

#### Sunday 14th

4th Sunday of Lent  
9:00: Patrick Murphy;  
Mary Scullane RIP

#### Saints of the week

#### Monday 8th March

*Opt. Commemoration of St. John of God, Religious*

#### Tuesday 9th March

*Opt. Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome*

#### **The recently deceased of our churches:**

Michael White, Linda Pender, Michael Govern, Michael Jervis,  
Rosaleen "Rose" Gately, George Bourke, Elizabeth Goode,  
Sue Franklin, Frances Kendrick, John Coombes  
**May they rest in peace.**

#### **Mass Availability at St. Peter's**

Please note that our Mass intentions are fully booked for the Sunday 11am Mass until September. We can be more accommodating with weekday Masses.

### St Peter's & Our Lady's

#### Saturday 6th

OL 12:30: James Dunne **Vigil**

#### Sunday 7th

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

SP 11:00: Maureen Wall

#### Monday 8th

SP 9:30: Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP (**Please note Mass time**)

#### Tuesday 9th

SP 9:00: Patrick Heanue RIP (**Please note Mass time**)

#### Wednesday 10th

OL 12:00: Fr. Christopher Thornton RIP

#### Thursday 11th

SP 11:00: Tom Conlon RIP

#### Friday 12th

SP: 11:00: Special Intention

#### Saturday 13th

SP 9:30: Mary Healy RIP

OL 12:30: Bernard & Mary RIP

#### Sunday 14th

#### 4th Sunday of Lent

SP 9:00: For All Mothers and Expectant Mothers

SP 11:00: Rui Brito E. Silva

#### **Confessions:**

**St. Peter's:** Monday - Friday when the Church is open, Saturday 10 am – 11 am and upon request after Mass.

**Our Lady's:** Saturday or Wednesday when the Church is open.

**St. Joseph's:** Upon request

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Margaret Gallagher, Anne Samson, Kathleen Farrell, Helen Werner, Roland Wildman, Mary McSharry, Suzanne Gordon, Denis O'Rourke, James Downey, Beatrice Traver, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Daniel Lynch, John McAndrew, Mary "Maureen" Hurley, Gladys Coppock, Patrick Gordon, Brian Doyle, James Dunne, Rose Baldwin, Mary Crosthwaite, Anthony Worrall, Nora O'Brien, Norah Taylor, Michael Hartnett, Gerard Maguire, Canon Peter Taylor, Canon Anthony Allport, Canon Gerard Hanlon, Canon Raymond Walsh, Fr. Humphrey Crookenden CO, Fr. Terence Luxon, Fr. Ernest Jarvis, Fr. Thomas Fullerton CO, Fr. Francis Johnson, Fr. Joseph Purcell, Fr. Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Fr. Christopher Thornton, Fr. Connell Harkin, Fr. Vaughan Lloyd, Fr. Anthony Sims, Deacon James Rowe. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to [stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk)  
Or St Joseph's [stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk)

**Our prayers for the Sick:** John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Claire Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.

**Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**

### St Peter's & Our Lady's

#### Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candle burns for **Mary McGivern**

The Main Altar candle burns for **St. Peter's Choir**

Dear Parishioners,

We had a few problems getting the Newsletter onto the Website and then those of you who print a copy for yourselves and a few local housebound Parishioners, just to say that our Newsletter can also be found on the MCN Media Website (the Live Stream for St. Peter's) also on the Warwick Deanery Website -

[warwickcatholicdeanery.org.uk](http://warwickcatholicdeanery.org.uk)

Here you can find our Newsletter together with the Newsletters of all or most of the Parishes in Warwick Deanery (Leamington, Lillington, Whitnash, Wappenbury & Princethorpe, Warwick & Hampton on the Hill, Southam, Stratford-upon-Avon & Shottery, Wootton Wawen & Henley in Arden, Kenilworth, Baddesley Clinton, Balsall Common).

As Dean I have a pastoral oversight for these communities but especially for their Clergy. Collectively we are a "Fraternity". We are Fr. John Cross (Dean), Fr. Benedict Skipper (Hospital Chaplain), Fr. Christopher Greaney (Retired), Fr. Noel Breslin, Fr. Teddy O'Brien MSC, Fr. Patrick Mileham (Friends of the Holy Land Chaplain), Canon Ted Stewart (Retired), Fr. Arul Samy, Dom. Alex Austin, Fr. Damian Nwankwu, Fr. Kevin Hooper (Vice-Dean), Fr. David Bazen (Retired), Fr. John Sharpe, Fr. Frank Smith.

I just wanted to include this detail for you about Warwick Deanery because the Diocese as part of its plan to streamline the administration is planning to amalgamate our Deanery with Rugby. Currently the arrangements are being discussed and this is due to take place towards the end of the year.

The purpose is to help the parishes to work more closely together and to support each other as the number of Clergy seems to decline. It is possible that some of the administration and responsibilities of the buildings might be taken on by a lay person. However this is still a way off. While the Diocese is trying to balance the books, by cutting expenditure and increasing the contributions made by the parishes for Diocesan Support Services.

In the meantime St. Peter's and Our Lady's Finance Committee will soon be looking for a lay person with previous experience to help with raising money for the 2 Churches by looking at what grants and subscriptions might be available and applying for them. The Maintenance of our Grade II listed Churches is a major responsibility of your Parish Office and Parish Priest. Updating, Servicing, Annual Maintenance, Responding to the post-Covid needs of the Community are all part of our remit.

For the next two weeks there will be scaffolding on the front... Continued Page 3

### St Joseph's

#### The Church is open for Public Mass at the following times:

Tuesdays: 9:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

Sundays: 9:00am

All other Masses will be Live Streamed, there will only be one Mass on Sundays.

We continue to be very grateful to our Stewards & Cleaners who continue to help us open the Church to the Public.



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle  
burns for **Cyril & Jill  
Sheard**

Confessions will be heard on request.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

**Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021:** Dates are now available from 20th June onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery

letterbox.

#### Easter Services at St. Joseph's:

**Sunday 28th March, Palm Sunday, 9am**

**Monday 29th March, 7pm**

**Tuesday 30th March, 9:30am**

**Thursday 1st April, Maundy Thursday:**

10am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 2nd April, Good Friday:**

10am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

**Saturday 3rd April, Easter Saturday:**

10am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

7:30pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday 4th April, Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord:**

9am & 11am

**Monday 5th April, Easter Monday, 9:30am instead of 7pm**

As numbers are limited at Mass due to social distancing the following Easter Masses will need to be pre-booked by emailing or telephoning the Parish Office with your names & contact details.

28th March Palm Sunday	9am
1st April 1st Maundy Thursday	7pm
2nd April Good Friday	3pm
3rd April Holy Saturday	7:30pm
5th April Easter Sunday	9am & 11am

There will be a Second Collection this Weekend (7th March) at all Churches for Cathedral Maintenance.

**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's Kate Tennyson email [safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com), Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email [safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**Dear Parishioners Continued...** St. Peter's Presbytery to repair a pilaster which is crumbling and part of the façade of the building. This is the first major repair on the Presbytery for many years.

Recently I was thinking about how many gas appliances we have (each of which requires an annual service). At St. Peter's we have 8 Boilers, one gas powered heater and 5 gas fires. At Our Lady's we have 2 Boilers, 5 gas powered room heaters. Collectively this means we have over 20 gas powered appliances. Gas is being phased out so we need to look for other ways to heat our buildings. The obvious way is to look at solar panels and cleaner units. Infra-Red is a possible solution but we need to seek grants to help to pay for the installation. If anyone would like to help maybe you are already working or involved with this technology and might be able to advise.

Last week I mentioned the need to increase accommodation for Mass. I plan to add a 9am Mass at St. Peter's on Sundays starting on Sunday 14th March. We will therefore need volunteers to help - Stewards, Readers, Music, a Server or two might be good as well. I hope this will help soak up the extra numbers for the time being.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

**Confirmation Class 2021:** Attention All children who attend non-Catholic schools in Catholic Leamington. This year children from St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary Immaculate's Church in Warwick will participate along with those from Our Lady's and St. Peter's Churches in the Confirmation class on Zoom. Our course will be lay led and begin in a few weeks time. Please contact [fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk) to register your place ASAP.

**Fr. Benedict's Homily:** Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website [frbenedict.blog](http://frbenedict.blog)

**Holy Rosary and Night Prayer:** Monday and Friday, 8-8.45pm on Zoom. You are invited to join with fellow parishioners as we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and pray Night Prayer. This group is for both those who regularly pray these prayers, and those who are new to them. Only Fr Benedict's camera and microphone will be on; so you don't need to worry about background noise etc. The login details are the same for every meeting: Meeting ID: 945 327 7340 Passcode: pray Or click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9453277340?pwd=Q1VhSVQxNGhTWDRJSW96UUVHTVdoUT09>

**Our next Young Adults (16-30yrs) session/ social:** shall be on Friday 12th March at 8.40pm after #blessedprayertimewithfrb. At the social we'll have a chilled chat and catch up over a cuppa. All young adults welcome #chillvibes #holyvibes. For Lent we are doing our own individual Lent activities such as devotions, almsgiving and doing extra things. Looks like it might be another 'Lentiest Lent I've ever Lented'.

**Healthy Habits by The Lay Community of St Benedict:** The Lay Community of St. Benedict are running a formation course called 'healthy habits'. All young adults (18-35) are invited - we welcome people of diverse backgrounds, people of faith, and those who seek truth. There is a small inscription cost of £10 to cover our administrative costs (free to those who are unwaged or students). The course will be on zoom on Mondays 7-9pm starting on the 15th March. A PDF with the course outline is available on the Catholic Leamington Young Adults Facebook Group. If you're interested in the course, please contact Joseph Kilsby at [lcsbdigitalevangelist@gmail.com](mailto:lcsbdigitalevangelist@gmail.com)

**Keep in Touch:** A Parish Census took place at St. Peter's Church several years ago. As part of a new initiative, we will be contacting by phone those who completed a Census form. We wish to "keep in touch", note any changes and ask if there are any particular needs especially during the continuing Coronavirus outbreak. Keeping in Touch Prayer: Loving Father, we pray for our Keeping in Touch initiative. As the team reach out to our parishioners by phone, letter or email, give them the wisdom to know who to communicate in a way that will attract them to our community. May those on the team be alert to ways of encouraging them in their faith journey. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Our Lady's and St. Theresa's School:** Still has places available for the reception class and throughout the year groups, the school can take applications from any Parishioners across Catholic Leamington.. Please continue to support the Catholic Schools across Catholic Leamington.

**Trinity Catholic School:** is looking for a Foundation Governor to join its Local Governing Board. You will be joining the school at an exciting time following its recent conversion to an academy and is a great opportunity to help write the next chapter in its history. For more information, please contact Daniel on 07590351623 or [dgraham@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:dgraham@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk).

**St. Peter's 200 Club:** The first 200 Club draw of 2021 took place on Thursday and the winners of January's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No. 26 - Mr. J. Murphy. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 29 - Mr. V. Canty and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 109 - Pat Lee. The winners of February's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No.130 - Mrs. S. Larkin. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 165 - Hayes and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 40 - Fr. C. Greaney. Please could the winners contact the Parish Office to collect your winnings.

**The Christian Heritage Centre:** are offering a couple of webinars (13th Mar) to support Catholics (and indeed Christians) who work in the mental health sector. Link to the event page is <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/spirit-mind-body/>

**Assisted Suicide Bill:** The assisted suicide lobby have launched a campaign to pressurise the Government to reconsider the legislation of assisted suicide. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking the Government not to give into the demands. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP. Visit: [righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide](http://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide)

**FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT:** 22nd February – 7th March 'Choose the world you want' says the Fair Trade Foundation. Support fair trade – help small producers to get a decent price and meet the challenges of climate change, which affects many in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras. Look for the logo when you shop in solidarity with those struggling to make a living for their families. Just think – only 6% of the price of a bar of non-fair trade chocolate goes to the cocoa farmer. Vote with your wallet!

**Women's World day of Prayer:** The service this year has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu and was due to be held in All Saints Parish Church, Leamington Spa on 5th March. Because of COVID this is no longer possible but there are a limited number of Service booklets available that will be on the Piety table at the back of Church for those who would normally attend this service. There is a virtual WWDP service from Canada, that makes it truly international at <https://youtu.be/OrWE3TCR59U>

**The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for March is:** 'We pray for subjects of repressive and unjust governments, and pray that other countries may press to reduce their suffering and offer asylum to any who flee.'

**Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross:** following a minor correction to the You-Tube video of the Stations, please note that the link to this video is now <https://youtu.be/DKsbElkaLNo>

**Climate Change Emergency:** One of our parishioners, Brian Austin, has become a Community Champion for the Climate Coalition and would like to hear from anyone who is a member of any community group, such as the Womens' Institue, Lions, Rotary, Townswomens Guild, etc. Please contact him at [cc.communitychamp@gmail.com](mailto:cc.communitychamp@gmail.com) . Thank you.

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**Prisoners of Conscience Cards:** Once again this Easter Justice & Peace are asking you to send a message of hope in the form of a greeting card to prisoners of conscience. Please see the details in the March edition of Newsletter EXTRA, which should be on the Newsletter page of the Catholic Leamington website from 4th March.

**EXTRA:** The **March EXTRA** newsletter is now available on the website on the NEWSLETTER page; scroll down below the weekly newsletter. Please make it as widely known as possible. This edition includes: Continuing through Lent, Trinity Sixth Form, Lenten Alms, Holy Week services, Looking at the Website, Parish Parcels for Easter, Send a message of Hope, Unite Youth, Live Simply: make milk, help the oceans, solar panels and Green Week.

Please avail yourselves of the Lenten opportunities.

Walk with Me Booklet (£1) Daily readings throughout Lent until Easter Sunday.

Children's Calendar (10p)

Daily Mass : See Newsletter Mass Schedule.

Confessions after mass. Subject to availability of priest. St Joseph's on request

Saturday confessions: St Peter's : 10-11 am , Our Lady's 12-12.20pm

### Lenten Events

Sunday:	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom	(Combined choir)
Monday:	8.00 pm - 8.45pm	Rosary and Night Prayer	Zoom	(Fr Benedict )
Tuesday :	7.00 pm	Gospel of Mark by Chapter		(SP Live Stream)
	7.45 pm	Meeting to discuss	Zoom	(Fr John ) For invite please email the office email - stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Wednesday	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Zoom	( Justice & Peace)
Friday:	3.30 pm	Unite Youth Group Rosary	Zoom	(Emma Rayment)
	8.00 pm - 8.45pm	Rosary and Night Prayer	Zoom	( Fr Benedict)