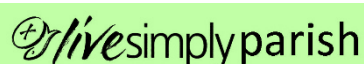


CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

EXTRA

July 2021

 Live simply parish

Recycle your junk : care for our planet



Coming soon

The **Live Simply Parish** group is working with an organisation called **Recycling for Good Causes** which enables us all to recycle unwanted items and raise funds for our nominated charity, which is **CAFOD**.

We will provide a collection point and information about what items are accepted. This will initially be at Our Lady's church but if successful we hope to move it to our other two churches.

So - go through your drawers and unearth old mobile phones, cameras, satnavs, jewellery, MP3 players, games consoles and games, any old currency and used postage stamps.

In any condition, BROKEN or not - these items are still valuable and can be recycled.

Keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for further information.

RECYCLING FACT : *The metal from six million mobile phones and almost 72,000 tonnes of waste electronics was extracted to make around 5,000 gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals for Tokyo 2021.*

Louise Hathaway
LiveSimply Parish team

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 **last day of July** at the latest, please. **And we could do with more help, too! Let us know if you can help us, or if you know someone who can:** Sue Sugars, Brian Austin, Caroline Graham (same address as above).

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, 25th July 2021

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The elderly, he continued, "remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life."

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

Pope Benedict XVI

See www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com
for more on the work of the Catholic Grandparents
Association, which has members and ministries in over 50
countries including the USA, Australia, Canada, Philippines,
UK, Africa, Korea, Mexico, India and Spain.

The Laudato Si Action Platform

Have you seen the post on the parish website with the video of the Pope launching what is called The Laudato Si Action Platform? www.catholicleamington.org/the-church-speaks ? Here the Pope launches, or rather announces, this initiative.

It is the work of the **Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development**, which is a relatively new department of the Holy See (2017), which has the responsibility for "issues regarding migrants, those in need, the sick, the excluded and marginalized, the imprisoned and the unemployed, as well as victims of armed conflict, natural disasters, and all forms of slavery and torture". [Wikipedia]

So, what is this **Laudato Si Action Platform**? I have been trying to find out. What I have gleaned so far is that it appears to be an attempt to get everyone, literally everyone, involved in putting Laudato Si', the Pope's famous Encyclical, into practice. The Pope wants us all to undergo an '**ecological conversion**', because, he says, "We ... need a new ecological approach, **which transforms our way of living in the world, our lifestyles**, our relationship with the Earth's resources and in general the way we look at people and live our life" to respond to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

It is a very ambitious programme to be introduced this October and lasting for **seven years**. It is aimed at "**families, parishes and dioceses, schools and universities, hospitals, businesses and farms, organisations, groups and movements, religious communities, working together**". It is designed to be a "**response to the cry of the Earth, the response to the cry of the poor, the ecological economics, the adoption of a simple lifestyle, the ecological education, the ecological spirituality and the community commitment.**" [Pope Francis]

In October, there are going to be 'Laudato Si' Plans' made available for us all to us. What these are, we have yet to find out; that is a case of wait and see. But to back these up there will be resources and practical guidance provided on-line, which presumably is why it is called a 'platform'.

All this feels as though it is a very top-down in approach, although we are assured that it is a ground-up approach, since it a collaboration between the Vatican and an international coalition of Catholic organisations, although I have yet to identify which ones they are.

How will this affect us? We shall see ... Watch this space!

You can find more about it at <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/about/>

Brian Austin, J&P/LiveSimply Parish

Youth 2000 27th – 30th August

Youth 2000 are delighted to announce our first in-person event (for 16-35 yrs) since February 2020. **Join us this summer for REJOICE** - 4 days of fun, friendship and faith in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth. There will be a brilliant line up of speakers and some great social times.

Book quickly as places are limited and will sell out!



Web page of the month

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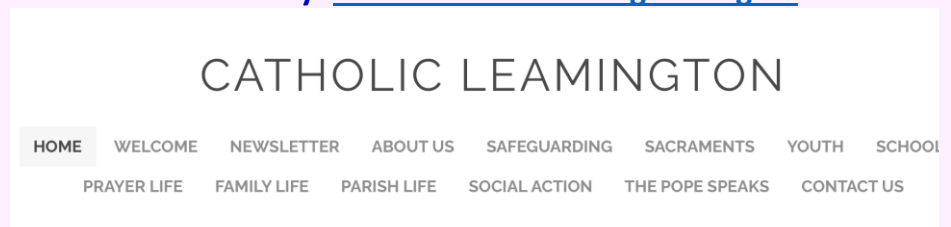
www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter

Here you can see the newsletter, read the newsletter or print the newsletter and EXTRA too.

You can now also receive the newsletters and EXTRA by email.

Just complete the form to JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Have you explored our Parish website recently? There are lots of links and articles to help us develop our faith and build community: www.catholicleamington.org.uk





ACTS 435



"Parishioners may like to know about this charity which is a good way of connecting those in need with those who can help by donating money for a direct item, for example like a new cooker for a struggling family. Our **St Vincent de Paul Society**, at St Joseph's, has successfully sought funding through this charity, and we thought it a good idea to let more people know about it.

This is what the Acts charity say about their work - Acts 435 is inspired by the works of the early church, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35, the early disciples of the risen Christ shared their possessions and passed money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Acts 435 seeks to resource churches as they show God's love in action by loving their neighbours and caring for the vulnerable. We believe that local churches provide the best model for partnering because they share our ethos, are on the ground in a local community and know who is in genuine need whilst able to connect with potential new donors through their congregations.

Acts 435 runs through a network of churches and charities that are recruited directly and through key partners like Christians Against Poverty and Trussell Trust. They appoint an Acts 435 representative, called the Advocate, who is trained by Acts 435 and then posts requests directly onto our website for people in their community who are in need. For further detail here is the website address -

[Acts 435 - giving to anyone who has need \[www.acts435.org.uk\]\(http://www.acts435.org.uk\)
<https://acts435.org.uk/give>](https://acts435.org.uk/give)

We at the SVP think this is great partner for our work in the parish, as it helps support the people we encounter, as well as providing an opportunity to support others in need outside our parish.

SVP in the Catholic Parish of Leamington
David Burton
SecretaryF021307@svp.org.uk"



SPAN

In Matthew chapter 25, Jesus said, "I was in prison, you never visited me". I would need a lot of courage and training to respond to this call. In SPAN we recognise our shortcomings and support those Christians who can respond. In June £ 200 was given to the **Daylight Christian Prison Trust**, as we have in some past years.

Many of our donations are a way that we can give encouragement to those who actively involve themselves with those in need. Locally, we focus on the **Saturday Friendship Group, the Night Shelter and Foodbank** in our regular donations and like encouraging those who are able to volunteer their time as well.

Last month we gave particular focus on the **COVID related** calls for help from Lebanon and Yemen.

It is often quite hard to decide how to best allocate the money provided to our meetings through your generosity across Catholic Leamington.

One of the appeals in May was to help **Reach the Children** to protect spring wells to Ugandan communities – see the transformation, greatly improving hygiene and sanitation.



To see more about the appeals we receive and our response, on your behalf, you can join our e-mail distribution list by contacting paulhayden@ntlworld.com

Paul Hayden, SPAN Secretary.

The UN COP26 Climate Talks

The eyes of the world are on us!

Take action to stop the climate crisis. In November, the UN COP26 climate talks take place in Glasgow. World leaders will gather to agree a plan to end the climate crisis.



As host of this summit, the British Government can influence the world. Prime Minister Boris Johnson must push world leaders at this year's climate talks to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5 degree threshold. Wealthy countries bear the greatest responsibility for the climate crisis – so they must play the greatest part in its solution.

Sign the CAFOD petition card

We are planning to roll out the CAFOD Petition at each of the churches in Catholic Leamington starting at Our Lady's this coming weekend 3rd/4th July, when the petition cards will be available for people to take away and sign. You can send them yourself or bring them back to church next week and we'll collect and send.

You can always sign online, of course, at cafod.org.uk/cop26petition .

The petition reads:

"Dear Prime Minister,
COP26 will be one of the most important summits of the century. The conference must put us on track to end a climate emergency which is having a devastating impact on the world and hitting poorest communities the hardest.
As host to this crucial meeting, we urge you to make sure world leaders show the ambition needed to stop temperatures rising beyond a disastrous 1.5 degrees, with each country committing to do its fair share.
And we urge you to put the people worst affected by the crisis - those who have done least to contribute to the problem - at the heart of the talks."



Brian Austin, CAFOD Campaigns Volunteer.

These boots are made for walking...

The ecumenical group **Churches Together in Leamington** have had a **monthly Walking Group** for a number of years, but of course they have not been able to meet since March last year. **They are hoping to begin again in August.** Walks are usually between three to four miles on the **third Saturday of the month** starting at 10.00 am. There were roughly 15-20 people that turn up and most go on to enjoy a meal at a local pub afterwards. As well as getting a bit of exercise in the fresh air and enjoying God's wonderful creation, it is also a great way to meet and get to know people from other churches. Try it sometime – you just turn up on the day, as there's no membership or booking in advance. If you want to, you can subscribe to notifications of walks by email; just email ctlwalkers@gmail.com. **All being well, their first walk will be on Saturday 21st August.** There is always a poster in each church each month with full details. Do join us!

Brian Austin

Could you be a Street Pastor?

For more information follow this link

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/leamington-spa/>

or contact the Street Pastors Coordinator Yvonne by email

coordinator@lssp.org.uk

Our mission is to train volunteers from churches of different denominations to create a more peaceful, safe and harmonious environment for those of the public out at night in Leamington. Although covid has had a big impact on us we typically patrol the streets of Leamington Spa on Saturday nights providing a listening ear, practical help and where possible meeting those needs that present themselves, particularly from the most vulnerable or marginalised. We are non-judgemental and will give time and help to anyone and everyone we meet. We work in partnership with the police, local councils and a range of voluntary and statutory organisations in order to reach and help all those in need.

The gospel is the reason for what we do and shapes our actions. We may share our faith if invited to by those we meet.

We are also looking for several new trustees if you think this might be something you can offer. Or perhaps you could join us as a prayer partner?

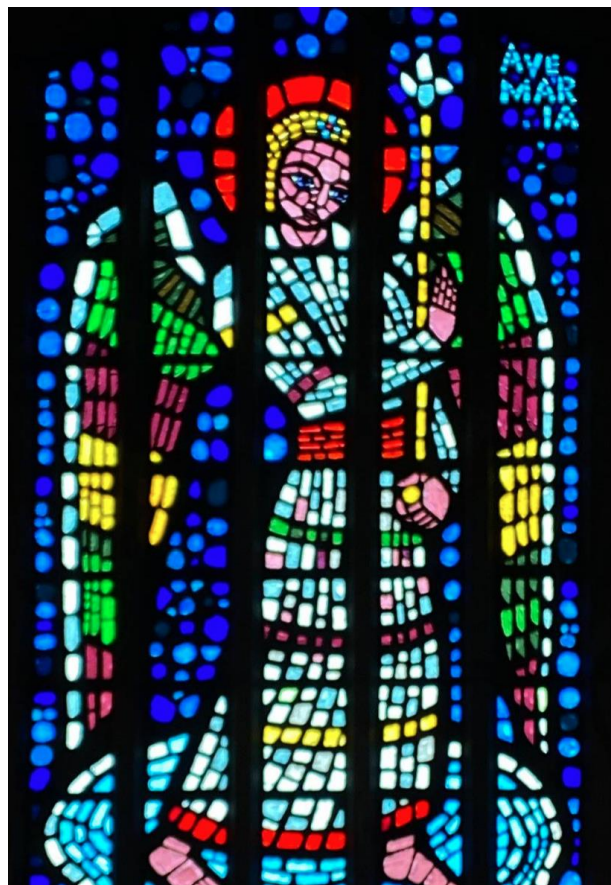
*Churches Together
Leamington*



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 them.



Our Lady's on show!

Currently at The Leamington Spa Art gallery and Museum, in the Pumps Rooms, is an exhibition titled - **Modern Mercia: Post-war art in Coventry and Warwickshire 1945-1970, 20th May 2021 - 19th September 2021**

This exhibition explores the rich variety of architecture, art and design produced in Coventry and Warwickshire after the Second World War.

https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms/events/event/378/modern_mercia_post-war_art_in_coventry_and_warwickshire_1945-1970

Among the many strands of this period's art and design is a focus on the modern art commissioned for Coventry Cathedral and other local churches in this period and includes studies for sculptural murals, textiles and stained glass by leading artists of the period including John Piper, Graham Sutherland, John Hutton, Walter Ritchie and Margaret Traherne.

A panel is devoted to showing Our Lady's church Lillington and the striking stain glass windows installed there. Well worth a look.

David Burton