

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

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**Parish Priest, St Peter's & Our Lady's, Dean of Warwick Deanery:** Fr John Cross  
**Parish Priest, St Joseph's:** Fr Andrew Franklin  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Noel Breslin  
**Deacon:** Rev David Palmer  
**Retired:** Fr Christopher Greaney

**Sunday 22 March 2020**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A)

**There is no celebration of Mass or other public worship until further notice. The Priests will celebrate Daily Mass privately and the Intentions offered at that time. Each church will open at certain times for you to come in for private prayer: St Peter's, daily, 10.30-4.00; Our Lady's, Sat 12-1.00, Sun 10-11, Wed 10-11, Fri 10-11. St Joseph's 10.00-5.00 daily.**

<b>SAT 21 March</b>	Our Lady's	Frank Thornton Alec Holland
	St Peter's	Kenneth Briddon Mary Davies
<b>SUN 22 March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the candidates for the Sacraments</i>	St Joseph's	Anne Hornsby Baby Jake Wood RIP Steve Pritchard RIP
	Our Lady's	Barbara O'Rourke Isobel Eustace
	St Peter's	Edna O'Dowd
<b>MON 23 March</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	St Peter's	Isobel Eustace
	St Joseph's	Berhard Groome RIP
<b>TUE 24 March</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	St Joseph's	Kath Noonan RIP Vee Banks – For Recovery
	St Peter's	Colin Dunphy
<b>WED 25 March</b> <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Our Lady's	Tony Keeney
	St Peter's	Mary Pepper
<b>THU 26 March</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	St Peter's	Paul Rabone
	St Joseph's	Penny Millward RIP Paddy Murphy RIP
<b>FRI 27 March</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	St Joseph's	Alberto & Clementina Pacitti
	Our Lady's	Eileen Lawless
	St Peter's	Mary O'Mullane
<b>SAT 28 March</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	St Joseph's	Enda McSharry RIP
	Our Lady's	J. & C. Prendergast Ann Purfield's Intentions
	St Peter's	Bishop David Oakley Paddy Dunbar Jack Badger
<b>SUN 29 MARCH</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the candidates for the Sacraments</i>	St Joseph's	Enda McSharry RIP Kath Noonan RIP
	Our Lady's	Kathleen Donovan's Intentions Ron Hall
	St Peter's	Bernard Cross Thomas Mulligan

**LIVE-STREAMING OF WORSHIP**  
(from St Joseph's Church as follows)

**Sunday, Mass, 9.00 am**  
Monday, Stations of the Cross, 6.30 pm  
**Monday, Mass, 7.00 pm**  
Tuesday, Mass, 9.30 am  
**Thursday, Mass, 7.00 pm**  
Thursday, Exposition, 7.30-8.00 pm  
**Friday, Mass, 9.30 am**  
Saturday, Mass, 9.30 am

## CORONAVIRUS CANCELLATIONS

Bishop William Kenney will be unable to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation for St Joseph's School** next weekend. The Sacrament is postponed until later in the year.

The Closing Mass of the **Visitation of Warwick Deanery** has been postponed. The Visitation Report will be delivered later in the year.

**The Da capo concert** at Our Lady's has been cancelled. If you have bought tickets please contact Jo Mander on 07980 315575 for a refund.

**Recently deceased:** Mary 'May' Martin, Ann Hopkins, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Bob Wright, Paul Reszka, Michael Hughes, Percy Fitzgerald, Patrick Gannon, Rosario Lazzara, Bridget Cleary, Paul Rabone, Margaret Pearce.  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Anniversaries:** Dominic Gamblin, Ngo Scapellino, Margaret Collins, Nellie Webb, Retta Roddis, Kathleen Powell, Richard Donovan, Dorothy Bissell, Marie Andrews, Rose Baldwin, Eileen O'Sullivan, Philip James, Patrick O'Driscoll, Paul Prescott, Hubert Vincent, Norah Baker, Mary Connolly, Colin Dunphy, Cornelius Sullivan, Alexander Hay, Ned Crowley, Phyllis Thacker, Margaret Dowling, Archbishop Francis Grimshaw, Deacon Louis Livesey, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Fr John Donnelly, Fr John McManus, Mgr Henry Davis, Mgr Canon John Welch.  
**May they rest in peace.**

## Dear Parishioners

This is the first weekend without the public celebration of the Mass due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Our obligation to attend Mass has been suspended and, as an alternative, we are asked to take part in a Spiritual Communion such as prayer or an act of charity. We can also take the opportunity to watch the Mass on one of the many live-streams that are available. We can pray in our open Churches for all those affected by the virus and those who are caring for them. This weekend is also Laetare Sunday so despite the downbeat mood we are asked to rejoice and be glad. We could even take a break from our Lenten disciplines for the day. This weekend we also think about our mothers as it is Mothering Sunday. So, this weekend, let us simply rejoice in the Lord and remember all those who need our prayers at this difficult time. Every blessing, Fr John and Fr Andy.

### A Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Lent

By Fr Christopher

*"There are none so blind as those who will not see."* This seems to be a suitable subtitle to this Sunday's Gospel. A blind man's sight is restored by Jesus and he comes to faith, whilst the Pharisees learn nothing from the miracle, but bury themselves deeper in the darkness of opposition towards Jesus. The man comes to faith by steps, strengthened by fighting the scepticism of his neighbours, the Pharisees and even his own family. They cannot, or will not see how Jesus is being revealed to them.

In what are difficult times for us now, we must, as Christians, be able to see in the dark, discerning God's purpose in each of us through the hardships that we now face, and holding on in faith and trust. Jesus is with us. He is the Good Shepherd who never lets us out of his sight. Amongst the gathering darkness, he is our Light. This year we shall not celebrate Easter together in Church. More reason then to place Jesus in our hearts. Maybe we could light a candle in our homes each time we pray for each other. "Better a candle than curse the darkness", they say.

A prayer we might use: *"Faithful God, you call us to be faithful even in times of trial. Teach us to embrace the challenge of faith today, that we may have the courage to grow and give to others by our witness."* (Kieran O'Mahony OSA).

### Liturgical fallout

The announcement to suspend celebrating Mass in public was not really a surprise but the Liturgical fallout has meant some quick thinking and a few difficult decisions. The advice is for everyone to work from home. I have been doing this for years, but it will be difficult when the Parish Office Staff decamp to their own homes. I want the church to be open and available to anyone who wants to come in and pray. I am thinking about what can be done to help people who need pastoral help and support. Mostly I think the tried and tested routes are via emails, the website, podcasts, YouTube and the church noticeboard and, of course, by phone. Fr Andy has set up a live web streaming camera in his church and can be seen saying Mass. Fr Noel and I will say Mass before we open St Peter's Church. At St Peter's our slot meter and clockwork system is not yet compatible with Wi-Fi in the church. All Mass intentions will be honoured, and we do welcome new Mass intentions. The Mission of the Church continues. Dependent as we are on your weekly offerings, can you consider setting up a Standing Order with St Peter's, Our Lady's or St Joseph's. This would be a great help to the parish because it helps to ensure a regular income. If this isn't possible, please drop your offertory envelopes through the Presbytery letterboxes in Leamington or Whitnash. St Peter's Presbytery has a very capacious post bag! **Fr John**

## Our Lady's & St Peter's

The Lillington SVP has a support network. We have been advised by the Diocesan

Safeguarding team that parish volunteers who are going into people's homes will still need to have a DRB check. Not necessary, though, for those delivering shopping to outside the door. It is all in the embryonic stage at the moment. I am looking at how we might be able to offer something similar at St Peter's and I am sure the St Joseph's SVP being the most recently set up of our three groups is already working on it. One of the things which I have become aware of is that many of our most active helpers are over 70. This means I can pick their brains, but they cannot offer any practical help at this time. We need helpers. Any of you parishioners aged 18 to 69

who are twiddling their thumbs and wondering how to be useful? Well here is something very worthwhile to get involved with. Please contact Richard Gordon 07974 455732.

**Tales of the Unexpected:** The boss said I cannot use any of my Doctor, Doctor jokes which is a shame because I was going to say: "Doctor, Doctor! Sometimes I think I am a marquee and other times I think I am a gazebo." Doctor: "You're two tents!" Another one? "Doctor, Doctor, I keep thinking about the green, green grass of home." Doctor: "It's not unusual!" We've got to keep smiling. Best woofs, Bertie. Xxx

**Attendance:** 423 **Offertory:** SP £574.25 / OL £261.56 Thank you. **Second Collection:** SP £344.98 / OL £131.03 **Church Maintenance Second Collection today:** SPAN Lenten Alms (Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre)

## St Joseph's

### This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for S. C. Intentions

**Church Picture:** We have some lovely prints of the Church for sale for £6 each. Please do buy one for your mantelpiece! Proceeds go to the building fund. Thank you.

**Gift Aid** envelopes for year commencing Sunday 12 April (Easter Sunday) are available in the Narthex. If you are a taxpayer and would like to sign up for Gift Aid, so the Parish can claim back the tax you have paid on your offering, then please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711 346405.

**200 Club Draw** takes place on Sunday 5 April with an extra Easter prize of £25.

**Red Mission Boxes:** please can you bring these in before Easter and leave in the sacristy. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**E-news:** Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via Mailchimp on Twitter, Facebook, the parish or deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

**Attendance:** 293 **Offertory:** £535.15 Thank you. **Second Collection:** £512.51 SPAN Lenten Alms (Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre); CAFOD (Extra) £240.90 **Second Collection today:** Parish Maintenance