

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

EXTRA

MAY 2021

EVENING PRAYER VIA ZOOM

Sundays at 5 pm for 30 minutes

For the time being, this is continuing every other week and is open to everyone. Those who are unable to attend Mass are especially appreciative, but people say it is just lovely to be able to see others (without masks!) and to pray together. Email maryrouse@rocketmail.com if you would like a link. A **booklet** is also provided every week so you can join in with the prayers and singing from home. All are very welcome!

Mary Rouse

ZOOM QUIZ for KINDAID

Saturday, 15 May, starting at 6.30 pm / 7 pm

We very much hope to return to live events before too long. Meanwhile, we are holding another **ZOOM QUIZ** on **Saturday, 15 May, starting at 6.30 pm** with children's round. The main event will begin at **7 pm** and there will be something for everyone! It's great fun for all the family. Why not give it a try if you've not been before? Teams can be families, or people from different households working together (perhaps discussing answers via WhatsApp). There is no entry fee but donations to **KINDAID** are invited. To book a place and receive the link, email maryrouse@rocketmail.com.



KINDAID

£1,500 to the Kirrua Mission in Kenya

KINDAID was extremely grateful for the **Lenten Alms**. These donations, together with the monies raised from the most recent **Quiz** and the **sale of CDs**, has meant we're able to **send £1,500 to the Kirrua Mission in Kenya**. The sisters there always let us know what good use the money has been put to, so we'll keep you posted. Thank you for all the support for our fundraising initiatives during the past twelve months.

Mary Rouse

A Marathon of Prayer for an end to the Pandemic

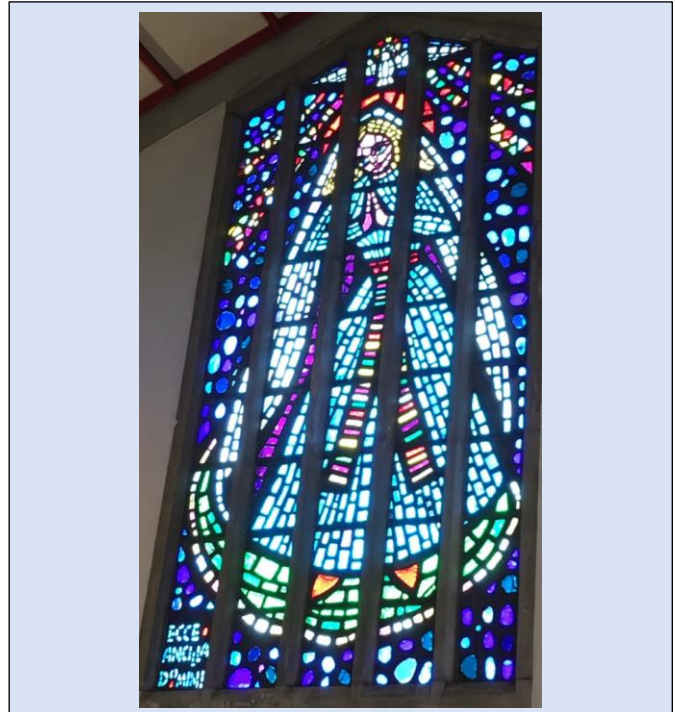
Saturday, 1 May 2021: 5pm and 6pm (UK time)

Pope Francis has invited Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including the Shrine at Walsingham, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. *[The Catholic Bishops Conference]*



In response to the Holy Father's heartfelt wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church. The initiative is being conducted in the light of the biblical expression: "**Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God**" (Acts 12:5).

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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 May. 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).

SPAN A.G M.

SPAN held their AGM on 12th April on Zoom.

As a result, the team for the coming year is:

Chair	Jenny Armstrong
Vice-Chair	Caroline Manning
Secretary	Paul Hayden
Treasurer	Michael Barker



and the following will report at meetings

Justice & Peace	Brian Austin
Saturday Friendship Group	Janice Austin
Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre	Richard Gordon
Dormer Senior Citizens	Clemency Jarvis

Income for the 2019 year (delayed due to Covid) was a massive **£36,843.05**

of which £4,700 came from church collections and £11,301 from Gift Aid bank standing orders

Expenditure on Charitable activities was **£30,619.82** for the year (2019)

The full report is available on the SPAN page of the website

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span

or go to website and then > Social Action > SPAN

SPAN has a meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm

The next meeting is on **Monday 10th May, 7.30 pm** on zoom

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME but you will need a zoom link from

paulhayden@ntlworld.com

See you there.

Paul Hayden, Secretary



UPDATE

CAFOD's Lenten Appeal

Our final totals for Lent were:

Collections at the churches for Fast Day

St Joseph's £543.50

St Peter's £431.00

Our Lady's £252.49

Total from collections £1441.99

Walk for Water £435.40

Ann's 536,886 steps £1,115

Total Walk for Water £1550.40

TOTAL LENTEN APPEAL £2992.39

A Very Big 'Thank you' to you all

Web page of the month

The Pope Speaks

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/the-pope-speaks



£200,000 for the Coronavirus Emergency in India

"Thanks to your generous support for our **coronavirus appeal**, we have now pledged **£200,000** to our long-term partner **Caritas India** who are responding in some of the worst affected areas. We continue to monitor the situation.

With your support Caritas India are:

- Providing PPE to frontline health workers
- Distributing medical kits to people with mild symptoms
- Setting up safely run isolation and quarantine centres
- Promoting lifesaving Covid and vaccine information

Please keep praying for the people of India and those affected by the pandemic. You can use the [Coronavirus prayers](#) on our website.

And, if you are able to, please consider supporting our [Coronavirus Appeal](#) again."

The Climate Emergency

Meet Cll Jonathan Chilvers at 8.15pm on Monday 17th May.
Laudato Si' week 16th-24th May.

The logo for LiveSimply Parish, featuring a stylized cross with a plus sign inside a circle, followed by the text "livesimply parish" in a lowercase, handwritten-style font.

Have you been watching Ade Adepitan's series about Climate Change on BBC TV recently? My wife, Janice, said to me that Ade had opened her eyes to the effects of climate change more than anything else had! At the same time BBC were showing a series featuring Greta Thunberg: 'A year to change the world', which was also inspirational. Both are available to watch on iPlayer and well worth watching. Do have a look.

Personally, I have been reading Bill Gates, of Microsoft fame, "How to avoid a climate disaster". His book is, believe it or not, easy to read and shows in stark detail the size of the problem we are dealing with. For example, he describes how pumping 50 billion net tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere every year (which is what we are doing) is like running the tap into a bath of water. If we don't turn the tap off ... ! We have a climate emergency!

We all ask ourselves the question "What can we do about it?" Individual actions, like reducing our meat consumption, is not going to save the planet. (Not that individual actions aren't important – they send messages to companies and politicians that we are ready for change). But we need Governments and local Councils to take action to make the large scale changes that are needed.

To get **the Government** to take action, we can sign **CAFOD's petition** to the Prime Minister at <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1> and the **Climate Coalition's Declaration** at <https://thetimeisnow.uk/declaration>

But what are our local Councils doing? Warwickshire County Council, Warwick District Council and Leamington Town Council have all started to take action. To find out more about that and find out if it is enough and how we influence their decisions, Justice and Peace have invited WCC Cll. Jonathan Chilvers (whether he is re-elected or not) to talk with them at their next zoom meeting on Monday 17th May at 8.15pm (The meeting actually starts at 7.15pm and you can join us then). Do come along to listen and take part, but you will need a zoom link from cl.jandp@gmail.com (which you'll get automatically if you receive the regular J&P emails).

Also, May 16th-24th is Laudato Si' Week 2021. It will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. Laudato Si' Week 2021 will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and prepare for the future with hope. We are asked to pray about caring for Our Common Home especially during that week. Every day there will be events broadcast on social media at 12 midday and 6 pm. And **Friday May 21st is Global Action Day for Our Common Home.** See laudatosiweek.org including a 1 min video with the Pope;

Brian Austin
LiveSimply Parish team

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. This also gives you the **zoom link for J&P meetings**, which continue every month (3rd Monday)



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

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

HOME WELCOME NEWSLETTER ABOUT US SAFEGUARDING SACRAMENTS YOUTH SCHOOLS
PRAYER LIFE FAMILY LIFE PARISH LIFE SOCIAL ACTION THE POPE SPEAKS CONTACT US

May Youth Update

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>

Meeting ID: 7876345307 Password: Hebrews11

YOUTH SOCIAL - 6.30pm Wednesday 19th May £15 per person

At long last our awaited adventure can go ahead!

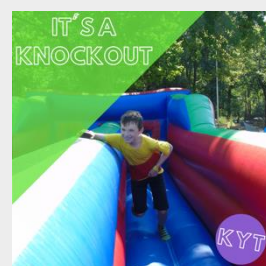
You can find out more information at their website: <https://escaperoomadventures.co.uk>

Places can be booked through this link: [Book Here](#)



It's A Knockout 2021 - Saturday 17th July 9.30am to 8pm

This year the event will take place on 17th July and will conclude with a BBQ and Outdoor Mass. Booking forms will be available in due course



Aztec Adventure Aqua Park

Upton Warren Activity Centre, Worcester Road, Upton Warren,, WORCS, B61 7ER

We are hoping to organise a family fun day out over the Summer months for those in our community who would like to join us. A date has not yet been confirmed but it will be on a weekend. If you would like to register your interest please do so here: [Register](#)



Summer Camp 28 July – 1st August at Alton Castle

There will be a number of young people in the parish attending Summer Camp this year, both camping and in dormitories, at Alton Castle. We expect it to fill up quickly so if you would like to go please book ASAP at their website:

<http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp.html>



If you would like any further information about anything coming up this term please get in touch with myself or other members of the team as below:

<p>Emma Rayment catholicyouth7@gmail.com Parish Youth Ministry</p>	<p>Rose Pauling rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com Young Adults / Youth 2000</p>	<p>Niall Herbert nialls13@gmail.com UNITE Catholic Youth Club</p>
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Reclaim Our Common Home



The eyes of the world are on us!

Someone said to me recently that CAFOD seems to have become more activist or 'political' in the past couple of years. I had to agree that it was probably true. Why? We need to realise why CAFOD, our Catholic AID Agency, sees this as a necessity.

Do you remember when Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique a couple of years ago? It destroyed pretty well everything in its path. CAFOD had been working there for years and all the work they had done was literally wiped out. This is a good example of why CAFOD is campaigning by asking us to support their letter to the Prime Minister and to talk to our own MP. Climate Change is affecting the poorest of the poor where CAFOD works with less reliable weather patterns, floods and droughts. If we don't tackle climate change CAFOD's work becomes more difficult, if not, in the end, impossible.

CAFOD sees the coming G7 Summit of the richest nations in June and the UN Climate Conference in November, both hosted by the UK, as an opportunity to get the British Government to influence the world. The eyes of the world are on us! World leaders need to agree how to end the climate crisis. We can't do it by ourselves.

How can we help?

First, we want to arrange a meeting with our MP (either Matt Western or Jeremy Wright) preferably before the end of May ahead of the G7. So far, just four people have offered to participate. Will you join them? Please email cl.jandp@gmail.com to say so.

Secondly, we will soon be asking EVERYONE in the parish to sign a petition that CAFOD is planning to send to Boris Johnson. Please sign this when you get the opportunity at church or online at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod.html where you will find the letter and a link to CAFOD to sign. And if you can help us hand out petition cards, please contact cl.jandp@gmail.com to volunteer.

Brian Austin CAFOD Campaigns Volunteer



The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) continues its activities in all three churches aiming to help those in need – be it a friendly phone call or more substantial help

In particular, the **St Joseph's SVP** has been helping some families with items for young children recently, generously assisted by a donation from the **Gubay Foundation**. The Gubay donation has been offered to the SVP through its National Office and each local conference was asked to see if they could identify families in real need. The St Joseph's conference has so far helped **five families** with items such as a **freezer, cooker, carpets and various furniture items**. Meanwhile St Joseph's SVP continues to **collect and re-distribute school uniforms and other clothing** items for families. **Food donations** are also collected and channelled to the local **food banks**.

Free face masks have also been made and donated to the local groups **helping the homeless**, such as the Salvation Army.

The **Our Lady's SVP** helped out with the distribution of the **Easter Parcels** (made up by a group of parishioners). **St Peter's SVP** continues to keep in **contact with the housebound**.

The SVP conferences in our three churches are always open to new members to help develop our work, or if you have any items you think we could use, please contact –

**St Peter's, Peter May – 01926 421786.
St Joseph's, Brian Malone – 07724 845801.
Our Lady's, Richard Gordon – 07974 455732.**



David – SVP - Our Lady's and St Joseph's Secretary