

St Joseph's

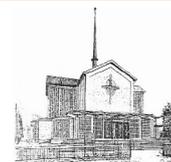
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Assistant Priest: Fr Noel Breslin;
Deacon: Rev David Palmer; **Retired:** Fr Christopher Greaney

Live-streamed Masses from St Joseph's Church

Sunday 31 May**Solemnity of Pentecost**

Day of Prayer for the Church

9.00: The People of the Parish;

Intentions of Lennie Arran

11.00: Barbara Wright

Monday 1 June

Mary, Mother of the Church

Psalter Week 2

7.00: Intentions of Frances &

Samantha;

Mary Moloney First year Anniversary

Tuesday 2 June

Feria

9.30: Agnes Sheridan

Wednesday 3 June

St Charles Lsanga & Companions

11.00: Richard Power

Thursday 4 June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

7.00: Bridie Towey

Friday 5 June

St Boniface; First Friday

9.30: Dougie Quinn;

11.00: Requiem: Salvatore Venuto

Saturday 6 June

Feria

9.30: Angele Handord RIP

Sunday 7 June**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

9.00: David Harwar Anniversary;

In Thanksgiving (AJ)

11.00: Sr. Anne Therese Harding

Dear Parishioners, this weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church. I recall one Sunday a few years ago when I suggested we might sing "Happy Birthday" to the Church because we often sing it for members of the parish who attain a significant age or a milestone date. I think we all felt a bit strange about singing for an institution. But I suppose the real question for us is "What is the church?"

In lockdown we have begun to realise our love for the building where we celebrate the sacraments. This is the bricks and mortar of the church but without people in it, without their prayers and the prayers of the priest it is a sign, a presence among us. Thankfully at St Peter's we have the bell which rings the Angelus three times a day at 8.00 am 12 noon and 6.00 pm. This reminds us that Mary is the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of the church.

The church is also the community of believers. When the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles it came down on people not on a building. So we must keep this in mind that today the church is ourselves, it is built on us because we are the recipients of the gift of the Holy Spirit. What is the Holy Spirit? For the apostles it was a loud sound, it was visible in the form of tongues of fire. They were left in no doubt they had received something which had left its mark on their lives. Not a scorch mark on their heads but an indelible mark on their souls. Only after receiving this gift were they able to proclaim the Message of Christ, the Good News, without fear. When we are Confirmed we too receive the mark of the Holy Spirit made with the Oil of Chrism on our foreheads. The oil is soon washed off but the mark remains forever. It is a statement of God's choice to fill the recipient with the Grace, the presence of the third person of the Holy Trinity. It is a spiritual presence. It is God with us. God is with us for the purpose of achieving his will through us, open and keen to comply just as Mary and the all the saints have shown us in their lives which soaked up the goodness of God's grace.

You will note that the apostles normally travelled in twos and worked together. This is the same for us too because we work better as part of a team. So we have plenty to think about at Mass and in our prayers and reflections this week. Together we are Team, we are Christian, we are Confirmed and we are Church.

Every blessing, Fr John.

Mass Intentions celebrated privately

Monday 1 June

In Thanksgiving

Tuesday 2 June

Ann Sayce

Thursday 4 June

Mike Godwin

Friday 5 June

Deceased Family
& Friends

Saturday 6 June

Charlotte Nevre

Recently deceased:

Joanna Bazen, Audrey Atack, Salvatore Venuto, Leslie Harfield, John Long, Mike Feeley, Barbara Wright, Michael Butler, William Collis, Maureen 'Mo' Finnesey, Angele Handford, Lucrezia Bishton, Ann Sayce.

May they rest in peace.

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email 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.

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St Joseph's

Sunday Hymn: People have asked if they can be informed which hymn will be played after Communion at 9.00 am Mass on Sunday, so they can join in. This Sunday, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the hymn is **Praise my soul, the King of Heaven**. Next week, the hymn will be **The King of love my shepherd is**. Please do try and find a copy of the words to join in and sing with gusto! To sing is to pray twice. However, for the sake of liturgical dignity Fr Andy will simply sit and listen!



E-mail Addresses: As some of you will have noticed St Peter's recently introduced new email addresses as part of our Diocesan Server. St Joseph's is doing the same and at the moment we have two new email addresses for myself and the parish.

My new address fr.andrew.franklin@rcaob.org.uk can only be accessed by myself. It can be used to contact me directly and for all matters that may be deemed private and confidential. The new general parish address is stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk and will, in time, become the new office email address.

Please do begin to use these addresses. The old ones – st.josephs47@outlook.com and secretary.st.josephs@gmail.com will remain in use but will gradually be phased out.

Mr Christopher Brennan. Many of you will know Chris and his wife Anne-Marie (one of our flautists) and their children Cormac and Melissa who serve on the Altar. Chris has for some years felt a call to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon. I am pleased to say that Chris will begin a year of preparatory discernment at Oscott College this September. Please do hold him and his family in prayer. For more information about the Permanent Diaconate please go to <https://www.permanentdiaconate-archdioceseofbirmingham.org.uk>

Newsletter Hard Copy: Any parishioner who would like a hard copy of the newsletter please do contact me as we have one or two willing volunteers happy to deliver them.

Congratulations to Anna Jelonek and Ian Gately, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in May's 200 Club draw. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday 7 June. April was the start of the 200 Club Financial Year and a lot of participants like to pay for the year ahead. Please don't worry if you are unable to leave your subscriptions at the Presbytery. *Continued on page 3*

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Prayer Trail around St

Peter's. I have had a brain wave. Now that some of us are allowed out and since the weather has been so nice would you like to participate in a Prayer Trail? Open between **10.30 am and 12 noon** or **2.30-4.00 pm**: start in St Peter's Car Park (one barrier is closed for cars but the other is open or use the pedestrian gate).

1. **Say a prayer** to St Peter outside the iron gates of the church that those gates might soon be open.
2. **Go through** the garden gate and into the Presbytery Garden. Go to the statue of St Francis of Assisi and pray the prayer of Peace.
3. **Stop at** the bench and enjoy a moment to pray for the priests.
4. **Go through** the next gate at the far side and this brings you to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for the sick and all who care for them.
5. **Go through** the wrought iron gate and turn left, left and left again (Dormer Place, Bedford Street, St Peter's Road). Walk down and stop just after the garages. There is a statue of St Peter and this is on the rear wall of the Sacred Heart Chapel. Say a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Walk down towards the hall. Pray for the community and the people who use our Conference Centre.
6. **Through the** pedestrian gate and stop at the West doors. Say a prayer of intercession to St Peter.
7. **Go for** a walk around the Pump Room gardens.
8. **At 12 noon** and 6.00 pm there is the Angelus Bell. I shall provide the St Peter's Prayer Trail on the website and on some take-away sheets at the church.

The late **Margaret Looney** left a bequest for £1000 to St Peter's Church. Our grateful thanks to Margaret, her family and to all benefactors of the parish, past and present.

Live-stream Masses will start soon at St Peter's. Very many thanks for the extremely generous donation from one of our parishioners. This will cover the cost of the purchase of the equipment, its installation and the first year's charges to live-stream. It will be a real asset. *I am indebted to Fr Andy for his anticipation of this resource's immense value and his generosity in sharing St Joseph's live-stream facility with us.* Yet I really missed our lovely churches too and to resume services at least at one of these will be a real boost to myself and Fr Noel. I know many parishioners feel the same. I look forward to welcoming you soon.

A prayer line: Fr Christopher is self isolating and is happy for people to ring him if they would like a prayer to be said or to have a short chat. Calls can be made between 10.00 am and 7.00 pm **Tel. 07385 794080.**

SVP Lillington president Richard Gordon is in daily contact with

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Thank you for your support. Offertory envelopes, Mass Intentions, donations can be put through the letterbox. We are trying to keep the Parish Offices functioning as best we can. If we're not in to answer the phone, please leave a message. We will get back to you ASAP (ditto emails). Thank you again.

Frs. John and Andy

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Everyone will continue to be included in the draw until the lockdown is over and payments can be caught up with at that time. It is also possible to move to paying by Standing Order if you prefer. Contact me via the Presbytery. All profits go to the Church's Building Fund and, as you know, there is a large amount of work that needs doing very soon so thank you for your support. *Anne Buttrum.*

Mass Cards and Intentions: A number of people have enquired about getting Mass Cards, particularly if they have lost a loved one who does not live locally and they want to send a card by post. If you require a Mass card give me a call or drop me an email and we can arrange a time for you to safely call by and collect one.

SVP: Our SVP Society is willing and able to help anybody who may feel isolated at this time. David Burton is our local contact davidburton636@gmail.com One of the ways in which the SVP can help is by taking food donations to the local foodbank. Food donations can either be taken to 4 Peto Grove, Heathcote, CV34 6GT. Contact Jackie Rabone on 01926 832983 or donations can be left on the Presbytery doorstep for Jackie to collect. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthy cause.

Thank you: For donations both financial and edible towards the work of the SVP and the local Foodbank.

E-news: Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via the parish website (stjosephs47.org.uk) or Deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

Obituary: Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP

Emmanuel was a warm and deeply spiritual man. This was obvious in his commitment to St Peter's Aid for the Needy (SPAN) and its values. He became Chairman in 2002 after the death of John Beaver and continued in the same sincere and generous manner as his predecessor, sometimes when things were difficult.

Apart from his commitment to SPAN's core activities – support for local people and charities, Christmas food parcels, etc, overseas projects (Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, hospitals and priests in Africa and India and many others) – a major concern was the House of Light and Hope in Beirut which SPAN had supported since the mid-90s. Emmanuel developed a personal friendship with its director Dr Robert Caracache which enriched the connection with SPAN. The House of Light and Hope gives support to vulnerable children in Beirut and very many Syrian refugees. This friendship continues to this day and we have frequent letters and prayer requests from Dr Caracache. SPAN gives regular donations to help his work. In honour of Emmanuel's memory we are sending £500 together with other donations received from parishioners in his memory.

Emmanuel retired from the Chairmanship of SPAN in 2010 but remained a Trustee until 2016. He continued to come to SPAN meetings until March 9th this year despite being seriously ill. Few of those who saw Emmanuel's solo presentation of St Mark's Gospel some years ago will ever forget the experience. He

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the local foodbank as part of the SVP's outreach work. Instant mash, readymade custard in cartons, and toothpaste are currently most needed. Contact Richard on 07974 455732. See also the Carriers of Hope website www.carriersofhope.org.uk/our-needs/.

St Peter's School is very grateful to the parishioners who have either donated money or given food for those parents and individuals who are struggling.

Great news for Trinity School and Catholic Leamington. The Sixth Form is to re-open in 2020. A letter sent by the Independent Executive Board outlines the plans to parents. It is available to view on the Trinity website at http://www.trinity-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/IEB_Letter12_22May2020.pdf

Tales of the unexpected: Seeing as we are talking about Birthdays (I heard the Boss composing his 'Dear Parishioners') could I just remind you that I will be 10 on June 14th. In human years I will 70 years young. This being a 'significant' birthday I think I deserve some special attention. Too often I am ignored and forgotten and yet I have kept the parish smiling nearly 500 times since I arrived to take up the role of Parish Dog in September 2010. For 52 weeks of the year over nearly 10 years I have managed to find something witty to say... and there are still plenty of Tales to tell. Best woofs, Bertie ;-)

Anniversaries: Gerard Cullen, Doris Bates, Joseph Keane, Mary Harrison, Christopher O'Sullivan, Sam Harkin, Mercedes Connon, Guistina Restituto, Mary Adams, Susan Cleary, Dorothea Wolfenden, Ida Carter, Michael Godwin, Danny Lynch, Edward Blake, William Hughes, John Wimsey, Joan Leathem, Daniel O'Driscoll, Arthur Broughton, Michael Murphy, John Thurlough, Stephen McGrath, Patrick Connelle, Julia Higgins, Fr William O'Brien, Fr John Lane, Fr Benedict Tarbuck, Fr John Crean, Canon Harry Bouchier, Fr Peter Gallagher.

May they rest in peace.



Emmanuel, left, pictured with his wife Jenny, Dr Caracache & the Archbishop of Beirut.

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was a man who truly lived the gospel and will always be remembered by those of us privileged to have known him. May he rest in peace.

Jeanette Davison.

House of Light and Hope: SPAN is sending £ 500 in memory of Emmanuel. We are asking others to consider adding to the appeal by sending cheque donations made out to SPAN sent to Michael Barker, SPAN Treasurer, 77 Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7DS. A donation could also be made by bank transfer (ref. 'HouseOfLight' or 'Emmanuel') to the SPAN account with HSBC sort code 40-27-06, account number 21324004. Gift Aid forms are available on catholicleamington.org.uk/span.html. Thank you. *Paul Hayden.*

Our prayers for Giovanni Allurlino, Janice Austin, Edward Behan, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Katie Hobson, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, David Kendall, Mist Johnson, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Brian Murray, Paula Newton, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Anna Tye, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston and Peter Wright who are ill at this time. Also, for all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of Catholic Leamington. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM

Diocesan News: Congratulations to Fr Giles Goward, the new Rector of Oscott College. Also congratulations to Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright, the new Auxiliary Bishops in waiting.

If you haven't already discovered the Archdiocese's website, there is a wealth of resources on it: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

The latest edition of **Newsletter EXTRA** is available online at catholicleamington.org.uk or stjosephs47.org.uk – follow the Newsletter link. We hope to publish the next edition in **August**. EXTRA is not just for groups and 'issues' – each parishioner in each church should see it as an opportunity to express views and opinions too. It doesn't have to be an article as such. Please get involved: **EXTRA is intended to be a two way street**. Send items to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com. Thank you. *Brian Austin, Jane Rebika and Sue Sugars.*

Laudato Si' – the Pope's landmark encyclical, on 'Care for Our Common Home' has galvanised not only for the Catholic Church but other faiths and governments and worldwide organisations. If you haven't read it, limited number of copies (£4.95, post-free) are available to buy. Please email catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com with your name and address and we will send it to you with details of how to pay. There are also copies of a shorter CTS booklet 'Catholics & Our Common Home' (£2.50, also post-free). *Brian Austin.*

'Be who God meant you to be ... and you will set the world on fire'. St Catherine of Siena.

Youth 2000 is so excited that Catholic Leamington wants to connect with the organisation. This is exactly the route it is looking to go down, wanting to partner with more parishes and help them to raise up their young adults in the Catholic faith.

Youth 2000 was started in response to St John Paul II's invitation to young people to take an active part in the Decade of Evangelisation leading up to the Great Jubilee Year 2000. In his address at World Youth Day in Santiago de Compostella in Spain in 1989, the then Pope John Paul II asked young people to evangelise each other by coming together, learning about and experiencing the love of God, saying "It is up to you now that the task first falls of bearing witness to the faith and bringing into the Third Millennium the Gospel of Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life". *Rosemary Pauling*

Evangelisation in lockdown: This is clearly a challenging time due to so many restrictions. Although the Visiting Team is not allowed to do parish visiting, deliver leaflets or letters, we have instead emailed and telephoned those who had volunteered their details. We keep in touch, advise of the parish website, live-streaming of Masses and give information of prayer resources.

Please take any opportunity to share the Good News even while the restrictions continue. *Peter Dimambro.*

OUR VISION IS THAT:
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
YOUTH 2000 SEEKS TO RAISE UP A NEW
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