

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Laetare Sunday (B)

## Sunday 14th March 2021

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### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 14th

**4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

**9:00:** Patrick Murphy;  
Mary Scullane RIP

#### Monday 15th

**7:00:** Julia Finn RIP

#### Tuesday 16th

**9:30:** David & Maureen O'Sullivan's Birthday Intentions

#### Wednesday 17th

**9:30:** Josie Kennedy

#### Thursday 18th

**7:00:** Sue Cleary

#### Friday 19th

**9:30:** Pat McGuinness RIP;  
Kenneth Briddon Anniversary

#### Saturday 20th

**9:30:** John Clancy;  
Michael O'Donnell

#### Sunday 21st

**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**9:00:** People of the Parish

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

#### Saturday 13th

**OL 12:30:** Bernard & Mary RIP *Vigil*

#### Sunday 14th

**4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

**SP 9:00:** For All Mothers and Expectant Mothers

**SP 11:00:** Rui Brito E. Silva

#### Monday 15th

**SP: 9:30:** People of the Parish

**SP 11:00: Requiem Mass: Mary Richardson (Family Only)**

#### Tuesday 16th

**SP 11:00:** David Manning

#### Wednesday 17th

**OL 12:00:** Michael Hartnett

#### Thursday 18th

**SP 11:00:** Joe & Maureen Martin

#### Friday 19th

**SP: 11:00:** May & Seamus Martin

#### Saturday 20th

**SP 9:30:** Special Intention

**OL 12:30:** John Coombes & Vera Sloane

#### Sunday 21st

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**SP 9:00:** Bob Grainger

**SP 11:00:** Holy Souls

### Saints of the week

**Wednesday 17th March**

*Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland*

**Thursday 18th March**

*Opt. Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

**Friday 19th March**

*Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### 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

### The recently deceased of our churches:

Graham Cane, Michael White, Linda Pender, Michael Govern, Michael Jervis, Rosaleen "Rose" Gately, Mary Richardson.

*May they rest in peace.*

**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's Kate Tennyson email safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com, 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. 0800 801 0331.

### 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.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** James Downey, Frank Benson, Hugh Williams, Roland Wildman, Joyce Collins, Nora O'Brien, Norah Taylor, Michael Hartnett, Gerard Maguire, Cornelius Sexton, Michael Dendek, Eileen O'Sullivan, Margaret Martin, Bernard Wattebot, Betty McCarthy, Mary Burton, Michael Behan, Anne Marsden, Kathleen Connelly, Margaret Marden, Ada Ashton, Margaret Clarke, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne OSB, Bishop David Cashman, Canon Raymond Walsh, Mgr. Daniel Kelly, Fr. Vaughan Lloyd, Fr. Anthony Sims, Fr. William Madden, Fr. Patrick Maguire, Fr. Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft. *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-Clare 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 **The Irish Community in Britain**

The St. Joseph Chapel candle burns for **Intercession of St. Joseph**

Dear Parishioners,

This week is a very busy week for Joy!

This Sunday is Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday and... A Pastoral letter. On Wednesday it is St. Patrick's Day and Friday is the Feast of St. Joseph. We shall be on our knees by the time we finish!!

**Laetare Sunday.** I shall leave it to the Archbishop to explain the significance of this day in his Pastoral Letter, but I think we already know it is the halfway point, over halfway to the end of Lent. Purple gives way to our Rose vestments.

Last week there was a Liturgy Meeting to discuss the guidelines sent by the Bishops called **Vade Mecum for Holy Week 2021.**

Basically, for the safety of all involved it is Holy Week with all the interesting bits taken out. On Palm Sunday we shall bless the Palms and they will be available at the end of Mass. The Bishops have suggested the from the Passion, "Crucify him!, Crucify him! and other crowd parts should not be said. Perhaps we could use placards instead! We will not be washing the feet of 12 volunteers this year, nor will there be a fire at the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil will begin in Church and I was thinking you could bring one of those battery powered tea lights. Holy water will be blessed but not available in the stoops. We will make our Easter Promises but will not receive a soaking when the Priest sprinkles us with Holy water. Thankfully, we have worked out a way to provide some musical accompaniment. The Easter collection will take place at the end of the Mass.

**Mothering Sunday** Several years ago, I mentioned to a priest colleague it was Mother's Day. I received a telling off because this is the commercialised name of the day when we offer thanksgiving to the Church as our Mother. Even so, it is the day when we give thanks to God for our mums and ask God's blessing on them. There would be no Church without them.

**St. Patrick's Day.** On this day we commemorate the Apostle of Ireland and ask his prayers for the people of Ireland and the Irish Communities around the world. Many of our parishioners came from Ireland to work and live in our town. Our community has been enriched by their presence. A Special congratulations to St. Patrick's Irish Club. Congratulations to St. Patrick's School, Congratulations to St. Peter's Celtic our Parish football team who have the Shamrock as their emblem.

**Feast of St. Joseph.** Husband of Mary. Congratulations to the parish of St. Joseph's, Church and School, who celebrate their Feast Day on Friday. I recall a few years ago when the school celebrated it's 50th Anniversary. St. Joseph's is the "Youngest" of the 3 churches in Catholic Leamington but now rapidly expanding as many new homes are being built within it's boundaries.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

P.S. The St. Peter's/Our Lady's Schedule for Palm Sunday Holy Week and Easter Sunday is on the reserve of the newsletter. All our services at St. Peter's & St. Joseph's are Live Stream.

### 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 **Kate  
Hannan RIP**

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 27th June onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery

letterbox.

**Two Extra Public Masses:** On the Feast Day of St. Patrick, Wednesday 17th March & the Feast Day of St. Joseph, Friday 19th March both at 9:30am.

**Mother's Day:** Best wishes to all the Mothers in our Parish, may you have a blessed & relaxing day.

**Missio Red Boxes:** We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to June & Lennie Arran for their many years of dedicated service as Parish Representatives of the Missio Boxes. We are now looking for a new volunteer to be responsible for collating & issuing the Parish Missio boxes, training will be given, if you can help please contact the parish office.

#### 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, Holy 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

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**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 to register your place ASAP.

**Wedding Banns:** Fr Benedict is pleased to publish the banns of marriage between Valentina Fernandes and Vijay Pothinn (both of St Peters Parish). If you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr Benedict without delay. Please pray for Valentina and Vijay is they prepare to marry.

**Fr. Benedict's Homily:** Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website 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=Q1VhSVQxNGhTWDRJSW96UUVHVTVdoUT09>

**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

**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.

**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.

**HELP WITH WEBSITE:** We have been taking steps to refresh our Catholic Leamington website and bring it up to date, but we do need someone (or two) to maintain it on an ongoing basis. Have you got an hour a week to spare, particularly if you know anything about weebly.com, but if not, we'll train you? And if you have any ideas of your own for the website, please send them in using the form that is now on the CONTACT US page of the website.

**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' Institute, Lions, Rotary, Townswomens Guild, etc. Please contact him at cc.communitychamp@gmail.com . Thank you.

**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.

**St. Peter's Church Maintenance Update:** Last year 2020 we provided an update regarding the works carried out in 2019. Therefore we would like to update you regarding the works in 2020 and also the works in 2021 which are due to be carried out.

In 2020 we spent - £8,000.22 on the following: Installation of new Gas Burner - £3,663.14, Quinquennial Inspection - £1,362.00, Structural Repairs to Flooring in Sacristy - £1,260.00, Plumbing - £894.00 and other costs - £821.08.

This Year we plan to carry out over £15,000 worth of work including - Annual Stone Inspection of Tower - £4,062.00, Repointing to stonework - £3,360.00, Annual Clearing of Gutters and Downpipes - £2,788.80, Replacement of Stonework - £2,076.00, Annual Heating inspection - £1,000.00, Other Small Jobs - £1,714.00.

## St Joseph's

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** Boxes of yellow Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year commencing 6th April are now available for collection from the Sacristy. If there is anyone who is a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows us to claim back 25% tax on the donations you make , please contact Patrick Murphy 07711 346 405.

**Prayer to St. Joseph:** To you, O, blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our afflictions, and, having implored the help of your Holy Spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg you also to take us under your protection. By that charity, wherewith you were united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which you cherished the Child Jesus, we beseech you and we humbly pray that you will look down with gracious eyes up that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and will succor us un our need by your power and strength. Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And even as of old you rescued the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under your patronage, that, following your example and strengthened by your help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in heaven. Amen.

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**St. Peter's Aid to the Needy:** At our SPAN virtual meeting on Monday we agreed to send £500.00 to the UNICEF appeal for the suffering people in Yemen and £300.00 to the Aid to the Church in Need following the Pope's appeal for the displaced in Iraq. This was additional to our normal donations. We welcome your generous support for the Lenten Alms appeals for Myton Hospice, the Kindaid Kiirua Mission in Kenya and extra support for our local family through food vouchers. Full details are in the EXTRA. Any queries, please contact paulhayden@ntlworld.com . SPAN Trustees have appointed Michael Barker, our Treasurer, as a new Trustee and have accepted the resignation of Jeanette Davison as a Trustee - her wisdom and love for others has been a hallmark of her commitment to SPAN for over 40 years, we thank her and pray for her.

**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.

	<u>St Peter's (Live Stream)</u>	<u>St Joseph's (Live Stream)</u>	<u>Our Lady's (Live)</u>
Palm Sunday	9.00 am Mass <b>11.00 am Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am Mass</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil 12.30 pm Mass</b>  5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom (1)
Monday	9.30 am Mass  8.00 pm Rosary & Night Prayer Zoom (2)	7.00 pm Mass	8.00 pm Rosary & Night Prayer Zoom (2)
Tuesday	11 am Mass	9.30 am Mass	
Wednesday	11.30 pm Chrism Mass at	St Chad's Cathedral	Via Live Stream (3)
Holy Thursday	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (4)	10 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (4)
Easter Triduum	<b>7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
Good Friday	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (5)  10.30 am Children's Stations of the Cross  <b>3.00 pm Passion of the Lord</b>  6.00 pm Rosary led by Unite Youth Group Zoom (6)	10 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer   <b>3.00 pm Passion of the Lord</b>	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (5)   <b>3.00 pm Passion of the Lord</b>  6.00 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (7)  <b>7.30 pm Easter Vigil</b>	10 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  <b>7.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass</b>	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (7)  <b>8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass</b>
Easter Sunday	<b>9.00 am Mass</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b>  5pm Evening Prayer Zoom (8)	<b>9.00 am Mass</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass</b>  5pm Evening Prayer Zoom (8)

Masses or Services Underlined in Bold will need to be pre-booked.

For Masses at St Joseph's Church email or telephone the Parish Office to reserve your place

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**For Zoom Events Please email the organiser for passcode link**

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