

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 30th January 2022

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St Joseph's

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Sunday 30th

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00: Bob Grainger RIP;

Ronnie Campbell RIP

5:30: Special Intention;

Esther Malin for speedy recovery

Monday 31st

9:30: People of the Parish

Tuesday 1st February

9:30: Deceased members of the McSharry & McGarrell families

Thursday 3rd

9:30: In Thanksgiving (MT)

Friday 4th

9:30: M.D. Intentions;

Dan Kelly

Saturday 5th

9:30: Jim & Kitty Clancy RIP

Sunday 6th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00: Eileen Godfrey RIP

5:30: John & Rose Gately

Saturday 29th January

SP: 10.00: Eric Duckett

SP: 5.00: Ellen Bridge RIP

Sunday 30th

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SP 9:00: Andrea Middleton

OL: 10:00: Thomas Ryan

SP 11.00: Peter Skidmore RIP

Monday 31st

SP: 9:30: Tony Sullivan RIP

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 1st February

SP: 11:00: Anna Dalli

Wednesday 2nd

OL:10:00— No Coffee Morning before Mass

OL: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Elizabeth Rowley RIP

SP: 7:30: Fr. Sunny Mavelil *Presentation of the Lord*

Thursday 3rd

SP: 9:30: Alison Cook

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Consuelo Connell RIP

Friday 4th

SP: 9:30: Fr. Tomas Orylski

SP: 1:30: Requiem Mass: Bridget "Bridie" Daly RIP

Saturday 5th

SP: 10:00: Dian & Mary O'Brien

SP: 11:00: Blessing of the Throats

SP: 5:00: Mary Cashman

Sunday 6th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: People of the Parish

OL: 10:00: Beryl Hartnett RIP

SP: 11.00: Mary Mullan

Saints of the week

Saturday 29th January

Opt. Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Monday 31st January

Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday 2nd February

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Thursday 3rd February

Opt. Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

Opt. Memorial of St. Ansgar, Bishop

Opt. Memorial of St. Werburg, Abbess

Saturday 5th February

Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

The recently deceased of our Churches:

James "Harry" Doway, Denis O'Halloran, Elizabeth Rowley,
Bridie Daly, Consuelo Connell, Anthony Keegan, Paola Urso,
Marian Dowd.

May they rest in peace.

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 9:15—9:45am, 4:15 -4:45pm

Our Lady's: After Mass if a priest is available.

St Joseph's : On Request

Exposition:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 9 - 10am

Morning Prayer:

St. Peter's: 9:40am

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leafington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Dan Kelly, Stanley Godwin, Patrick Campbell, Margaret Smith, Peter Simmons, Sheila Ireland, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Claire Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar Candle burns this week for: **Tony Sullivan RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping well. Monday is the first day of February and I am sure like me you are wondering where January went? The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is on Wednesday 2nd February. There will be a special Mass at 7.30pm at St Peter's and I invite you to attend for the Blessing of the candles and procession. It is a day of prayer for all who have consecrated their life to the Lord.

On Wednesday at 11 am at Our Lady's Church we have the funeral of Betty Rowley. She was a nurse at Warneford Hospital and the Rowley ward was named after her. She would have been 102 this week! Betty was a founder member of the parish and attended Mass here throughout her life. If you attended the hospital as a patient or former member of staff perhaps you might like to come as the family have requested 4 hymns and we are going to be a bit short of singers.

The Blessing of St Blaise (Blessing of the Throats) will be transferred from Thursday to Saturday 5th February after the 10 am Mass on Saturday morning. Come to Exposition 9 - 9.15 am, confession 9.15-9.45 am, Morning Prayer from 9.40 am and Mass at 10 am. The Blessing takes place after Mass.

The Pope's Prayer intention for February: For religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

One of our parishioners has very generously offered a car for a needy parishioner or one of the seminarians. It is in good condition 2004 and has 80,000 miles on the clock. A Honda Jazz. It would be an ideal vehicle for a mum and young family. Please email the parish office if you are interested:

stpeterapostle.leafington@rcaob.org.uk

The 10 am Family Mass at Our Ladys is filling up wonderfully well and we would like to reintroduce our Children's Liturgy service which begins at 10 am and lasts until the end of the Bidding Prayers at approximately 10.30 am. The children are up to Year 2 age group and have their own short service, followed by activities. A rota of helpers is the best way forward.

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St Joseph's

Fire at St. Joseph's: Due to the recent fire in the Church and until further notice, all Masses will be held in the Parish Centre at the following times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:30am, Sundays at 9am & 5:30pm

Live Streaming will not be available.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns this week
for: **Private
Intentions (M)**

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle

Intentions for 2022: Dates are available from 20th February, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary: This has now started at 8:30am on Saturday mornings.

Synodality: If anyone from St. Joseph's would like to join the Catholic Leafington Parish Steering Group on Synodality, please contact Paul Hayden at paulhayden444@gmail.com

WW (Formerly Weight Watchers): A new group has started in St. Joseph's Parish Centre every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2022: We would like to invite all the Children who are in Year 3 and attend a non-Catholic School to register with the Parish Office at stpeterapostle.leafington@rcaob.org.uk for First Holy Communion in 2022. The deadline to register is 31st January 2022.

SVP: Foodbank Donations - just a reminder that although the main Church entrance is currently out of use, you can still leave food donations at the Presbytery, or at 4 peto Grove, CV34 6GT, Warwick Gates. Here there is a box by the front door to place items into. Thank you, St. Vincent de Paul Society, at St. Joseph's.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Brenda Dineen, Giuseppe Arena, Anthony "Tony" Sullivan, Bridget Hayes, Frederick Plummer, Patrick O'Keefe, George Bourke, Charles Shinkwin, Linda Stoodley, Thomas Shinkwin, Thomas Keavons, Myranda Lintott, Richard Randall, Peter Harding, William Nicholl, Mgr. Michael Williams, Canon Kevin Good, Fr. Charles Smith, Fr. Mortimer Loftus, Fr. John Berry, Fr. David Condron, Fr. Denis Clancy, Fr. Joseph Connelly, Fr. Thomas O'Carroll. ***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.***

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk, **Our Lady's** Claire Walsh 01926 430070; **St Joseph's** Honor Hynes email sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

Dear Parishioners Continued: I feel it is also a good time to re-introduce refreshments after Mass. Those of you who were involved in this in pre-pandemic days can put together a rota. I think coffee after the 10 am mass at Our Lady's and the 11 am at St Peter's.

The bishops' have sent further advice about the relaxation of rules. Masks are optional, but I would like to encourage those who feel vulnerable to continue to wear a mask. Similarly, please continue to use the hand sanitiser.

"Clean hands...pure heart." The Clergy and Eucharistic Ministers will continue to hand sanitise and don a mask before and after the distribution of Holy Communion. We shall re-introduce Holy water in the stoups after the Easter Vigil. If you would like some Holy water, please bring a bottle of water and the Priests will bless it for you. Fr Noel recounted an occasion when someone asked him "How do you make Holy water?" He answered, "You have to boil the hell out of it!" I do love these little quips.

The Synodal Pathway for our Parish community is drawing to a close. If you haven't been able to attend any of the discussion meetings or return a form, I invite you to jot down your feelings on paper and send your response to me by email, or letter via the Presbytery letter box at St Peter's. It can be anonymous. All the forms were anonymous. Speak now or forever hold your peace! The schools will be having a special Synodal response of their own. If anyone would like to help me to look after the garden at St Peter's I would like to offer a little job at 2 hours a week at £11 an hour. Please contact Fr John 01926 423824.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John.

**** The Sparrows**** - The Sparrows are back from their holiday. We were enjoying a quick bite to eat when there was a flutter of feathers. "Ello darlins! We're the Starlin's!" they squawked and strutted round looking for a free dinner. Thankfully they didn't stay very long because they are too big for the bird feeders. We watched from the safety of our hedge until they flew off. Don't you just hate it when people arrive unannounced! Best tweets from the sparrows at Number 3.

Fr. Benedict's Homilies: can be found online by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC32ambzqLEqP58Z0fT6qAew>

Readers for 5pm Saturday Mass at St Peters: Now that Saturday evening masses have returned to St Peters, we are keen as soon as possible to set up a readers' rota for the weeks ahead. The liturgy of the word is such an important part of the celebration of our mass and we want to encourage as many of you who would like to, to play a part in it. We especially want to encourage younger readers (and their parents or guardians!) to help us celebrate this part of the mass and to help us hear the word of our Lord. For those who have not read at mass before, training will be provided with the opportunity to practise reading in the Church before mass.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the readers' rota – please contact Paul & Yvonne Milton – in the first instance by email: paulmilton04@gmail.com or by phone on 0790 447 2590.

Young Adults Group (18-30): Aged between 16-24? Claiming Universal Credit? Looking for a job in Leamington?

Fiat Fertility Care Ltd are recruiting for a Marketing and Admin Support person. Details here: <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/details/7572708?fbclid=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvKQ7Ssz9vTZTOOgUzIEn1VHsE-cLmEqanrOq67cwo>

New Year Appeal from St Patrick's Catholic Primary School: Books for Children. This year St Patrick's are aiming to raise £500 to provide stimulating new reading books for all our children to enjoy. Will you help us to raise money so that we can add to our collection of reading books for the children of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School? To make a donation please visit our crowdfunding page at <https://www.rocketfund.org/p/books-for-children-1?tk=MTY0MTY1ODAxODc1NTA3N2E5N2RhYWZmZGZjMDU3YTU5YmE4ZWFiMTU0N2Y1NzY2MjMjM=> Thank you from all the children at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Leamington.

Children's liturgy: It's lovely to see families returning to Our Lady's Church now the 10am Sunday Mass is back. The next move is to reintroduce the Children's Liturgy where children take part in their own child friendly versions of the prayers and readings and a practical activity related to the Gospel message. To do this we need volunteers who would be willing to lead or support the sessions.

If you feel able to volunteer or if you would like to know more about what is involved please let Fr John or Jo know after mass (you'll find Jo in the choir).

St. Peter's Sunday Lunch: Following on from the success of the Christmas Dinner at St. Peter's last year, we are restarting the monthly Sunday Lunch starting on Sunday 6th February at 1pm after the 11am Mass. The 3 course Sunday dinner will cost £15-00 per person. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of St. Peter's and Our Lady's Churches.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SPAN: Your prayers are asked for Fr David Cullen who is very ill in London and awaiting an MRI scan. He will be 90 very soon and has visited SP's many times when home from his life as a White Father in Chipata, Zambia; helping to support the neediest with the support of SPAN and his local SVP and others.

Our February open meeting will start with our 2020 AGM. The Trustees' Annual report can be downloaded from our webpage www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/SPAN. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com to be sent an invite to our AGM and meeting on Feb 12th. All welcome.

Walking Together / Synod Forms: Thank you if you have completed and returned your Synod Form. The deadline is this weekend. Today, parishioners are asked to take one or more Synod Forms to give to friends or neighbours of any faith or none in the next day or two with a deadline for returning them of Monday 7th February.

If you have been unable to return a Form or attend a meeting or wish to contribute your prayerful thoughts, please consider putting an anonymous sheet in the synod box up until next weekend or e-mailing www.CatholicLeamington@gmail.com giving your gender and age group and saying a) what you appreciate about the Catholic Church, b) what barriers you see stopping the Church working more effectively in the world and c) what changes in approach or attitude by a future church would enable us all to approach our mission as the People of God better.

Walking Together meeting: Six successful in-person meetings have already been held. Help shape our Church for the future by attending our remaining virtual meeting via Zoom.

See www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/Synod or the Synod Special 2 leaflet for details.

Meeting 7: Zoom meeting Wednesday 2nd February 7.30 – 9.00pm Contact martin.c.barry@gmail.com or SynodLeamington@gmail.com for an invite, register in advance, to help us plan for the meeting. All are welcome.

Zoom Synod Meeting: The final meeting as part of our 'Walking Together', in which Pope Francis has invited us to reflect on the way forward for the Church, will take place on line via Zoom next Wednesday, 2 February at 7.30 pm. All are most welcome to take part - it doesn't matter whether you've been to any of the other meetings at our churches: everyone's views matter. If you'd like to take part, you'll need to know how to join a Zoom meeting on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Please email Martin Barry at martin.c.barry@gmail.com for a link to the meeting, and we'll look forward to welcoming you.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace: Rosary intention for January is: 'We pray that the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan is not forgotten and that the international community may respond with courage and generosity to their needs'

Westminster Cathedral Choir School: Every September up to six choristers join WCCS in Year 4. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in a world-class choir, and to join a top independent school for boys, age 4 – 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships, supplemented by means-tested bursaries where needed. Boys board at the School during the week, going home to their families from Friday evening at 6.30 pm, until 9.45 am on Sunday morning. WCCS offers chorister parents a world-class musical and academic education for their sons, with up to 100% off fees, and a pathway to a top senior school at 13+ . For more information please contact Lucy Auger, Director of Admissions on 020 7798 9081 or email lauger@choirschool.com

Jumble Sale - Catholic Leamington: St Peter's Parish Centre Saturday 26th February From 1pm to 3pm. Refreshments provided. Please bring any 'goodish' jumble to the Parish Centre on Friday 25th at 1pm. Contact: Mary Curran 07711 794 049.

Abortion Exposed: An insight into the abortion industry from ex MSI international director Kevin Duffy. Come and listen to this talk as well as hearing the inspiring story of a mum who changed her mind part way through an abortion and kept her baby—Sunday 27th February at 2pm in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph & St. Helen's Church, 84 Northfield Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 1JG. For more details contact Isabel on 07773 501721.

January EXTRA is now available on the website NEWSLETTER page www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter In this edition: Thank you from SVP and SPAN, Peace Sunday 2022, Family Peace Sunday Quiz, A Youth Call to Action, Pax Christi, Recycling for Good Causes, Live Simply Parish meeting and An Invitation.

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