

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 6th February 2022

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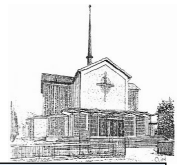
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St Joseph's

Sunday 6th February

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9:00: Eileen Godfrey RIP

5:30: John & Rose Gately

Monday 7th

9:30: Mary McGarvey RIP

Tuesday 8th

9:30: Zena Godwin RIP

Thursday 10th

9:30: Maria Lazzara RIP

Friday 11th

9:30: Clarence & Patricia Harwar RIP

Saturday 12th

9:30: Deirdre Reilly RIP

Sunday 13th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Carmel & John Burkes Intentions

5:30: Pasquale Santilli RIP

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Margaret Kennedy, June Honey, Sarah Jane Jackson,
Fr. David Lloyd, Margaret Hawthorne, Dan Kelly, Sarah
Jane Jackson, James "Harry" Doway, Denis O'Halloran,
Elizabeth Rowley, Bridie Daly, Consuelo Connell,
Anthony Keegan.

May they rest in peace.

Saints of the week

Saturday 5th February

Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

Tuesday 8th February

Opt. Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani

Opt. Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Thursday 10th February

Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin

Friday 11th February

Opt. Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Parish Priest of St Peter's & Our Lady's, Dean of Warwick

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 5th February

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

SP: 5:00: Mary Cashman

Sunday 6th

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SP 9:00: People of the Parish

OL: 10:00: Beryl Hartnett RIP

SP 11:00: Mary Mullan

SP: 1:00: *Baptism: Olivia Oatley*

Monday 7th

SP: 9:30: Pat, Edith & Michael Ryan

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 8th

SP: 9:30: D. & H. Manning

SP: 10:00: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

SP: 10:30: *Rosary*

Wednesday 9th

OL:10:00— *Coffee Morning and Holy Hour before Mass*

OL: 12:00: Bridie & Harry Gray RIP (Michael O'Neill)

Thursday 10th

SP: 11:00: Barbara O'Rourke

Friday 11th

SP: 11:00: Patrick Forde

SP: 2:00: *St. Peter's School Mass*

Saturday 12th

SP: 10:00: Noel McGivern

SP: 5:00: Patrick Enstone

Sunday 13th

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SP 9:00: Rory & Peggy O'Rourke

OL: 10:00: Bernard & Mary Mortimer

SP: 11:00: Joao Vaz

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.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Denis Hunt, Fr. David Cullen, 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

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping well.

On Tuesday the Clergy of the Warwick Deanery will be having their first meeting of 2022. The Parishes in the Deanery are: St Peter's - Leamington, Our Lady's - Lillington, St Joseph's - Whitnash, St Mary Immaculate - Warwick, St Charles Borromeo - Hampton - on - Hill, Our Lady and St Wulstan - Southam, St Anne - Wappenbury, Our Lady of the Angels - Princethorpe, St Francis of Assisi - Kenilworth, St Augustine - Kenilworth, St Gregory's - Stratford - upon - Avon, Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Robert Dibdale - Shotton, Our Lady and St Benedict - Wootton Wawen & Henley in Arden, St Francis of Assisi - Baddesley Clinton, Blessed Robert Grissold - Balsall Common. Nearly every parish has a school

These are the parishes which belong to our local Deanery family. Changes are afoot because some Deaneries throughout the Diocese either have or are in the process of amalgamating with their neighbours. The aim of amalgamation is to aid pastoral planning and help administration. One of the discussion points which many of you have commented on in your responses to the Synod Questionnaire is to allow the Clergy to do what they are trained for ie to celebrate the Sacraments and look after the spiritual needs of the parishioners but also to see a greater involvement of lay people in the responsibility for Parish administration. With the support of the Diocese most of the Clergy are more than happy for this to occur. Priests should not be dealing with the upkeep and maintenance of buildings, plant, finances and estate concerns and far too often we are too bogged down with all of this and so unable to do what we should really be doing which is to lead the spiritual life of the community and be true shepherds of their flock. In what we all hope is this post-pandemic time, we seek to rebuild our Parish communities. Most Parishes have seen a 50% drop in the number of regular attenders at Mass. This has affected Parish income and our ability to maintain buildings and provide a proper service to the community. Now I am sounding like an administrator! Really this should not be a concern for Clergy. This year of 2022 St Peter's celebrates a milestone in our Parish history. The mission was founded in 1822 so this year we celebrate our Bicentenary! I am not quite sure of the time of year when it all started. Fr Bartholomew Crosbie was already working at Wappenbury, and the bishop asked him to

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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



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns this week for:
**John & Rosaleen
Gately RIP**

Live Streaming will not be available.

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle

Intentions for 2022: Dates are available from 6th March, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through

the Presbytery letterbox.

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.leamington@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.

200 Club: Congratulations to Julia Leask and Anne Buttrum who won the 1st and 2nd prizes in January's 200 Club draw. February's 200 Club collection and draw will take place after all Masses this Sunday, 6th January. New joiners welcome and all profits go to the Church Building Fund.

Dates for your Diary: Confirmations with His Grace Archbishop Longley will be on Sunday 20th March at 11am. **First Holy Communions** with Fr. Noel Breslin will be on Sunday 12th June at 11am. **Ash Wednesday** is on 2nd March, Mass at 9:30am. **Easter Sunday** is on 17th April, Mass at 9am.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary McGarvey, William Ahern, Dennis Dougherty, John Preston, Leonardo Varisco, Maria Lazzara, John McEnery, Clarence Harwar, John Moran, Rose Gately, Carlton Young, William Gallagher, Salvatore Monastero, Eileen Godfrey, Paul Rabone, Bridie Murphy, Ian Wilshire, John Moody, Kathleen Keane, Kieran Long, John Croasdel, Maria Cunningham, Adele Cooke, Mary Mortimer, Gerard Walsh, Francis McGivern, Phillip O'Connell, Michael Jervis, Matylda Librowska, Patricia Devlin, George Beamish, Bridget Cleary, Margaret Pearce, Terence Nicholl, Michael Govern, Archbishop Frederick Keating, Canon Patrick Casey, Fr. Thomas O'Carroll, Fr. John Watkins, Fr. Wilfred Poultney, Fr. Frederick James, Fr. John Gibb, Fr. Matthias Brady, Fr. John Paul O'Sullivan, Fr. William Connick, Fr. James McGloin. **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: take responsibility for the new community which was growing in Leamington. People were visiting from London and the Midlands to seek the treatments and the waters. Their needs were met by an ever-growing service community for their houses, transport, entertainment, shops and so on. Such a community brought their families to live in this area. Many of our local roads reflect the names of the well to do. This was before the mainline railway had arrived and at that time in the 1820's the town as we know it had not been built. Our first St Peter's Church was built in 1826 and still stands in George Street. It is a fine building but sadly soon proved to be too small. The Catholic community in Leamington never stopped growing. I will share some more nuggets about our local Catholic history over the next few months for the benefit of those who are new to our Parish or who like me take an interest in local history. I would welcome some help to arrange a few special events and Mass and to put together a commemorative magazine for this special occasion. If you would like to help just drop me a line by email or post and we can start to sort something out.

Every Blessing,

Fr John.

**** The Sparrows**** - The starlings have been replaced by the magpies who hop down from the guttering and are able to peck at the bird feeder. Watching them cling on to the container is an example of their persistence and tenacity. The magpies are always in two's, each watching the other's back before taking their turn. Their squawk is not very tuneful "akakakak" but it identifies their arrival to us. They are self-interested and don't chat much but we seem to get on. Unlike the starlings. Best tweets, Simon Sparrow.

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.

200 Club Winnings: There are 7 outstanding winnings to be collected, please could the following people call at the Presbytery between 10am and 12pm on Tuesday 8th February to collect their winnings: Ms. C. Lucey, M. Higgins, Mr. J. Ayres, Prof. J. Scarisbrick, Mr. P. Lee, Mr. J. Hornsby. Please bring ID with you. If you can not turn up on Tuesday please telephone the office and leave a message and someone will get in contact with you. All monies not claimed by 5pm on Tuesday 8th February will be given to the Maintenance Fund.

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=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvKQ7S9vTZTOOgUzEn1VHsE-cLmEqanrOq67cwo>

Young Adults Group (18-30): Come get your skates on! In this Ice Skating Social. We'll meet at 2:30pm on Sunday 6th February at Planet Ice in Coventry and go ice skating. Afterwards we could go for a drink at Wetherspoons next door. Turn up for as much or little as you like. See you there!

Catholic Leamington Young Adults Group: The Young Adults Group is open to all Catholics between the ages of 18-30. You would be most welcome. We meet on the Second Monday of the month, 7pm at St Peter's Church. Our group meets for a talk in the parish hall, or a time of prayer in church, followed by a social time together. This is our program for the next few months:

- Monday 14th March - a talk by Fr Benedict on the life and martyrdom of St Maximilian Kolbe
- Monday 11th April - a guided Holy Hour lead by Fr Sean Gough
- Monday 9th May - speaker to be confirmed

Monday 13th June - Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart followed by a BBQ

For more information please visit <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/young-adults-18-30.html> or contact Rose on rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com

St Peter's & Our Lady's

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 have restarted the monthly Sunday Lunch. This will take place on the last Sunday of the month with the next dinner being on Sunday 27th March at 1pm after the 11am Mass. The 3 course Sunday dinner will cost £15-00 per person. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of St. Peter's and Our Lady's Churches from 1st March.

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=MTY0MTY1ODAxODc1NTA3N2E5N2RhYWZmZGZjMDU3YTU5YmE4ZWFjMTU0N2Y1NzY2MjM=> Thank you from all the children at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Leamington.

Parish visiting: Can you help with visiting; would you like to be visited? Now that home visits can begin again, after nearly two years of Covid restrictions, the Parish Visiting Team and the Welcoming Group are re-starting. They are appealing for new members to join them. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

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.

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.