

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 13th February 2022

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St Joseph's

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9:00: Carmel & John Burkes Intentions

5:30: Pasquale Santilli RIP

Monday 14th

9:30: People of the Parish

Tuesday 15th

No Mass Today

Thursday 17th

9:30: SVP Intentions

Friday 18th

9:30: Penny Boyle RIP

Saturday 19th

9:30: Rosario Lazzara RIP

Sunday 20th

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Roso Vilaplana RIP

11:00: Baptism: Christopher John Moffat

5:30: Sadie Matheson

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Fr Gabriel Maguire CSsR, Rev. Graham Coles, Mgr. John Heslin, Sr. Fidelma, Anthony O'Mahoney, Margaret Kennedy, June Honey, Margaret Hawthorne, Dan Kelly, Sarah Jane Jackson, James "Harry" Doway, Denis O'Halloran, Elizabeth Rowley, Bridie Daly, Consuelo Connell

May they rest in peace.

Saints of the week

Monday 14th February

Feast of St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop

Thursday 17th February

Opt. Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday 12th February

SP: 10.00: Noel McGivern

SP: 5.00: Patrick Enstone

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SP 9:00: Rory & Peggy O'Rourke

OL: 10:00: Bernard & Mary Mortimer

SP 11:00: Joao Vaz

Monday 14th

SP: 9:30: Kitty Flynn

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 15th

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: No Mass Today

Wednesday 16th

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

OL: 12:00: Teresa O'Malley

Thursday 17th

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Denis O'Halleron RIP

Friday 18th

SP: 11:00: Jennifer Isaacs

Saturday 19th

SP: 10:00: Eileen O'Toole

SP: 5:00: Sean Donnelly

Sunday 20th

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: Joseph Formosa

OL: 10:00: Brian McHale (Carlos Alberto)

SP: 11.00: John Salt RIP

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, Tuesdays: 10 - 10:45am

Morning Prayer:

St. Peter's: 9:40am

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 Fraser, John Curran, Peter Curran, 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.
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 Our Lady Chapel Candle burns this week for: **Judith Harridge**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are well.

This week all the Priests from Catholic Leamington will be attending an all day conference under the umbrella title of Diocesan Formation to hear about developments in safeguarding. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is a matter which is taken very seriously by all of us and especially those who are dealing with these situations on a daily basis.

The various Sacramental programmes are moving on in our five Primary Schools and the Catechism class in Catholic Leamington. The children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our schools meet the needs of our Catholic children and help parents in their task of teaching the Catholic Faith by word and example. The Pandemic has made it difficult for the vulnerable to attend Mass and the children have been unable to experience Mass except via Live-Stream which means they attend Mass from their desks in the classroom or at home. Let us remember to pray for the children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments this year.

Further to my explanation of Warwick Deanery we had a good meeting last week. I invited Paul Milton our Deacon in training. Sr. Felicity from Baddesley Clinton came to tell us about two new icons of the Warwick Martyrs—St. John Sugar and Blessed Robert Grissold. St. John Sugar was a Priest who ministered in our area and Blessed Robert Grissold, a lay man who assisted Fr. John. Robert was described as a farmer. Sr. Felicity is in the process of painting an icon of both Martyrs. We hope the two icons will be blessed by the Bishop, included in the pilgrimage to the place of execution and taken to each Church in the Deanery for prayer.

The Clergy decided to reply individually in response to the Synodal Pathway. There are so many differing views among us that it was felt to be too difficult to prepare a single document.

The Churches of St. Francis of Assisi in Kenilworth and St. Joseph's here in Whitnash remain closed at the moment. In Kenilworth a leaking gas pipe lurks beneath the Narthex. This has been isolated and a new pipe will be installed around the building. St. Joseph's has had to be cleaned of carbon deposits from the recent fire at a cost of £27,500. This will come out of the insurance. Once this is done the Church can be re-opened but there will not be any heating as this has to be repaired.

The day I returned from our Deanery meeting Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, the Episcopal Vicar for the Churches in the Southern Area of the Archdiocese, informed me our Deanery is to be enlarged with 4 Churches from the Rugby Deanery. The Nuneaton Churches

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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:
Katie Hannan

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 20th 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.

SVP: Foodbank Donations may be left at the Presbytery or in the box by the door at 4 Peto Grove, Warwick Gates, CV34 6GT. Thank you.

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.

Lectio Divina: Monthly (first Monday of the month) meetings will be restarting in the Holy Family Room at St. Joseph's on Monday 7th March, 10:30 - 11:30am. Please come and join us in looking at the Gospel for the following Sunday. You do not have to commit to every session. For more information contact Paddy Close on 07557 964347 or email paddy.close@icloud.com

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Matylda Librowska, Patricia Devlin, George Beamish, Bridget Cleary, Margaret Pearce, Terence Nicholl, Michael Govern, Gwyneth Chetwynd-Chatwin, Daniel Hendry, Mary O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Reynolds, Eugene Fitzpatrick, Robert Tagert, Peggy O'Rourke, Edward Sullivan, Rosario Lazzara, Maureen Halsey, John French, Donald Rowe, Mgr. Canon Peter Lawler, Mgr. Joseph Healey, Canon William Roughan, Fr. William Connick, Fr. James McGloin, Fr. Daniel Daly, Fr. Joseph Hogan, Fr. Charles O'Reilly, Fr. William Conefrey, Fr. Joseph McEvelly, Fr. Timothy Healy, Fr. Terence McDonnell, Fr. Francis Jordan, Fr. Alexander McGavin, Fr. Francis Coyle. **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... will be incorporated into Coventry. Warwick Deanery will take responsibility for St. Marie's, Rugby, English Martyrs, Hillmorton, St. Joseph's, Monks Kirby, Sacred Heart, Bilton. I will be involved in welcoming the new Parishes and administering the wheels of change and amalgamation. I ask your prayers during this process and your understanding while this takes place.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John.

**** The Sparrows**** - We still have our higher perches in the hedge but this week the human tidied up the vegetation and our lower perch has had a good trim. Over the last few days our happy band of tweeters has been joined by Bert and Daisy, a pair of very cheeky blue tits. We all have names. Mike and Mary Magpie have been busy, Brian Blackbird has been watching points, Reginald (Reg) Robin has been standing guard. We are named after the Roman Martyrs: Linus, Cletus, Clement, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabus, Simon and Jude, Cosmas and Damian I suppose it easier to call us "The Sparrows!"

Best tweets, Linus Sparrow.

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

Prayer for Detachment: In my homily this weekend I shared a prayer for detachment written by St Peter Faber. If you would like to use it in your own prayer life, I am including it below. God bless, Fr Benedict
I beg of you, my Lord, to remove anything which separates me from you, and you from me. Remove anything that makes me unworthy of your sight, your control, your reprehension; of your speech and conversation, of your benevolence and love. Cast from me every evil that stands in the way of my seeing you, hearing, tasting, savouring, and touching you; fearing and being mindful of you; knowing, trusting, loving, and possessing you; being conscious of your presence and, as far as may be, enjoying you. This is what I ask for myself and earnestly desire from you. Amen.

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=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvKQ7Sz9vTZTOOgUzIEn1VHsE-cLmEqanrOq67cwo>

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 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.

St. Peter's Maintenance News: This year we plan to have the outside of the West end of the Church repaired. Some years ago we had a section of stone banding come down, along with unusual movement in the brickwork we have decided that this year we will replace the piece of stone banding which broke off, investigate the movement of the brickwork, repoint the stone, brickwork and the coping stones. There will need to be scaffolding up during this work and we plan to carry it out after the summer holidays. The cost of the works will be £13,274.40. If you would like to contribute to these works please either speak to Fr. John after Mass, email the Parish Office or post your contribution through the Presbytery letterbox. If you wish to donate via contactless, online or by BACS please let the office know so we can allocate your contribution. There will be more information made available next month.

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).

Lent Study and Prayer reflections: St Peter's Parish Centre on Mondays 3pm to 4.30pm and repeated on Tuesdays 7pm to 8.30pm, starting 7th/8th March with the last on 11th/12th April. We will be studying mainly the following Sunday Gospels. There will be the chance to share in small groups. Please bring a bible or a Sunday Missal. No need to book.

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

Friday Luncheon Club : Our next lunch will be on Friday 25th February at 1:00pm at Valles Restaurant, Warwick Street. Please contact Carmel if you would like to attend on 07941 840433 and leave a message. New members are welcome.

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=MTY0MTY1ODAxODc1NTA3N2E5N2RhYWZmZGZjMDU3YTU5YmE4ZWJMTU0N2Y1NzY2MjM=> Thank you from all the children at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Leamington.

SPAN: 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.

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.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT: 21st February – 6th March Following a long absence - there will be a Traidcraft stall at Our Lady's on Sunday 20th February and at St Peter's on Sunday 6th March. We look forward to seeing you and renewing acquaintance! Also when you go shopping look for the logo – it's your guarantee of fairness for those who we never see but who produce our food. Remember your cash –sorry no cards!

The Royal Leamington Spa Horticultural Society: Meeting on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7.30pm, doors open 7.00pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA The talk will be "It's Not All About The Flowers" by Paul Green. Visitors are most Welcome. Entrance £3.00, members. £2.00. There will be refreshments available.

Women's World Day of Prayer: On Friday 4th March at 2.00pm the 2022 Women's World day of Prayer Service will be at Holy Trinity Church in Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa. This year's service has been prepared by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme "I know the plans I have for you". All are welcome to this ecumenical event.

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