

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th February 2022

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

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9.00: Roso Vilaplana RIP

11:00: Baptism: Christopher John Moffat

5:30: Sadie Matheson

Monday 21st

9:30: Patrick "Chalkie" White RIP

Tuesday 22nd

9:30: People of the Parish

Thursday 24th

9:30: Fr David Lloyd RIP;
Sr. Fidelma RIP

Friday 25th

9:30: Breda Dowling's Intentions

Saturday 26th

9:30: Miceal Murphy RIP

11:00: Baptism: Evan Thomas

Sunday 27th

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00: Albert & Clementina Pacitti Anniversary

11:00: Baptism: Archer Gurney

5:30: Michael MacMahon RIP

Saturday 19th February

SP: 10.00: Eileen O'Toole

SP: 5.00: Sean Donnelly

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SP 9:00: Joseph Formosa

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

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

SP 11.00: John Salt RIP

Monday 21st

SP: 9:30: Jim & Margaret McGreevy RIP

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 22nd

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: Jonathan Taylor (People of the Parish)

Wednesday 23rd

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

OL: 12:00: For Good Health

Thursday 24th

SP: 9:30: Kenneth John Cross ***note Mass time***

Friday 25th

SP: 11:00: Joe Cahill RIP

Saturday 26th

SP: 10:00: Margaret & Family

SP: 5:00: Pat O'Connell

Sunday 27th

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: Anthony Lambert

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: Tom Mulleague

SP: 11.00: Mike & John Godwin RIP

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
May they rest in peace.

Saints of the week

Monday 21st February

Opt. Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 22nd February

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Wednesday 23rd February

Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

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: Saturdays: 9:40am

Our prayers for the Sick: Fina Monastero, 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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are well. This week is Half Term. I am sure I speak for all our Clergy when I say we would like to have a little break over the next few days because we need a chance to pray and prepare for the coming of Lent. Jesus often took his disciples to a place where they could be alone and he himself led by example as he would go to a quiet place to pray. Pope Francis has been speaking about the importance of prayer for Priests in a recent meeting about Priests at the Vatican last week.

"A Priest," he said, "is invited to cultivate before all else this closeness, intimacy with God, and from this relation he can attain to all the forces necessary for his ministry." Pope Francis said that "many crises in the Priesthood" have at their origin "a lack of prayer life, a lack of intimacy with the Lord, a reduction of the spiritual life to a mere religious practice." "I remember important moments in my life in which this closeness to the Lord has been decisive in sustaining me," Pope Francis said.

He emphasized that "without the intimacy of prayer, of the spiritual life, of concrete closeness to God through listening to the Word, the celebration of the Eucharist, the silence of adoration, the entrustment to Mary, the accompaniment of a guide, the Sacrament of Reconciliation...a Priest is only a weary hireling who has none of the benefits of the friends of the Lord."

He acknowledged that "all this is difficult unless one is accustomed to having spaces of silence during the day." It is difficult to avoid constant activity when one does not immediately get "peace" in one's heart and instead experiences desolation. But, he said, "it is precisely in accepting the desolation that comes from silence, from the abstinence from activity and words, from the courage to examine oneself with sincerity, that everything takes on a light and a peace that do not depend on our own forces and our capacities."

Moreover, he said, "to persevere in prayer means not only to remain faithful to a practice. It means not running away in those times when prayer draws us into the desert. The way of the desert is the way that leads to intimacy with God." (Vatican News website)

I am sure the parishioners appreciate our need to spend time in prayer to sustain our spiritual lives and our ministry.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

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:
Michael & Chloe

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 27th 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.

World Day of Prayer: This year the Whitnash WDP service will take place at the Methodist Church, Murcott Road East on Friday 4 March at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if anyone would like to contribute to the service in any way (cake donations would be very welcome!) please contact Anne Buttrum through the Presbytery

Baptism: We welcome into the Church Christopher John Moffat who is being Baptised today.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Elizabeth Reynolds, Eugene Fitzgerald, Margaret McCarthy, Mary Beven, Michael Hughes, Joseph Connell, Edward McGerty, Frances Redmond, Percy Fitzgerald, Mary Philpott, John Behan, Josephine Hambalek, Dermot Murphy, Bartholomew Leahy, Patrick Flynn, Andrea Luca, Kathleen Bellerby, Susan Taplin, Michael Brogan, Petter Jeffrey, David College, Francis Salters, Ethel Locker, Phyllis Hanson, James Dale, Linder Pender, Mary Logan, Bishop Joseph Cleary, Canon William Roughan, Canon Sean McTernan, Fr. Alexander McGavin, Fr. Francis Coyle, Fr. Sean Farrell, Fr. James Wharton, Fr. Michael McCabe, Fr. Martin Meagher, Fr. John Collins, Fr. Oliver Kemp, Fr. James Cooney, Fr. Vincent Kennedy, Fr. George Brewster, Fr. George Tarrant. **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.**

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.

**** The Sparrows**** - I forgot to mention Gin and Tonic, the names of the two blue tits who have joined our happy band. Gin and Tonic because they always appear at about the same time every day!
Best tweets, Linus Sparrow.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you: from all the children and staff at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School to everyone who donated to our New Year Fundraising Appeal. We raised an incredible £515.00. Thanks to everyone's generous donations we are able to provide stimulating new reading books for all our children to enjoy. If you would like to find out more about St Patrick's please visit our website at www.stpatricks-lspa.com

Lenten Retreat: Extravagant Love A quiet day reflecting on Luke 7. 36-50 in the hall, from 11.00 -3.00, bring your own lunch, donations welcome £5 suggested.

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=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvKQ7Sz9vTZTOOgUzEn1VHsE-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.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday: 27th February The Saturday Friendship Group is still looking for another volunteer to help with Saturday at the Way Ahead Project for those living on the margins in Leamington. Is this for you? There will be short announcement at all Masses next weekend.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: Advance notice that the Fast Day is on Friday March 11th this year. Hopefully we will have soup a rolls again in the Hall after morning Mass.

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).

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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.

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!

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.

March EXTRA: Parishioners are invited to submit items of interest for the March edition of EXTRA. These should be a maximum of 250 words and photos can be accepted as jpeg files. The deadline is Friday 25 February. Thank you.

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