

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 13th March 2022

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St Joseph's

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9:00: Mary Scullane RIP Birthday Anniversary

5:30: Marian Dowds RIP

Monday 14th

9:30: Ian Davidson RIP

Tuesday 15th

9:30: Richard Cotter

Wednesday 16th

10:30: Funeral Service: Mary Coleman RIP

Thursday 17th

7:00: People of the Parish

Friday 18th

9:30: Private Intentions (CH)

Saturday 19th

9:30: Michael Pettle RIP Bruno Pereira RIP

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9:00: John Ireson RIP

11:00: Confirmations: For all those being Confirmed

5:00: Reception: Dan Kelly RIP

5:30: Rose Cornish RIP

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Antonia La Spisa, Fr. David Cullen M.Afr., Michael Curran,
Betty Cashman, Margaret Rowlands, Mary Coleman,
Dennis Hunt, Betty Keane (in Ireland), Daphne Turner,
Elizabeth McDermott, Matthew "Martin" O'Regan, Fr
Gabriel Maguire CSsR, Mgr. John Heslin, Anthony
O'Mahoney, Dan Kelly.
May they rest in peace.

Saints of the week

Thursday 17th March

Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

Friday 18th March

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

Saturday 19th March

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

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 12th March

SP: 10.00: Rosa Dimambro

SP: 5.00: Eve Stephens

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SP 9:00: Phyllis Harrison

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: James Dunne RIP **Children's Liturgy**

SP: 10:30: Stations of Cross in Hall

SP 11.00: Barbara Robinson RIP Antonio Quirino Spencer

Monday 14th

SP: 9:30: David Manning

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 15th

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: Eileen O'Sullivan RIP Denis O'Neill

Wednesday 16th

SP: 10:30: Requiem Mass: Anthony O'Mahoney RIP

OL: 12:00: Service of the Word

OL: 12:30: Soup Lunch followed by Stations of the Cross

SP: 1:30: Funeral Service: Matthew "Martin" O'Regan RIP

Thursday 17th

SP: 11:00: Peter Dixon

Friday 18th

SP: 11:00: John Hartle

Saturday 19th

SP: 10:00: Fr. Tomasz Pyś

SP: 5:00: Family Intention

Sunday 20th

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SP 9:00: Barbara Robinson RIP

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: Family Intention **Children's Liturgy**

SP: 10:30: Stations of Cross in Hall

SP: 11.00: Maria Alice Spencer Dennis O'Halleron 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: Saturdays: 9:40am

Our prayers for the Sick: Brian Murray, Paddy O'Connor, Fina Monastero, 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, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Claire Banner, Patricia Robinson, 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 this letter finds you well. Sadly this week I have suffered with my first cold in two years which meant I missed the Deanery Meeting and the lunch. About 10 clergy were able to attend as well as a deacon who works at JLR and Paul our own deacon in training. The news is our Warwick Deanery is to grow even larger. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick informed the clergy that the Banbury Deanery which has only 4 parishes has voted to join Warwick and Rugby. The new mega Deanery (Warwick & Rugby, Banbury and Bicester or WARBAB) will require a new Dean, so perhaps someone else might take on this responsibility.

This week, all the hedges around St Peter's Presbytery and Church were trimmed. It took 4 workers three days to complete the task. They have removed all the cuttings too. The hedge can now be more easily maintained. It has also brought much more daylight into the house. The traffic queues are as bad as ever, so if you need to travel in the direction of the Shires, you will need to add at least 15 minutes to your journey. Worst affected roads are Dale Street, Dormer Place, the Parade, Clement Street, and all roads turning into them. Every time I go out on a visit, on my return I have to inch along in the traffic queue outside the Church and Presbytery and each time I do, I say to myself, "at least the hedges look nice!" Many thanks for your generous donations to the Cafod appeal for relief in the Ukraine last weekend. I added the Sunday collection from St Peter's & Our Lady's so the total was about £1,800. I didn't include the standing orders. We are still buying goods from the impromptu Ash Wednesday collection. A huge amount went last Saturday from the Polish Centre, there was enough for 3 HGV full loads. Last week we purchased first aid kits, torches, mess tins, cutlery, fire-lighters, fleeces, thermal wear. As previously, the shop keepers were extremely generous with their discounts, so we still have a fair amount of cash to spend on the purchase of relief items.

This weekend, following the Cafod Family Fast Day last Friday (many thanks to organisers, cooks, and diners) the Cafod representatives will be saying a few words at each Mass about the aid work undertaken by Cafod in Sierra Leone and the collection to help to alleviate the poverty in this region. The Cafod envelopes are at the entrance of the churches and can be used for the second collection on Sunday or during Lent.

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Second Collection at all Churches this weekend for: **CAFOD**

Family Lent Fast Day

St Joseph's

Church Re-opening: The Church is now open however there will be no heating so wrap up warm. Please note the Monday Mass will remain at 9:30am & Thursday Mass will return to 7pm.

Live Streaming will be available.

Confessions will be heard on request.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns this week for:
Ysobel Jeffrey RIP

Sunday Collections: We have now reintroduced the collectors taking the collections at the Offertory.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022: Dates are available from 10th April, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox. Sunday

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 next week, Sunday 20th March at 11am.

First Holy Communions with Fr. Noel Breslin will be on Sunday 12th June at 11am. **Easter Sunday** is on 17th April, Mass at 9am.

Lectio Divina: Monthly in the Holy Family Room at St. Joseph's on Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30am. For more information contact Paddy Close on 07557 964347 or email paddy.close@icloud.com.

Second Collections: This week the collection is for CAFOD and next week for the Parish

Red Missio Boxes: Please bring your box to the Sacristy by Sunday 27th March for the first quarterly count of 2022. Thank you.

Welcome: Next Sunday we are pleased to welcome His Grace Archbishop Longley for the Confirmations. The Confirmation Mass will be mainly for the children who are being Confirmed and their families.

Confirmation Cards: There is a selection of Confirmation cards and other gifts in the Narthex.

St Vincent de Paul Society: are looking for a Treasurer to help run the finance side of the conference at St Joseph's. It would suit someone with financial or book keeping experience (Microsoft Excel based), but training will also be given. It will involve 3-4 hours a month and attending the conference meetings. If you can help us, please contact Brian on 01926 613693 or David 07713 246987, to learn more about this role.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Louisa French, Kathleen Shortall, Michael Dwyer, Denis O'Neill, Maureen Aylward, James Ballantine, Katherine Colenso, John Badger, Mary Martin, Ada Ashton, Daniel Byrne, Denis O'Rourke, James Downey, Frank Benson, Helen Werner, Roland Wildman, Joyce Collins, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne OSB, Bishop David Cashman, Mgr. Daniel Kelly, Canon Gerard Hanlon, Canon Raymond Walsh, Fr. Connell Harkin, Fr. Vaughan Lloyd, Fr. Anthony Sims, Fr. Michael Crumpton, Fr. William Madden, Fr. Patrick Maguire, Fr. Andrew Brennan, Deacon Patrick Duffy, 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.

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....

Speaking of collections St Peter's and Our Lady's will revert to our pre-pandemic offertory collections using the red leather collection bags, from this weekend. Having a few parishioners to help to take the collection at each Mass would be most appreciated. If you were previously a collector please be on hand at the back of the Church to help.

Attendance at some of the Lenten extra events was distinctly patchy. At our Stations of the Cross last Friday at 6.30pm 2 parishioners attended. At Monday afternoon reflection on Scripture prepared and led by Fr Christopher he said one person attended. I know Fr Christopher would have spent many hours preparing for the scripture reflection.

So from the top, in addition to our regular masses our Lenten extra's are :

SP Monday 10.45 am Stations of the Cross in the St Peter's Hall

SP Monday 2-3pm Scripture reflection in the Hall

SP Tuesday 7-8pm Scripture reflection in the Hall

OL Wednesday 12.30 pm Home made soup and charity donation

OL Wednesday 1pm Stations of the Cross

SP Friday 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross

SP Saturday 9.15-45 am & 4.15-45pm Confessions

Every Blessing,

Fr John

**** The Sparrows**** - Behind every sparrow (eating at the bird feeder) there is another sparrow. Behind every pair of sparrows...there are more. But always nearby and generally beneath there is a pigeon. Behind every sparrow there is a pigeon..... as we always pick up the scraps from the bird table. Best cooing, Peter the Pigeon.

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.

Lent Study and Prayer reflections: God Speaks to us. Come and join us as we reflect and share on the Lent Sunday Gospels. St Peter's Parish Centre on Mondays 3pm to 4.30pm and repeated on Tuesdays 7pm to 8.30pm, until 11th/12th April. There will be the chance to share in small groups. Please bring a bible or a Sunday Missal. No need to book.

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.

Lenten Retreat: Extravagant Love A quiet day reflecting on Luke 7. 36-50 in the hall, on Saturday 2nd April from 10.00 -3.00, bring your own lunch, donations welcome £5 suggested. Please contact Anne on 01926 882654 to book.

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>

The Catholic Leamington Justice and Peace Rosary Intention for March is 'We pray for a peaceful resolution of conflict in so many areas in the world, particularly in Ukraine'

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

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

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. The sign up sheet is at the back of St. Peter's and Our Lady's Churches.

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).

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: At our February meeting we sent money to our core local and overseas charities and also £ 300 via CAFOD for urgent humanitarian aid for families in Afghanistan. Our minutes can be read on www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/SPAN At the AGM an impressive Review of SPAN activity for 2020 was shared – see website for details and the SPAN committee was re-elected.

Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross: There will be Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross in St Peter's Parish Hall at 10.30 am on Mondays during Lent. All are welcome and coffee will be available from 10 a.m. These reflections help us think about the many people throughout the world who struggle at this time, with conflict, hunger, poverty, lack of water, ill health and the effects of climate change

Hosanna! The Hand in Hand Group are putting on a Story for Easter in song and mime, with narration, on Saturday 9th April at 3pm, at the church of Our Lady in Lillington. There is a part for everyone- whether you love drama or are happier as part of the crowd, whatever your age or ability-we need you! We are particularly inviting people with learning disabilities to join us. As part of this musical story, we are also looking for people to sing or can play a musical instrument like guitar, flute, drums... There will be a rehearsal from 9.30 on the morning of the 9th April, in the church/hall with the performance of the Cantata for an audience at 3pm for friends, families and parishioners. If you are interested or want more information contact Mary Holden on 01926 420045 or Julia Fitzsimons on 01926 735275

Lenten Alms 2022 in Catholic Leamington: During the Lenten period we have appeals to support the Maintenance of our Cathedral, the CAFOD Fast Day (Friday 11th March) with donations due on the 2nd Sunday of Lent (13th) and the Catholic Leamington Appeal which is spread over the other weeks. This is a 3-way appeal, similar to last year's, to support our most needy local parish families through food vouchers via schools, to support the work of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry and the Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya. Please see March EXTRA for details or posters in Church, gold-coloured envelopes are available, and donations can be Gift Aided. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

Walking Together/Synodality: At the start of this month we completed our 7 parish open meetings and collated the Synod Forms that parishioners completed. The process of summarising what had been said for each of the 12 questions around the 'Areas of Reflection' discussed at those meetings, summarising the Synod Forms from our churches, the internet, and our other outreach, and most importantly discerning / praying about what had been written, was completed this week. The next stage, to be completed within 2 weeks is for a report from Catholic Leamington to the parish and the diocese to be drafted and reviewed. Please continue to pray for a fruitful report that we hope will help our parish and our Church. Paul Hayden coordinator of our Walking Together Team.

Friends of the Holy Land: Come and Meet Laila Asfoura from Bethlehem: Wednesday 23 March. 7pm in the Parish Centre, St Francis Church, Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1HL. You are warmly welcomed to meet Laila Asfoura from Bethlehem, who will share the latest situation in the Holy Land, the work of FHL and answer any questions. Laila is the Founder Member of FHL's local Committee. A buffet supper is being arranged with a cash bar. Tickets £10 per person are available from peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or by telephoning the FHL office 01926 512980.

World Book Day: With it being world book day this week we are sharing our amazon wish list of books needed to complete our learning curriculum set for the year. The parents and friends of the school have been so supportive with purchasing the books for the Autumn and Spring term and we only have Summer to go. If you can spare any money at all to give the gift of a book it is really gratefully received. We have seen the books being used in the class and it really does make a difference to the children's learning. https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/GMAFGNGQND08?ref_wl_share We have found that sometimes the books are cheaper elsewhere, or even parents have had an excellent second hand copy. If this is the case, please click on the "buying this gift elsewhere" link on the Amazon page. This will then remove it from the wish list. Thank you once again for your support.

Friday Luncheon Club: The next meeting will be on Friday 25th March at 1pm at Whittles Restaurant, at Audrey's on Binswood Avenue. The restaurant is on the first floor, and there is a lift if you can't use the stairs. I have put a menu up on the notice board in the Church porch, for you to look at, and contact me with what you would like. They buy in fresh ingredients so they need to know at least ONE WEEK ahead what our orders will be. New members welcome. Contact Carmel on either 01926 859303 or 07941 840433

March EXTRA: The March EXTRA Newsletter is now available on the website on the NEWSLETTER page and will also be circulated with the e-newsletter mailing. In this edition you will find: CAFOD Fast Day, Justice Stations of the Cross, Lenten Appeals, More from CAFOD, Pastimes, Pope Francis Homily, LiveSimply Parish, Hosanna by Hand in Hand. Could you help with producing this each month? The team needs another person to help – contact catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com

Lenten Stations of the Cross Reflection: at Princethorpe College, Friday 18th March 6.30-7.30pm. Please join in this special event in the college chapel reflecting on Jesus' way of the cross through mime, music and readings with years 7-13 involved. Free tickets are available by emailing rodisaacs@princethorpe.co.uk

Fair Trade: Thanks to all who supported the Fair Trade (Traidcraft) stalls at St Peters and at Our Lady's recently. The joint takings were £150 and hopefully it reminded everyone that, despite all the problems in the world, we can do something positive by remembering the Fair Trade logo and using the power of our purses. We'll be back - but if anyone is keen to help with this it would be great to hear from you. Contact: jenarmstrong@talktalk.net.

Lenten Soup Lunches: Every Wednesday during Lent, everyone is invited to a Soup Lunch in OL's Hall after the 12 noon Mass and before the Stations of the Cross begins at 1pm. We held a similar 'Soup Lunch' earlier this year and it was lovely, after the pandemic, to be able to chat with each other, meet new people and generally just catch up with each other again! The lunch is free, however you are welcome to make donations for Lenten Alms. You are welcome to come along even if you can't attend Mass, Stations of the Cross or both. There will be a choice of at least 2 soups each week and if anyone fancies making a soup one week, that would be great. Please just let Anna Godwin or Gill Ayers-Hunt know.

St. Peter's and Our Lady's Lenten Schedule

Friday 4th March onwards

6:30pm: SP: Stations of the Cross (lead by Young Adults Group on 11th, 25th March and 8th April)

Monday 7th March onwards

10:30am: SP Hall: Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross

3:00pm: SP Hall: Lenten Reflection on Scripture for the coming Sunday (Fr. Christopher)(1.5 hours)

Tuesday 8th March onwards

7:00pm: SP Hall: Lenten Reflection on Scripture for the coming Sunday (1.5 hours)

Wednesday 9th March onwards

12:30pm: OL: Hall: Charity Fundraising Soup Lunch

1:30pm: OL: Stations of the Cross

Sunday 20th March

5pm: OL: Evening Prayer

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March

Friday 12:00pm - Saturday 12:00pm

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

3pm: SP: Passion Play (1 hour)