

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 20th March 2022

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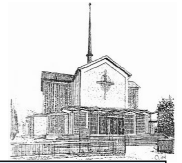
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9.00: John Ireson RIP

11.00: **Confirmations:** For all those being Confirmed

5.00: **Reception: Dan Kelly RIP**

5.30: Rose Cornish RIP

Monday 21st

9.30: The Intentions of Margaret Doyle

11.00: **Requiem Mass: Dan Kelly RIP**

Tuesday 22nd

9.30: Alfred & Eva Keating RIP

Thursday 24th

7.00: **NO MASS**

Friday 25th

9.30: **NO MASS**

Saturday 26th

9.30: People of the Parish

Sunday 27th

4th Sunday of Lent

9.00: The Saenz & Manteiga families

For all the Mothers of the Parish

5.30: Catherine McCabe-Hannigan

The recently deceased of our Churches:

David Manning, 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

Saturday 19th March

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

Wednesday 23rd March

Opt. Commemoration of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop

Friday 25th March

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 19th March

SP: No Adoration or Confessions

SP: 10.00: Fr. Tomasz Pyś ***St. Patrick's School Confirmations***

Parishioners welcome.

SP: 5.00: Family Intention

Sunday 20th

3rd Sunday of Lent

SP 9.00: Barbara Robinson RIP (Mary O'Malone)

SP: 9.50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10.00: Family Intention

Children's Liturgy

SP 11.00: Maria Alice Spencer (Dennis O'Halleron RIP)

Monday 21st

SP: 9.30: Luke Sweeney 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: Anne Hornsby RIP

Wednesday 23rd

OL: 12.00: Margaret McCann RIP

OL: 12.30: *Soup Lunch followed by Stations of the Cross*

Thursday 24th

SP: 10.30: *Requiem Mass: Elizabeth McDermott RIP*

Friday 25th

SP: 11.00: Mavis Dewis RIP

Saturday 26th

SP: 9.00 - 12.00: *24 Hours for the Lord: Exposition and Confession*

SP: 10.00: Naha Ola Libalabo

SP: 5.00: Colin Dunphy

Sunday 27th

4th Sunday of Lent

SP 9.00: David Manning RIP (The Homeless)

SP: 9.50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10.00: Mary & Cyril Pepper RIP **Children's Liturgy**

SP: 11.00: Betty Keane

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: Ahmed Musa, 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-Clare 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

A Gospel Reflection from Our Faith on Sunday:

Recently I saw a fig tree in the South of England which, to my surprise, had figs on its branches.

Most of the fig trees here never produce any fruit, and any amount of waiting will not change that. Sometimes we may feel like the barren fig trees and that we will always be the same and that no amount of praying or Mass or Confessions will help us change.

But God never sets us a task that is impossible to achieve. We are made for Heaven, for life with him and he will do whatever is necessary to get us there. So why do we often feel we face an impossible task? We think we can do it with our own willpower and determination, despite the fact that we know from experience that this doesn't work.

In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "Without me you can do nothing." He doesn't say "you can't do much," He says "nothing". So the key is doing things with Him. When it comes to difficulties and temptations we find almost impossible to deal with, we must hand them over to Him.

If we could have managed to succeed under our own steam, then His dying in agony on the Cross would have been futile. But his suffering and death enabled us to enter into a relationship with God and gave us the possibility of rising with Him.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Ada Ashton, Daniel Byrne, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Iwanikiw, Luke Sweeney, Natalie Burgielska, Michael Maxwell, Vesna Dokleja, Francis Charters, Margaret Collins, John Maguire, Peter Cronin, Mary Dillon, Julia Roddis, James Dunbar, Dorothy Bissell, Annie Andrews, Winifred Fox, Hugh Williams, Patrick O'Driscoll, Hubert Vincent, Mary Connolly, Cornelius Sullivan, Ned Crowley, Margaret Dowling, Philip James, Paul Prescott, Norah Baker, Colin Dunphy, Alexander Hay, Phyllis Thacker, Mary Rogerson, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne OSB, Archbishop Francis Grimshaw, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Mgr. Canon John Welch, Mgr. Henry Davis, Fr. John Donnelly, Fr. John McManus, Deacon Louis Livesey. ***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 Joseph's

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022: Dates are available from 17th April, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns this week for:
**Bridget & Patrick
Curtin RIP**

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: 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 The Parish

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

Welcome: Today 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes: The envelopes for the New Tax Year commencing 10th April 2022 are now available to collect from the Narthex. If you are a taxpayer and would like to contribute weekly via a weekly envelope please contact the office.

No Mass: Please note there will be no Mass on Thursday 24th March & Friday 25th March.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leafington@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**** - Are away this week but will return with more tails next week. Best Tweets, The Sparrow.

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.

Altar Servers Rehearsals for Holy Week: will be at:10:30am on Maundy Thursday, 10:30am on Good Friday and 11am on Holy Saturday. Please make every effort to attend as many services as you can because there are fewer servers now and we really do need you. Please put your name on the notice board in the Sacristy.

Epilepsy Annual Fund Raising Event: The event will take place in St. Peter's Parish Centre on Sunday 20th March 2022. Tickets will be available after 11am Mass at £7.50 per person.

The Catholic Leafington 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'

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 meeting last Monday, we agreed to give £ 500 to CAFOD working in Ukraine, £ 250 to Forever Angels for orphaned babies in Tanzania, £ 200 to Temwa in Malawi, and to top up monies going to Fr Mayele in Uganda. We also agreed funding for bunk beds for a local family in need. See our minutes on www.CatholicLeafington.org.uk/SPAN for more details.

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. **Watch on Youtube:** If you cannot come on Monday morning, you might like to watch and join in at any time on Youtube at this address: <https://youtu.be/-BuUkZ95RoE>

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.

Talk on St Maximilian Kolbe: Fr Benedict recently gave a talk to our Young Adults Group on the life and sanctity of St Maximilian Kolbe. A few parishioners asked for it to be recorded. It is now available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/mQt6l7X7ang>

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

24 Hours for the Lord: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for Confession—in the Deanery in the twenty-four hours between noon midday on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 March. This is immediately prior to the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare). St Peter's will do Saturday 26th between 9am to 12noon.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: You can also **donate online** by using the DONATE button at the top of our website page at www.catholicleafington.org.uk/cafod or select the SOCIAL ACTION tab and then CAFOD. This takes you directly to our parish JustGiving page. Thank you.

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Lenten Alms 2022 in Catholic Leamington: Over the next few weeks please take a gold-coloured envelope from Church and return it the following week. This is a 3-way appeal, like last year's, coordinated by SPAN, 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. Donations can be Gift Aided. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

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.

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.

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.

Coventry Comhaltas: would like to thank all parishioners who attended our St. Patrick's Ceili on Friday 11th March at Christ the King Community Centre. Everyone had a fantastic night and were truly spoilt by the talent on show. We are very pleased to announce that we will be donating £100.00 to Ukraine. Thank you all for attending and buying raffle tickets as this all helped toward the donation. May I and all Officers and Members of our branch wish you all a happy St. Patrick's Day. Jarlath Mulhern PRO, Coventry Comhaltas.

Synod Report from the Catholic Leamington Walking Together Team: please see www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/SYNOD Thank you for everyone who has contributed. Once published it will be sent to the Diocese and be on the internet. A couple of printed copies will be available to read but remain in our Church buildings. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

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

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

Fridays

7:00pm: SP: Stations of the Cross (lead by Young Adults Group on 25th March and 8th April)

Mondays

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)

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

1:00pm: OL: Stations of the Cross

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March

Friday 12:00pm - Saturday 12:00pm

Sunday 20th March

5pm: OL: Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

3pm: SP: Passion Play (1 hour)

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