

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Laetare Sunday

Sunday 27th March 2022

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St Joseph's

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Sunday 27th March

Laetare Sunday

9:00: The Saenz & Manteiga families
For all the Mothers of the Parish

5:30: Catherine McCabe-Hannigan

Monday 28th

9:30: Betty McDermott RIP

Tuesday 29th

9:30: Wilfred Frogley

Thursday 31st

7:00: People of the Parish

Friday 1st April

9:30: Michael Harwar's Intentions

Saturday 2nd

9:30: Special Intentions (AK)

Sunday 3rd

5th Sunday of Lent

9:00: The Dowling & Byrne Families

11:00: Baptism: Beatrix Lucas

5:30: Dan Kelly RIP

Saturday 26th March

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

Laetare Sunday

SP 9:00: Betty Keane (The Homeless)

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: Mary & Cyril Pepper RIP **Children's Liturgy**

SP 11:00: David Manning RIP

Monday 28th

SP: 9:30: Mary & Cyril Pepper RIP

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 29th

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: J. Ayres

Wednesday 30th

OL: 12:00: Sr. Bernadene RIP (Joy Barry RIP)

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

Thursday 31st

SP: 11:30: Requiem Mass: Cornelius Forde RIP

Friday 1st

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Dennis Hunt RIP

Saturday 2nd

SP: 10:00: Sr. Joseph RIP

SP: 5:00: Nicholas Bannon RIP

Sunday 3rd

5th Sunday of Lent

SP 9:00: Eileen Lawless

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: Betty Keane RIP

SP: 11:00: People of the Parish

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Fr. Laurence Crowe, Keith Duxbury, David Manning, Antonina La Spisa, Michael Curran, Betty Cashman, Margaret Rowlands, Dennis Hunt, Betty Keane (in Ireland), Daphne Turner, Elizabeth McDermott, Fr. Gabriel Maguire CSsR, Mgr. John Heslin, Dan Kelly.

May they rest in peace.

Saint of the week

Saturday 2nd April

Opt. Commemoration of St. Francis of Paola, Hermit.

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

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. 0800 801 0331.

Our prayers for the Sick: Tim O'Sullivan, 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

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all enjoying the early Spring weather. The sunshine, blossom and the spring flowers are very uplifting and welcoming. This weekend is Laetare Sunday which means we are four weeks into Lent and the end is in sight. For those who have stuck to their Lenten resolutions this is good news because the end is in sight and for those who haven't well there is always next year! This Sunday is Mothering Sunday so we shall remember mothers in the Bidding Prayers.

On Wednesday I learned of the death of Fr Laurence Crowe (aged 90) who had been Parish Priest of Our Lady's in Lillington from 1994 to 2016. Fr Laurence moved to Lillington following his Ordination to the Catholic Priesthood. Prior to this he had spent many years as an Anglican Vicar. Before he crossed the Tiber, he had been Parish Priest at Oldbury and Tividale. Fr Laurence was one of the first ministers to be received into the Catholic Church. Many of his former curates and friends also followed in his footsteps and without their generosity of heart and the support offered by Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville the Diocese would have run out of Priests at least a decade ago. Fr Laurence served the Parish of Lillington, Cubbington and Offchurch ten years into his retirement. Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in peace. Amen.

We hope to distribute the Catholic Leamington Synod Report this weekend. It is an excellent document which summarises the questionnaire and subsequent discussions. A team of Parishioners led by Paul Hayden have dedicated many hours to the Synodal Pathway initiative of Pope Francis. He asked our thoughts about the Church in terms of dreams, participation, Communion, and mission. The response has been sent to the Diocese, but I am sure it will be a working document for the Parish.

Congratulations to Our Lady's Choir who provided a sung Vespers for the prayer of the Church last Sunday. It was a perfect end to the day and the hot cross buns were lovely too. Each of our events in the Church this year seem to have included refreshments of one kind or another. On Wednesday I enjoyed the home-made soup at Our Lady's before Stations of the Cross. Food for the journey! Congratulations also to those who supported the fund raiser brunch last Sunday in St Peter's Hall. We all enjoyed our cooked breakfast. The organisers raised over £1000 for the Epilepsy society.

Last Thursday I attended a site meeting for the new Lillington Health Hub which is to be built next to Our Lady's Church. It was good to meet with the architect, the NHS Trust managing director, the new site manager for the Hub and have the support of Deacon Paul O'Connor who is responsible for all the Buildings in the Diocese. We shall share the use of the new car park which will be situated between the Church and the hub. Next weekend I shall have the dates and times for the Holy Week and Easter Masses for St Peter's and Our Lady's.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

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:
**Maureen—Martin
Wall**

WW (Formerly Weight Watchers): A new group has started in St. Joseph's Parish Centre every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

Dates for your Diary: Palm Sunday: 10th April, Mass at 9am & 5:30pm. **Maunder Thursday:** 14th April, 10am Morning Prayer

and Office of Readings. 7pm Mass of The Lord's Supper. **Good Friday:** 15th April, 10am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings. 3pm Passion of the Lord. **Holy Saturday:** 16th April, 10am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings. 7:30pm Easter Vigil. **Easter Sunday:** 17th April, 9am Resurrection of the Lord Mass, **please note no evening Mass. First Holy Communions** with Fr. Noel Breslin will be on Sunday 12th June at 11am.

Lectio Divina: The next meeting will be on Monday 4th April at 10:30am in the Holy Family Room at St. Joseph's. You will be very welcome, come and see if you benefit from it.

Red Missio Boxes: Please return to the Sacristy this weekend for the first quarterly count of 2022.

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.

Vocations Art Competition: Open to any school-aged person, entry to consist of any medium (including photography or digital artwork) illustrating the theme of listening to Jesus & walking together. Full details on posters in Narthex.

Mother's Day: We wish all the Mothers of the Parish a Happy & Peaceful day today.

Piety: There is a selection of Cards & gifts in the Narthex.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Dorothy Bissell, Annie Andrews, Winifred Fox, Cyril Hey, Noel Clarke, George Bates, Catherine Monaghan, Mary Buckley, Edward Tierney, Michael Dillon, Margaret Gannon, Isabel Cristobel, Peter Bosworth, Mary Burford, Carmela Samperi, Margaret O'Farrell, Elizabeth Allcock, Violet Hawkins, Colin Bates, Angela Freeman, Mary Burford, Margaret Carr, Kathleen Horsnby, George Fraser, Archbishop Thomas Williams, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Mgr. Canon John Welch, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Mgr. Henry Davis, Canon Brian Withers, Fr. John Donnelly, Fr. John McManus, Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Fr. Matthew Sheridan, Fr. John Callaghan, Fr. Philip O'Reilly, Fr. Lawrence King, Deacon Raymond Zacaroli. *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.*

**** The Sparrows**** - We enjoyed our silent week away last week, it was lovely to have a change of scenery, however it is always nice to be back in your favourite nest. Best Tweets, The Sparrow Family.

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 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: Despite advertising for readers we have yet to have any volunteers to read at the 5pm 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.

The Catholic Leamington Justice and Peace Rosary intention for April is: 'We pray for a peaceful resolution of conflict in Ukraine, and that all those made homeless by the war may live in safety and security.'

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

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 This Saturday 26th between 9am to 12noon.

Youth Ministry Opportunity: Are you ready for adventure? And looking for a Catholic Gap Year? The Kenelm Youth Trust are looking for young adults aged 18-25 who are down-to-earth, are committed to their faith, and who want to work with young people. More info here: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/youthministryteam.html> Youth 2000 are also looking for a Gap Year Volunteer - someone who is a recent graduate (within the last 5 years). Please see the person specification here: <https://www.youth2000.org/openings>

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

SPAN and 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 Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya - supported by Kindaid for many years. Please see March EXTRA for details or posters in Church. Donations can be Gift Aided. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

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.

Synod Report from the Catholic Leamington Walking Together Team: The report has been presented to the Archbishop and sent to the diocese. It is available online at www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/SYNOD Two full copies are available to view in each church. We hope to have the main report printed for parishioners this weekend with the Appendices available online. The Walking Together Team thank you all for responding to Pope Francis' request to pray for the synod and that the Report will be seen as a helpful reference for our parishes moving forward. 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)

Wednesdays

12:00pm: OL: Mass

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

1:00pm: OL: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9th April

3pm: OL: Hosanna an Easter story

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

3pm: SP: Passion Play (1 hour)

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