

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3rd April 2022

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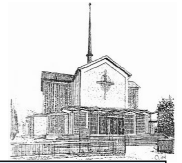
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St Joseph's

Sunday 3rd April

5th Sunday of Lent

9:00: The Dowling & Byrne Families

11:00: Baptism: Beatrix Lucas

5:30: Dan Kelly RIP

Monday 4th

9:30: Betty McDermott RIP

Tuesday 5th

9:30: Zena Godwin RIP

Wednesday 6th

5:00: Reception: Antonina La Spisa RIP

Thursday 7th

1:00: Requiem Mass: Antonina La Spisa RIP

7:00: NO MASS

Friday 8th

9:30: Annie McCaul RIP;
John Needham RIP

Saturday 9th

9:30: George Fraser Anniversary

Sunday 10th

Palm Sunday

9:00: People of the Parish

5:30: Vita & Giuseppe La Russa;
Kathleen Kelly

Saint of the week

Saturday 2nd April

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

Monday 4th April

Opt. Commemoration of St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 5th April

Opt. Commemoration of St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Thursday 7th April

Opt. Commemoration of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Fr. Laurence Crowe, Keith Duxbury, David Manning,
Antonina La Spisa, Michael Curran, Betty Cashmore,
Margaret Rowlands, Dennis Hunt, Betty Keane (in Ireland)
May they rest in peace.

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 2nd April

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 **Children's Liturgy**

SP 11:00: People of the Parish

Monday 4th

SP: 9:30: Tim O'Sullivan

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

SP: 1:00: Requiem Mass: Michael Curran RIP

Tuesday 5th

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: Dermot Collins

Wednesday 6th

OL: 12:00: Dan Kelly RIP (Thomas Ryan)

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

SP: 1:30: Funeral Service: Betty Cashmore RIP

Thursday 7th

OL Sch: 9:15: Mass in School

SP: 11:00: Dominic O'Neal

Friday 8th

SP: 10:00: Trinity School Mass in Church

Saturday 9th

SP: 10:00: The Immaculate Heart (Donor's Father)

OL: 3:00: Hosanna Cantata by the Hand in Hand Group

SP: 5:00: In Thanksgiving

Sunday 10th

Palm Sunday

SP 9:00: Joan Skidmore (Private Intention)

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: Betty McDermott RIP

SP: 11:00: Michael Hannan RIP

SP: 3:00: Passion Play by Carumba Theatre Company

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: Vincent Coleman, Tim O'Sullivan, Ahmed Musa, Brian Murray, Paddy O'Connor, Fina Monastero, 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 keeping well. I am pleased to report last week in St Peter's and Our Lady's was good. I am sure we all enjoyed the sunshine last weekend and then groaned inwardly and outwardly when the cold weather returned. I was returning from the Crematorium on Thursday afternoon when the sky turned very dark, and the snow began to fall. Within an hour the sun had come out and it was a lovely if cold spring day. The world and what happens seems as changeable as the weather, we never know from one day to the next what is going to happen if it will be good news or bad news and of course in the background or the foreground depending on where you are standing, the news from the Ukraine seems to be as bad as ever. I feel for these poor people who want an end to the bombing and the killing in their country, to return home and rebuild their lives. Sadly, there seems to be no let up. Let us pray for an end to this senseless killing and maiming of Ukraine.

The various parish events for Lent seem to be picking up at last. The numbers attending last week increased slightly. Many thanks to everyone who has supported and organised these opportunities for us. As we move towards Palm Sunday, I am still waiting for the delivery of the palms which I am told are on their way. One year in my last Parish I announced there was a world shortage of palms and requested parishioners might bring their old palms to church to reuse them again for a second year. It was announced on 1st April but not everyone realised it was an April Fool's joke.

This week I hope to be able to distribute the Synod Report. I am sorry the printer wasn't playing ball last weekend. It is an excellent summary of the synodal pathway which has been commended by the hierarchy and read by many of the senior Clergy. I am very pleased they are reading about what YOU have said about the Church. I am also indebted to Paul Hayden who I asked to organise this on behalf of the Parish. With those who volunteered to assist him in this process I am sure you will agree he has performed a miracle!

The dates and times of our Masses and Services is available online, on the noticeboards and attached to this Newsletter. I hope you will be able to enter the spirit of it. Just a little note for those who seem flabbergasted by the length of the Easter Vigil Mass. It is a long mass but in pure liturgical terms it is to my mind one of the most beautiful of all. It is not suited to those who have a short attention span. You will be wondering when you can go to Confession of course! So, I have sprinkled in throughout Holy Week opportunities for confessions. I have also decided we shall have our Holy Week services in full in both our Churches.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to two special events.

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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:
Paddy Curtin RIP

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. **Maundy 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.

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.

Piety: There is a selection of Cards & gifts in the Narthex.
Welcome: We welcome into the Church **Beatrix Lucas** who is being Baptised today.

200 Club: Congratulations to Jill Sheard and Jane Rebika who won the 1st and 2nd prizes in February's 200 Club draw as well as Veronica Jessamine and Sophia Brain who won in March. April's 200 Club collection and draw will take place after all Masses this Sunday, 3rd April.

New joiners welcome and all profits go to the Church Building Fund.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Burford, Carmela Samperi, Margaret O'Farrell, Elizabeth Allcock, Michelle Connelly, Pawel Sowa, Margaret Wheeler, Brendan O'Regan, Anthony McAndrew, Dermot Collins, Luke Ryan, Siobhan Hannan, Richard Collins, Joseph McGrath, Avis Charman, Eileen Lawless, Ernesta Guerrini, Michael Hannan, Thomas O'Donnell, Anna-Marie Stoneham, Michael Tierney, Francis Malaghan, Madeline Reading, Simon Hawkins, Frank Lane, Monty Jenkinson, Paddy Crowley, Catherine Lane, James Fitzpatrick, Richard Gunthorpe, Tommaso Carciofo, Eva Ryan, Edward Hayes, Eric Black, Patricia Earle, Molly Benson, John Healy, Bishop Anthony Emery, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Canon William Swift, Canon Peter Jones, Fr. Lawrence King, Fr. Michael Glynn, Fr. Timothy Burke, Fr. Kevin Preston, Fr. Eamon Clarke, Fr. Kenneth Collins. ***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 Seven Day Candles: are a great way to provide a devotion to a loved one or for your own intention. The 7 day candles are designed to display the presence of God in the Church. If you would like to book a 7 day candle for your intentions please collect an envelope at the back of Church, suggested donation is £10.00 and return it, either in the collection or via St. Peter's Presbytery door. Thank you.

Mass Intentions: Due to the parish office being closed after Easter, all Mass intentions for the month of April have been arranged for the churches of St Peter's and Our Lady's.

Dear Parishioners Continued: The first is called Hosanna Cantata. It is a concert which is being prepared by the Hand in Hand Group for those with special needs. I am sure it will be a lovely occasion at Our Lady's Church on Saturday 9th April at 3pm. The second is a Passion Play at 3pm on Sunday 10th April at St Peter's Church. This is being performed by the delightfully named Carumba Theatre Company. I cannot tell you how moving this play is—you have to see it to believe it. Please make an extra effort to support this. It lasts about an hour and is suitable for children and adults of all ages.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

**** The Sparrows**** - We had to look out our hot water bottles and then huddle up together to keep warm. Some of us get a better deal than others. The ones on the outside spend an hour or two with their tails facing the icy blast. We change over every hour to allow them to warm up. We are looking forward to some good weather in time for Easter. All good tweets, The Sparrows.

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.'

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>

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

New parish Initiative- Fund raising event for charities—St. George's Fayre: On Saturday 23rd April, at 11 am -3pm, in St Peter's parish hall, the Pastimes group are inviting charities to book a table each to raise funds for their own causes. If you are interested in booking a table please contact Mary Curran at Pastimes on Tuesdays or Mary Holden on 01926 420045. We welcome the community of Catholic Leamington's support for the success of this venture.

Young Adults Group: The Young Adults Group is open to all Catholics between the ages of 18-30. 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 11th April - a guided Holy Hour lead by Fr Sean Gough

Monday 9th May – a talk by Fr Lim Gamsi

You would be most welcome. 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

Mass in Warwick Hospital on Easter Friday: Fr Benedict will be celebrating Mass in Warwick Hospital's chapel at 8am on Friday 22nd April. All are welcome.

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 and Lenten Alms 2022 in Catholic Leamington: Over the next two 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, 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 the 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 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 hope that the report will be seen as a helpful for our parishes moving forward. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

CAFOD Hot Cross Bunraiser: You are warmly invited for refreshments in St. Joseph's Parish Hall after 9am Mass this Sunday in support of the CAFOD Hot Cross Bunraiser. Come and join us for something delicious and help raise money for people in poverty.

Headteacher Vacancy: In partnership with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, the governors of St Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Warwick are seeking to appoint an inspirational and committed Headteacher to lead our small and vibrant school, in its next and exciting phase. This vacancy has arisen following the retirement of our long-serving, respected Headteacher, Robert Gargan. Closing Date: 9.00am 26th April 2022 Start Date: September 2022 All information and documentation can be found at: <https://stmaryimmaculateschool.co.uk/Headteacher-Vacancy/>

Churches Together in Leamington. The annual Walk of Witness following the Cross will start on Good Friday at 1.45 outside Holy Trinity CE Church, with a short service, and then process to the top of the Parade where the Cross will be erected for all to see. Please join with our fellow Christians to show the people of Leamington what Good Friday is all about.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: It's not too late to return your envelope for **Family Fast Day** earlier this month and you can also **donate online** by using the DONATE button at the top of our website page at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod (or select the SOCIAL ACTION tab and then CAFOD, which takes you directly to our parish JustGiving page. Thank you.

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>

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)

Tuesday 12th April

9am—12pm: Confessions

5—8pm: Confessions

Wednesday 13th April

12:00pm OL: Service of the Word, Soup and Stations of the Cross

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday

9:30: SP: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

10—11am: SP: Confessions

7:30pm: SP and OL: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

9:30am: SP: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

10—11am: SP: Confessions

3pm: SP and OL: Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

7pm: SP: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9:30am: SP: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

10—11am: SP: Confessions

9pm: SP and OL: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9am: SP: Mass

10: OL: Mass

11: SP: Mass

Please remember that the Easter Collection is your gift to the Parish Clergy.