

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Palm Sunday

Sunday 10th April 2022

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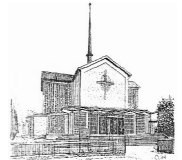
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St Joseph's

Sunday 10th April

Palm Sunday

9:00: People of the Parish

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

Monday 11th

9:30: Doreen & Graham Burford Anniversary

Tuesday 12th

9:30: Dagma & Tom Pendle RIP

Thursday 14th

10:00: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

7:00: For Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and all Parish
Helpers and Volunteers ***Mass of the Lord's Supper***

Friday 15th *Good Friday*

10:00: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

3:00: Passion of the Lord

Saturday 16th *Easter Saturday*

10:00: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

7:30: People of the Parish

Sunday 17th

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00: Margaret Hutchinson RIP Anniversary

11:00: Baptism: Leonardo Rinaldi

5:30: No Mass

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

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Fr. Laurence Crowe, Keith Duxbury, David Manning,
Antonina La Spisa, Michael Curran, Betty Cashmore,
Margaret Rowlands, Dennis Hunt.

May they rest in peace.

Parish Priest of St Peter's & Our Lady's, Dean of Warwick

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 9th April

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)

OL: 10:00: Betty McDermott RIP **Children's Liturgy**

SP 11:00: Michael Hannan RIP

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

Monday 11th

SP: 9:30: Fr. Benedict's Intentions

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 12th

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: Frances Alice Wiggins;

Fr. Brendan McGuinness S.D.B. RIP

SP: 1:30: Funeral Service: David Manning RIP

Wednesday 13th

OL: 12:00: Service of the Word

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

Thursday 14th

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

SP: 7:30: Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

OL: 7:30: People of the Parish *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Friday 15th April *Good Friday*

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

OL: 11:45: Children's Stations of the Cross

**SP: 3:00: Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy
Communion**

**OL: 3:00: Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy
Communion**

Saturday 16th *Easter Saturday*

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

SP: 9:00pm: Thanksgiving for the Priesthood

OL: 9:00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 17th

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

SP 9:00: Eileen Lawless

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: David Brown RIP

SP: 11:00: Jack Ryan RIP;

Fr. Brendan McGuinness SDB RIP

Our prayers for the Sick: Vincent Coleman, Tim O'Sullivan, Ahmed Musa, 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

Seven-day candles:

The Our Lady Chapel candle burn this week for: **Siobhan Hannan RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is upon us and I have to admit to being barely ready. It has been a very busy time over the last few weeks. I hope all the services go well. Thank you to those who have been invited to participate.

Please check the daily schedule for details of where and when our Holy Week and Easter services will be.

Confessions will be at the usual times on Saturday and during the week on Tuesday from 9-12 noon and 5- 8pm. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 11 am. No confessions next Saturday evening.

The Triduum Services will be held in each of our churches. Their liturgies are rich with the story of the Passion. On Palm Sunday we have 700 Palms to distribute between the Congregations at Our Lady's and St Peter's.

The Liturgy of the Easter Vigil mass is not a short Mass and is not suited to young children or those with a short attention span.

The envelopes for your Easter gift to the Clergy are available in the Church.

From Easter Sunday the water in the holy water stoops returns.

The Passion Play on Palm Sunday begins at 3pm at St Peter's and it is free. We shall have a retiring collection for the people of the Ukraine.

The office staff will be away 19th -22nd, Fr John will be away 25-30th, we are having some electrical repairs in the office at St Peter's. The parish office will be closed until May 3rd.

Try to enter into the spirit of Holy Week. Walk with Jesus along the road to Calvary and if you go by car don't forget to pray and display!

Last but by no means least, there are some Easter Walk With Me booklets and Calendars on SP Piety Table. The Calendars are free, however the Booklets are £1 each.

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 15th May, 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:
**Emmanuel
Toutoungi RIP**

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.

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.

Piety: There is a selection of Cards & gifts in the Narthex. **Easter Offerings:** Easter is one of two occasions when the collection is specified for the Parish Priest. Envelopes are now available at the back of Church.

Cake Sale Jubilee Fundraiser: On Sunday 17th April from 10am—3pm, at 31 Whitmore Road, Whitnash. Cakes, Biscuits, Samosas, Fresh Lemonade all available to help raise funds for the Whitmore & Mollington Road's Street Party being held on Sunday 5th June, see poster in Narthex.

Ukraine Appeal: The Leamington Polish Centre are looking for further much needed community donations of the following goods for the Ukrainian Aid Effort: Pasta, Rice, Barley, Lentils, Flour, Cereals. Canned or Instant Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meat & Fish, Dried Fruit, Energy Bars, Tea, Coffee and Sugar.

Donations may be dropped off at the new Army Surplus Warehouse, Harbury Lane, CV33 9SA, which is open Monday—Saturday, 9am—4pm.

Important notice: St. Peter's Parish Office will be **closed** from Good Friday (15th April) until Tuesday 3rd May due to Renovations to the Office, therefore it will not be possible to answer emails or telephone calls due to these works taking place.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Ernesta Guerrini, Michael Hannan, Thomas O'Donnell, Anna-Maria Stoneham, Michael Tierney, Francis Malaghan, Madeline Reading, Calogero Rizzo, Christina Kavanagh, Mary Jones, Concetta Frondella, John Herlihy, Philomena Dawkes, Christina Collins, William Allerton, Mary Pettipher, Richard O'Mahony, Bridget Punch, Hilda Cullinane, Rose Darby, Stephen Newman, Pat Henderson, George Adamson, Hilda Richards, Michael Dennehy, Betty Reading, Canon Peter Jones, Canon Bernard Hodgson, Fr. Eamon Clarke, Fr. Kenneth Collins, Fr. Joseph Barr, Fr. Michael McManus, Fr. Wilfrid Sheeran, Fr. Walter Edwards, Fr. Anthony Browne, Fr. Peter Moore. *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.

**** The Sparrows**** - The Sparrows..... have all but disappeared. The blackbirds are still under the holly hedge, Gin and Tonic, the blue tits are still around, Joy and Sorrow the magpies are still popping in from time to time and the pigeons are fairly regular of course but the sparrows are nowhere to be seen. Perhaps they have gone on a course. We hope they will come back soon.

Best tweets, The Blackbirds.

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>

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

CAFOD Collections: Thank you to everyone at Our Lady's and St Peter's for your donation of £1,817 (£1,318 Parish Collection, £500 SPAN Donation) to our Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and £1,544 to our Lent appeal, which we received recently. Thank you especially for organising these collections and for being a bridge between your community and our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and around the world.

St. Peter's Sunday Lunch: We have now restarted the monthly Sunday Lunch. The next dinner will take place being on Sunday 24th April 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.

Platinum Bash: To celebrate seventy years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, Kindaid is holding a Platinum Bash in the Upper Hall, Our Lady's Lillington, on Saturday 21 May starting at 6.30 pm. There will be a: Hot supper, Table quiz covering seven decades, A Sing-Along. Tickets cost £7.50 per adult; £5.00 children. Tickets available after Mass at Our Lady's or contact Jo Mander on 07980 315575.

Royal Leamington Spa Horticultural Society: Meeting on Wednesday April 20th at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. Talk – Japan's Gardens and Countryside. A fascinating insight into Japanese Gardens and Panoramas, by Duncan Coombs. Visitors welcome Entrance £3.00. Members £1.00. Refreshments served. At St. Peter's Church Hall, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa. CV32 5AA

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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.

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 St. Joseph's Narthex.

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 meeting: This Monday (11th) we will be holding our first (post lockdown) in person monthly meeting in the Jeffries Room at the front of the St Peter's Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All in Catholic Leamington are welcome. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com for the agenda and details of appeals.

Lenten Alms 2022 in Catholic Leamington: 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.

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. The main report has been printed for parishioners this weekend with the Appendices available online. The Walking Together Team hope that the report will be seen as helpful for our parishes moving forward. 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. 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.

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 200 Club: The draw for March 2022 took place last week and the winners are 1st Prize - £50.00 - B. Dodd, 2nd Prize—£20.00—J. Scott, 3rd Prize—£10.00—A. Holmes. Congratulations to the winners.

Date for your Diary: There will be a special Mass of thanksgiving for the service of Janice and Brian Austin who are leaving the parish after 50 years, to be near their family. Many of you will know them and be aware of the many gifts they have brought to their work here in Leamington. Please make a note that the Mass will be on Thursday 12th May at 6.30 pm. at St Peter's and there will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

Friday Luncheon Club: The next lunch will be on Friday the 29th April at 1-0 pm at Valle on the corner of Warwick Street and Clarendon Street. I have put a notice up on the Church notice board in the porch, for you to add your names. New members always welcome. For any enquiries please contact Carmel on 07941 840433.

Tea Dance: at St. Peter's on Saturday 18th June starting at 2pm. There will be a selection of Sandwiches, Scones, Cakes and Prosecco. There will also be a live Classical Quartet band. Cost is £15-00 per person. Please call Giovanna to book - 07780 543976

April EXTRA: Your April EXTRA is now available on the Catholic Leamington website here: www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter In this edition - Lenten Appeals - Easter Greetings Campaign - Platinum Bash - St George's Fayre - SVP Treasurer - Refreshments at Our Lady's - CAFOD - Raising the Cross - Organ Recitals - LiveSimply Parish - COD: Calling all Cyclists.

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

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.