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PARISHES OF CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

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Newsletter

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8th May 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

CONFESSIONS ARRANGED ON REQUEST.

Sunday 8th May	9.00am	Eugenija Liutkeviciene RIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Baptism: Giovanni Munt
2nd Collection:	5.30pm	Bernardo Valentini RIP
Clergy Training Fund		
Monday 9th May	9.30am	Robert Devine
Easter Feria		
Tuesday 10th May	9.30am	Noreen Barry RIP
Easter Feria		
Thursday 12th May	7.00pm	Patrick & Joyce McCartney and Tom & Kitty Connor RIP
Easter Feria		
Friday 13th May	9.30am	Linda Scott
Our Lady of Fatima		
Saturday 14th May	8.30am	Adoration and Rosary
Feast of St. Matthias	9.30am	In Thanksgiving for the Priests of the Diocese
Sunday 15th May	9.00am	Arthur & Margaret Devanney
Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Baptism: Annabelle Thompson
2nd Collection: Diocesan Appeal for Ukraine	5.30pm	Sean Meehan

The Rosary is prayed from 9.00am before weekday Mass.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle burns this week for
Kathryn Lord RIP, 2nd Anniversary



Recently Deceased

Michael Harwar, Kathleen Donovan, Olive Burdett,
Christopher Huckvale, Paddy O'Connor and Fr. Lawrence Crowe
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Anniversaries

Jim Harding, Maurice Fitzgerald, Armondo Carvalho De Azevedo,
Frank Harvey, John Curham, William (Billy) Harris

Baptism: We welcome into the church **Giovanni Munt**, who is being baptised today.

Roof and Boiler Repairs: This repair work has started. The work is expected to take a few weeks and once completed the other repairs required inside the Sacristy/Piety Shop area will be addressed. All of this work will be covered by insurance.

Recycling for Good Causes Box : The box will remain at St. Joseph's until the end of May—please donate old mobile phones, other electronic equipment, watches, jewellery (broken is OK) plus used stamps. £153 raised so far—can you help us raise more for CAFOD?

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you are a tax payer and would like to contribute via a weekly envelope, please contact the office.

200 Club: Congratulations to John Gately and Matthew Greene who won prizes in April's draw and Paddy Close who won the Easter prize. **May's collection and draw will take place after Masses this Sunday, 8th May.**

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle: dates available from 5th June

A full bulletin for the parishes of Catholic Leamington is available on the website

ALL SERVICES AT ST. JOSEPH'S ARE LIVESTREAMED

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Thoughts on the Gospel ...

Sheep are mentioned more than 200 times in the Bible, more than any other animal. Sheep were important as sources of wool, milk and meat and throughout the Bible sheep served as symbols for God's people. Jesus is portrayed as the shepherd of his chosen flock in the words of Isaiah and Ezekiel and especially in the 22nd Psalm.

Sheep are followers, by instinct. They are almost human, they recognise faces both of other sheep and of humans who work with them—both those who treat them well and the ones who handle them harshly. Sheep find safety in numbers, are very social and extroverted animals and they do not do well alone.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares, watches, and protects those who believe in Him. This is a wonderful message for anyone who seeks peace with God. To be in the Lord's flock is to be in a life-changing, transformative relationship with the Lord. To know the Lord is to see our life changed by that very relationship. It is to know the voice of Jesus and be able to distinguish it from others, so that in all things God may be glorified

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parishes as well as those who care for them

Fina Monastero, Patrick Campbell, Anne Fraser,
Cyril Sheard, Mary Craig, Patricia Robinson, Mario Fasi,
Eileen Hiorns

....and those whose names appear on the noticeboard



There will be a special mass of thanksgiving for the service of Janice and Brian Austin now leaving the parish after 50 years. They have contributed hugely to parish life by their work in Leamington. The Mass will be on **Thursday 12th May at 6.30 pm. at St Peter's** and refreshments in the hall will follow.

Please see the full Catholic Leamington bulletin for details to contribute to a CAFOD World Gift in acknowledgement of their work.

Prisoners of Conscience: Thanks to all who signed cards last week for those imprisoned for their beliefs. There was a great response-37 cards were signed for the recipients. We hope that this will lift their spirits. The money raised will pay for postage and surplus given to Action by Christians against Torture.

Quo Vadis: The Diocesan Vocations Office is holding a series of three Zoom sessions for University Students on the theme of discernment during the month of May. Please see the poster in the Narthex.

- ◆ **Second Collection today is for the Clergy Training Fund**
- ◆ **Second Collection next Sunday 15th May is the Diocesan Appeal for Ukraine**

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