

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 15th May 2022

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St Joseph's

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Sunday 15th May

4th Sunday of Easter

9:00: Arthur & Margaret Devanney

11:00: **Baptism: Annabelle Thompson**

5:30: Sean Meehan

Monday 16th

9:30: Alf Woodward RIP

Tuesday 17th

9:30: Private Intentions (AK)

Thursday 19th

11:30: **Funeral Service: Christopher Huckvale RIP**

7:00: David Harwar Birthday Anniversary

Friday 20th

9:30: **NO MASS**

11:00: **Requiem Mass: Paddy O'Connor RIP**

Saturday 21st

9:30: Robert Devine

11:00: **Baptism: Joseph Power**

Sunday 22nd

6th Sunday of Easter

9:00: John Walsh RIP;
Breege Thacker RIP

11:00: **Baptism: Victoria Bellamy**

5:30: Jenny Allister & Family

Saturday 14th May

OL: 10:00:OLST School - First Holy Communion *at Church*

SP: 10:00: Hannah O'Sullivan

SP: 5:00: Special Intention

Sunday 15th

5th Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: People of the Parish

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: James Dunne;
John Walsh RIP

SP: 11:00: Marcellino Mota RIP;
Agnes Pinto RIP

SP: 12:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Monday 16th

SP: 9:30: Frank Garvey RIP

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 6:00: Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP

Tuesday 17th

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: Fr. Tony Rohan

Wednesday 18th

OL: 12:00: E. C. Kusia Kose Intentions

Thursday 19th

SP: 11:00: David Manning RIP

Friday 20th

SP: 1:00: Requiem Mass: Timothy O'Sullivan RIP

Saturday 21st

Please note no Confessions or Holy Hour today

SP: 10:00: Special Intention

SP: 5:00: Antonio Costa RIP

Sunday 22nd

6th Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: Trisha Fitzpatrick

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: People of the Parish

SP: 11:00: Antonina La Spisa RIP;
May O'Connell RIP

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Margaret Marum, Fr. Laurence Crowe, Paddy O'Connor, Christopher Huckvale, Kathleen Donovan, Olive Burdett, Michael Harwar, John Sheehan, Timothy O'Sullivan, Martin Ryan, Gemma Waddell, Frank Garvey. **May they rest in peace.**

Saint of the week

Wednesday 18th May

Opt. Memorial of St. John I, Pope, Martyr

Thursday 19th May

Opt. Memorial of St. Dunstan, Bishop

Friday 20th May

Opt. Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary

Saturday 21st May

Opt. Memorial of Ss Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

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: Fr. Tony Rohan, Vincent Coleman, Tim O'Sullivan, Ahmed Musa, 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: **Frances Kendrick RIP**

The Sacred Heart Chapel candle burn this week for: **Frank Garvey RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping well.

The Bishops of England and Wales have restored the Obligation of all Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days. There is a letter from the Bishops on the Catholic Leamington Website. At St Peter's we shall continue to use our Live Stream camera as there are, I know, many Parishioners who cannot attend Mass. Those who are ill or living in nursing homes etc are not expected to attend Church. As with any rule there are always exceptions. If you are concerned contact the Parish office.

We are gradually restarting our home visiting for Holy Communion. Many of our former Eucharistic ministers have retired so if you think this is something you would like to be involved with please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email to any of the Priests. If you do not require Holy Communion but would like a visit from a member of the Church the SVP would be happy to call. The Parish visiting team will be tramping the streets and knocking on doors to bring the message of our presence to Catholics throughout the area.

Our Lady's Church is really taking off now. Congratulations to the 13 children from the Catechism class who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to the catechists and many helpers who made this into a memorable occasion. We hope to see the families at Mass. Thank you to the Children's Liturgy group who are welcoming the children to their own special service in the Hall. I Baptised two children at 12 noon at Our Lady's Church last Sunday, so welcome to Penelope and Jude James. Yesterday, on Saturday, 7 children from Our Lady and St Teresa's School made their First Holy Communion. Thank you to the teachers, parents, carers, and parishioners who helped to make this a special day.

I am pleased to report that Our Lady's Presbytery will soon have new tenants. The McParland Family will be moving in. Please note they are not the Church caretakers. Also do not block the driveway as this is their access and ours. If you need anything connected to the Church, Mass, cards, hire of the hall etc please contact St Peter's Parish Office 01926 423824.

Last year we powered washed the slabs and steps at Our Lady's. This year I don't think I have ever seen quite so many weeds growing in the cracks, between the steps and by the Church. It takes only a few minutes to pull a few weeds out. Try to lift the roots if you can. Could I ask if you are able to, just pull a few weeds out it will help to keep the church

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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 12th June, 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: **Deceased members of the Henderson & Cooper Families**

Dates for your Diary: First

Holy Communion with Fr. Noel Breslin will be on Sunday 12th June at 11am.

Gift Aid Envelopes: 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.

Recycling for Good Causes Box: help us raise funds for CAFOD. The Box will remain at St Joseph's until the end of May. A chance for you to have a clear out and recycle old mobile phones, other electronic equipment, watches, jewellery (these can be broken or not) plus used stamps. Leaflets with box explain what we collect. £153 raised so far for CAFOD - can you help us raise more?

Baptism Welcome: We welcome into the Church **Annabelle Thompson** who is being Baptised today

Quo Vardis: The Diocesan Vocations Office are holding a series of three Zoom sessions for University Students on the theme of discernment during the month of May. For more information please see the poster in the Narthex.

Roof & Boiler Repairs: This repair work has now 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.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection this week for the Diocesan Appeal for Ukraine.

No Mass: There will be no 9:30am morning Mass on Friday 20th May

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. 0808 801 0331.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Michael Carney, Victor Scott, Lawrence Gibbins, Bridget Mulhearn, Mary O'Leary, Mary Willis, Catherine Gleeson, Bridget Ryan, Mary Andrews, Mary Donovan, Samuel Hortin, Aniela Lepkowski, Mary Rose, Elizabeth McGillicuddy, Helena Stockford, Louisa Beard, Nora Connolly, Maudie Kafno, Bridget McGerty, Bernard Geraghty, Oliver Cosgrove, Daniel Murphy, Martin Cosgriff, Jennifer Allister, Molly Henderson, Sarah MacKay, Thomas Keny, Breege Thacker, Eddie Hoare, John & Julia Sheehan, Salvatore Venuto, Roy Stanford, John Kavanagh, Innocenzo Martuccio, Mgr. John Humphreys, Canon Wilfrid Smith, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, Fr. Denis Hickling, Fr. Thomas Canning, Fr. Joseph Griffin, Fr. Ernest Cook, Fr. William Lyons. ***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.

Dear Parishioners Continued: looking cared for. I am not keen on using weed killer as we have many animals living nearby. I expect you have seen a few holes in the turf where the badgers have been busy. The grass will be cut soon. It is done by a volunteer. If anyone would like to offer to help to cut the grass, I would be grateful. There are various signs to show the Health Hub building work will begin soon.

I have decided to begin the Confirmation Course for children who attend non-Catholic Schools in September. The Catholic Primary Schools have their own programmes and dates. Our course will be based at Our Lady's Church, and we may use a bit of Zoom if necessary. I would be grateful for a few helpers. It always looks good on your CV and as with any Ministry in the Church it can sometimes be a stepping stone to new opportunities. People often find their skills and talents and occasionally even their future spouses!

The Requiem Mass for Fr Laurence Crowe is on Thursday 19th at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. There is a coach. It is possible to go by train to Snow Hill and is a short 8-minute walk from there. The Mass will be available on Live Stream. Fr Benedict will be offering a Mass on Monday evening at Our Lady's at 6.30pm for those unable to attend in person or watch on the day because they are working.

There are 10 tickets left for the Kindaid Platinum Bash. It is clearly going to be a popular event. That's next Saturday at Our Lady's Church Hall. Access to the Hall is beyond the Church but before the House on the right of the driveway.

I learnt this that Fr. Tony Rohan has started Chemotherapy to treat his Cancer, please could I ask that you keep him in your Prayers.

Finally, did I mention I will be away next week? Fr Benedict is in charge.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

**** The Sparrows**** - The Sun was shining and we were enjoying a lovely warm bath, in the birdbath, by the Kitchen when Percy and Petunia the 2 resident Pigeon stole our spot beneath the feeders. We were not impressed at all.

Best tweets, The Sparrows.

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.

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

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.

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

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

Prisoners of Conscience: Many Thanks to all who signed cards at Our Lady's and St Joseph's last week for those imprisoned for their beliefs, There was a great response – and 53 cards were signed for the three chosen recipients. We hope that this will help lift the spirits of these people a little. There is an opportunity to sign cards this coming weekend at St Peter's at the 9 am and the 11 am Mass. Also at the 10 a.m. at Our Lady's. First Communion Masses

Catholic Film 'Father Stu' at Showcase Cinema, Coventry: God wanted a fighter and he found one... Mark Wahlberg plays 'Father Stu'. Based on a true story, the film is an honest, funny and uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. Out 13th May, the closest showing is at 10.25am at Showcase Cinema in Coventry <https://www.showcasecinemas.co.uk/film-info/father-stu>

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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.

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.

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>

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for May is: 'We pray that we may remember and support all those imprisoned for their beliefs or for speaking out against injustice.'

SPAN Lenten Alms plus more: Thank you, Catholic Leamington for allowing SPAN to provide £ 2,500 worth of food vouchers to families mainly via our primary schools, £ 1,000 to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry and £ 1,000 to Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya via Kindaid. 25% more will follow when we claim the Gift Aid on donations. We also sent £ 500 to CAFOD's Ukraine appeal over this period and thanks to your generosity agreed at our open meeting last Monday to send £ 400 to the UNICEF Yemen appeal, £ 350 to Deki providing micro loans in Togo, as well as responding to social worker requests for a family being relocated following domestic abuse and enabling Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre to help two Nigerian ladies trying to get citizenship to prevent them being deported without their children. The minutes and how to support SPAN can be found at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span or contact paulhayden444@gmail.com

Diocesan response to Synod Reports across the diocese: Our Parish Report and the Diocesan Synthesis can be read online from www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com with any queries.

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.

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: Many thanks to all who signed cards for the prisoners of conscience at all our Churches in the last weeks. Over 100 cards were signed and generous donations made, so that some remaining funds can be sent to ACAT (Action by Christians against torture) We chose 3 people only and further prisoners in other countries are detailed on their website . www.acatuk.org.uk

Fr Laurence Crowe's Funeral: A coach has been booked for those wishing to attend Fr Crowe's Funeral at St Chad's Cathedral on Thursday 19th May. For details and to book a seat, please contact Gill Ayers-Hunt (tel: 07780 912240) or Jo Mander (tel: 07980 315575) ASAP. A voluntary contribution of £10 per adult towards the cost of the coach would be appreciated.

April EXTRA: Your May EXTRA is now available on the Catholic Leamington website here: www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter In this edition - Cafod - Live Simply - Reflection on leaving the Parish - Synod - Easter Receptions into the Church.

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