

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Sunday 19th June 2022

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St Joseph's

Sunday 19th June

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9:00: Chris & Mary Scullane RIP Anniversary;
For all the Fathers of the Parish

5:30: Teresa McAndrew RIP

Monday 20th

9:30: Kathleen Donovan RIP

Tuesday 21st

9:30: John Walker RIP

Thursday 23rd

7:00: John Kerrigan RIP

Friday 24th

9:30: Paddy O'Connor RIP

Saturday 25th

9:30: June Arran RIP

Sunday 26th

13th Sunday on Ordinary Time

9:00: Sheila & Bill McCabrey RIP;
John Skinner RIP

5:30: Norman & Kathleen Hornsby RIP

Saints of the week

Monday 20th June

Opt. Memorial of St. Alban, Martyr

Tuesday 21st June

Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Religious

Wednesday 22nd June

Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

Thursday 23rd June

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday 24th June

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday 24th June

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Charlie Dobbin, Michael O'Donoghue, Anne Jones,
Richard "Dick" Cotter, Marie Allen, Christopher &
Margaret Marum. **May they rest in peace.**

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 18th June

SP: 9:00: Holy Hour and Confessions

SP: 10:00: David Manning RIP

SP: 5:00: Ahmed Musa;
Alison Cook RIP

Sunday 19th

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

SP 9:00: Mary & Tom Beirne RIP

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: Noreen Walsh RIP

SP: 11:00: David & Margaret Copson;
Marie & Jan Hawkes

SP: 12:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Monday 20th

SP: 9:30: Kenneth Wolstenholme

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 21st

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: Martin Ryan

Wednesday 22nd

OL: 12:00: Peter Dale In Memoriam

Thursday 23rd

SP: 11:00: John Stevenson

Friday 24th

SP: 11:00: Mike & Mary Pettipher In Memoriam

Saturday 25th

SP: 10:00: Doris Hall In Memoriam

SP: 5:00: People of the Parish

Sunday 26th

13th Sunday on Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: Gerry Quinn In Memoriam

SP: 9:50—Coffee Morning after Mass

OL: 10:00: Stephanie Norton In Memoriam

SP: 11:00: Irene Dias;

Christopher & Margaret Marum RIP

SP: 12:00—Coffee Morning after 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: Tuesdays: 10 - 10:45am

Our prayers for the Sick: Norma Byrne, Bernard Kirwan, Wilfrid Feely, Fr. Tony Rohan, Vincent Coleman, 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, 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,

For Catholics, the Body and Blood of Christ is at the very heart of our faith. It is the sacrifice of Christ for us, it is the celebration of Mass and Holy Communion, it is the Living Body of Christ which is made present by the ordination of the priest and which we receive in sacramental form. It is everything for us. It is the mystery of our faith which we hold dear. It is our special connection to Jesus and the special relationship we have with the Lord. When we receive Holy Communion, we are in communion with the God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Angels and all the saints and the souls of those in heaven – otherwise known as the heavenly host. What a privilege it is to be able to receive Jesus at Holy Communion, that he has chosen to come to us who are so unworthy to receive Him. Even when we cannot receive the sacred host (and there are many reasons) we are through our prayers in communion with Jesus when we are at Mass.

How do we prepare to receive Jesus? Here is a prayer from the Children's Prayer Book:

O my God. Help me to make a good Holy Communion. Mary mother of Jesus, intercede with your son for me. All the Holy Angels and Saints pray for me. My dear Guardian Angel, lead me to the altar of God.

How do we offer thanksgiving after we have received Holy Communion? Here is a prayer we could say: Jesus, I love you and adore you. You are a special friend to me. Welcome dear Jesus to my life. Thank you for coming to me. Thank you for giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be. I am ready now, dear Jesus to show how much I care, I am ready now to give your love at home and everywhere. Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay, close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in your loving care and bring us to heaven to live with you there. Jesus, you are with me now in all I do and say. Jesus, walk beside me, and be my friend today. Act of Faith: O Jesus, I believe that you have come to me in Holy Communion because you have said it and your word is true.

There are many lovely prayers we can say and perhaps we have got out of the habit of praying before we receive Holy Communion and especially afterwards in Thanksgiving. Do you remember how we would always kneel down at the end of Mass to offer thanks for the mass? as well as before mass we would always come into church and kneel down for a few

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Last week's Plate Collections

1st: SP (3 Masses): **£522-53** & OL (1 Mass): **£273-19**

2nd: SP: Boiler Repairs: **£279-11** & OL: Church Maint.: **£33-01**

The 2nd Collections this weekend are:

SP: Boiler Repairs & OL: Church Maintenance

St Joseph's

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022: Dates are available from 17th July, 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:

The Arran Family

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.

Roof & Boiler Repairs: Once this work is completed the other repairs required inside the Sacristy/Piety Shop area will be addressed. All of this work will be covered by insurance.

Please use Front Entrance: of the Church due to ongoing building work in the rear entrance.

Second Collection: This week the second collection is for **Day for Life**. Next week is for **Peter's Pence**.

"Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" Psalm 71:9

'Day for Life' is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. Funds raised from this second collection support various Day for Life initiatives, which focus on upholding the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Please do support this work in any way you feel able.

Leamington Spa Comhaltas: invite you to an extra special Irish Traditional Music Session on 1st July at 7pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Come along and listen to the children play, join in with some Ceili dancing and enjoy some food and stay on for our regular monthly music session.

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.

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Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Beirne, Olive Webb, Domenico Passalacqua, Tom McGuire, Agostino Parasma, Peter Darby, Alison Cook, Richard Griffin, Maureen Miller, Mary Beirne, George Sullivan, Alice Scannell, Denis Meade, Ellen Jones, Tina Reynolds, Serafina Rizzo, Claire Nugent, John Forman, James Mulhearn, Patricia Reardon, Orazio Samperi, Margaret Lown, Patrick Brannigan, Maria John, Mgr. Peter Stonier, Mgr. Hugh Montgomery, Fr. Laurence Jones, Fr. Hubert Mooney, Fr. Michael Doona, Fr. George Smith, Fr. Eric Morgan, Fr. Arthur Proudman, Fr. Geoffrey Tucker, Fr. Thomas Browne, Fr. John Boyer, Fr. James Walsh, Deacon Ralph Watkins. *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.*

Parish Social Events at St. Peter's this year

We are running several Social Fundraising Events this year. Dates for your diary this year:

Saturday 17th September: Fashion Show—Price £10.00 p/person. The return of the very successful Fashion show we previously held in 2019. This is a joint fundraiser with a percentage of the funds going to Helping Hands.

Friday 21st October: Tapas Evening—Price: £10.00 p/person. The return of the very well attended Tapas evening. To include a Tapas meal, Bar and DJ.

Saturday 3rd December: To be Announced.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of the events above or would like to join the newly reformed Social Committee please email the Parish Office on stpeterapostle.leafington@rcaob.org.uk with the title Social Committee.

Dear Parishioners Continued:...moments even if we were a few minutes late and mass had started. Yes reverence and respect for the Blessed Sacrament is the key to our Catholic Faith.

Congratulations to the children of all our schools who have, or are about to make their First Holy Communion. Asking the priest to offer a mass for the souls of our loved ones and friends, and for all sorts of intentions e.g. anniversaries, birthdays, get well, thanksgiving etc is the best gift we can ever offer to anyone. As Catholics, whatever the occasion we like our mass.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

****The Sparrows**** - We have been sticking to the old adage of: "Make hay while the sun shines". Well as we have to build our nests, we have taken this quite literally as "TAKE hay while the sun shines" as we noticed Max and Coney have some spare in their run. Best tweets, The Sparrows.

Road Closures: Dormer Place will be closed on Sunday 26th June 2022 and so there will be no vehicular access to the Church on that day, I (Fr. John) spoke with the organiser to raise my concerns regarding the road closure and I have included his response below:

- At 8.40am, the race will have started and Dormer place will be clear of runners, so at this point your parishioners will be able to pass the road closure at the Augusta Place/Dormer Place Junction. At this point we also switch the finishing funnel to direct runners from the finish line (which will be beyond Bedford St away from the church), onto the Pump Room gardens at the small gateway section. This means that exit from the 9am service, and then access/exit for the 11am service, can be maintained. I will speak with the traffic management company to ensure you will be able to have access from the Augusta Place junction. With regards to the pavement, we will have crowd barriers to separate the public on the pavement from the runners in the road, so anyone coming to church on foot should be absolutely fine.
- The advertised road closure on the top end of Willes Road, and lower Clarendon Street, should be cleared by about 9am/9.10am – we allow for 10 mins per kilometre when working out road closure timings, and then add an extra half an hour as a buffer. The Leicester St/Clarendon Ave crossing is at the 2km point, and so I would expect the final runner to pass through at around 8.50am – we will then get the road reopened as fast as possible after this. To get across to Valley Road, I would suggest either waiting at the Leicester St/Clarendon Ave crossing until its been cleared, or following Regent St to Holly Walk, crossing to Upper Holly Walk, and then accessing Leicester St from Champion Terrace. Both of these routes would bring you over the top of the hill to Gresham Ave in good time. Last year we had to have a staggered and lengthened start process to ensure social distancing, which meant that the race was an hour longer all across the route – thankfully this time round we do not have to do this.

Pastimes: is up and running every Tuesday from 11-30 until 3 pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall. We are a friendly, welcoming and inclusive group and would love you to join us!, There are various activities such as Scrabble, jigsaws, crafts, book club, sewing and of course opportunities for fundraising! There is always a listening ear and the opportunity for a chat. The Nations favourite cup of tea, and cake, is provided!! You can do as much or as little as you like.....no pressure!

Private Masses: Mass has recently been offered in private for: Vankssoc Gough, Kathleen Jackson, Kusiakose Special Intention, Doreen Webb, Frank Garvey, Florence Keenan, People of the Parish.

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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

Parish Roast Dinner: The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 26th June after the 11am Mass. The cost is £15.00 p/person. Please place your name on the Sign-up sheet at the back of St. Peter's and Our Lady's Churches.

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

Janice and Brian Austin: who are moving to Bristol, want to thank everyone who contributed to their leaving present, which Fr John has sent us with a very nice message. The present is one to 'Restore the Rainforest', a CAFOD World Gift, which is just wonderful. It is to help communities obtain the legal right to make the land in the Amazon their permanent home, protecting it from deforestation and cultivating harmony with nature. Thank you so much and wishing you all every blessing.

Can you support your priests with an occasional Mass intention?: If you would like to have Mass celebrated for an intention, please fill out one of the large yellow envelopes found at the back of Church, enclose your offering (£10 is sufficient), and place it in the collection or post it through the Presbytery letterbox.

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Our Lady's School Fayre: at Our Lady and St. Teresa's School, Windmill Hill, Cubbington, CV32 7LN on Saturday 26th June at 11am. All are welcome.

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.

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 June is: "We pray that the Ukrainian refugees who are being offered hospitality by families in Britain may feel safe and welcome here."

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.

Friday Luncheon Club: The next Friday lunch date will be Friday 24th June at 1-0 pm, at Cote Bistro, Livery Court, Leamington. Please add your name to the list which will be on the notice board in the Church porch. New members welcome. For any queries contact Carmel on 07941 840433.

Refugee Week - is 20th – 27th June: As we ponder our Governments actions towards refugees and wonder how we can best help, we can keep refugees in our prayers and keep informed. The UK branch of UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency) have a series of events which can be accessed next week on this link <https://www.unrefugees.org.uk/refugee-week-2022/>. The emphasis is on celebrating the contribution made by refugees to their communities – including one input from Hastings Community about the positive impact refugees have made there.

June EXTRA: Your June EXTRA is now available on the Catholic Leamington website here: www.catholicleamington.org.uk/ newsletter In this edition - Lenten Alms feedback - A Thank you - Trip to Black Country Living Museum and much more..

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