

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

## Sunday 5 July 2020

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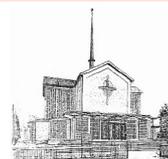
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**S**houldering Christ's easy yoke, and learning from him, is what he tells us to do. And we can do this in all sorts of ways. First of all by experiencing his gentleness and humility so that we can love him and realise his for us. He does not want life to be a burden. He may suggest we let go in some ways, changing our priorities; maybe like Jesus who, when he was burdened with the heavy cross, did not insist on carrying it alone but was glad to have someone to help him: Simon of Cyrene. Sometimes it may just mean talking to someone. "Trouble shared is trouble halved" is a proverb attributed to Dorothy Sayers. Going to confession relieves the burden of sins and guilt, and offers the opportunity to talk confidentially to a priest, who can offer words of encouragement.

**S**adly there can be periods in life when little can be done to reprioritise, still less to put down or even share our burdens and responsibilities. Perhaps in saying "shoulder my yoke" Jesus is offering to help us with our burdens. Far from the Lord imposing burdens on us, he asks us to come to him. "The Lord is kind and full of compassion," as the psalmist says. "Come to me," Jesus says, "I am gentle and humble of heart." "Come to me," rather than seeking solace or relief in the ways of this world, for, as St Paul says in today's second reading, "your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual". Jesus answers our prayers when we ask his help, and he gives us the strength to carry on with a peace that comes from the Spirit of Christ living in us.

*The Living Word*

**First reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10; **Responsorial Psalm** "I will bless your name for ever, O God my King." **Second reading:** Romans 8:9, 11-13; **Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

**D**ear Parishioners, today we celebrate the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Where have the other thirteen gone you may ask?! Another question we may ask is what is ordinary these days? I was speaking to a priest recently who was reflecting that the lockdown had given him the time to "take stock, think and pray". The realisation he came to, was that things are never really going to be the same as they were when lockdown began in March. However, things are beginning to happen albeit slowly. Shops, restaurants and the like are re-opening and the life of the Church is slowly changing as well. We have live-streaming, opportunities for private prayer in our Churches, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is being celebrated once again. Hopefully very soon public Mass with limited numbers can start (please be patient with your priests as we prepare for this). What we are embarking on is a new ordinary time. Both secular and ecclesial life have changed somewhat. But at the centre of this must always be Prayer, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. These three things are in some ways are the most ordinary things for us Catholics... but are they not the most beautiful and powerful?

Every blessing, Fr Andy

### St Peter's live-stream

**Sunday 5 July**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
**8.00:** Intentions of Fr John Cross  
**11.00:** John Hannan  
**Monday 6 July** St Maria Goretti,  
Psalter Week 2  
**11.00:** Gemma Coleman  
**Tuesday 7 July** Feria  
**11.00:** Intentions of Rodrigo & Margarita Rios  
**Wednesday 8 July** Feria  
**11.00:** Private Intention  
**Thursday 9 July** Feria  
**11.00:** NHS workers  
**Friday 10 July** Feria  
**11.00:** Ann Sayce  
**Saturday 11 July** St Benedict  
**11.00:** The People of the Parish  
**Sunday 12 July**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
**8.00:** Mary & Tom Beirne  
**11.00:** Annie Breslin

### St Joseph's live-stream

**Sunday 5 July**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
**9.00:** In Thanksgiving (AJ);  
Mr & Mrs O'Connor  
**Monday 6 July** St Maria Goretti,  
Psalter Week 2  
**7.00:** Bill & Sheila McCabrey  
**Tuesday 7 July** Feria  
**9.30:** Rupert Atkinson RIP;  
J. Kavanagh  
**Thursday 9 July** Feria  
**7.00:** Brenda Gearty RIP  
**Friday 10 July** Feria  
**9.30:** Pam Symes RIP  
**Saturday 11 July** St Benedict  
**9.30:** In Thanksgiving (GM)  
**Sunday 12 July**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
**9.00:** In remembrance of Margaret  
Hutchinson;  
Joe & Rose McGreevy

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This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for the intentions of the Godfrey and Rodriguez families

**C**onfessions: From Saturday 4 July the Sacrament of Reconciliation will recommence from 10.00-10.30 am. Please come to the Narthex where a social distancing open confessional will be available.

**C**hurch Opening: During the period of Church opening on Sundays (12.00-2.00 pm) the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. However, there will not be Benediction at the end. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed after the Church has been closed. Please do try and come along to pray for the needs of our world today. The Church is also open on Fridays (10.30-11.30 am).

**S**unday Hymn: Today the hymn is *How Great Thou Art*. Next weekend the hymn will be *Jerusalem*.

**R**equests for the **Seven-Day Candle** intentions (£5.00) are available from 2 August onwards. Please put requests through the Presbytery door.

**E**-mail Addresses: Please take note of the new addresses. Mine is [fr.andrew.franklin@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.andrew.franklin@rcaob.org.uk) and can only be accessed by me for all matters that may be deemed private and confidential. The new general parish address is [stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk) and will, in time, become the new office email address. Please do begin to use these addresses. The old ones – [st.josephs47@outlook.com](mailto:st.josephs47@outlook.com) and [secretary.st.josephs@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.st.josephs@gmail.com) will remain in use but will gradually be phased out.

**S**VP Whitnash is willing to help anybody who may feel isolated. Contact [davidburton636@gmail.com](mailto:davidburton636@gmail.com) The SVP is taking food donations to the local foodbank. Take these either to 4 Peto Grove, Heathcote, CV34 6GT (Jackie Rabone on 01926 832983) or donations can be left on the Presbytery doorstep for Jackie to collect. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause.

**E**-news: Sign up for the Newsletter via the parish website ([stjosephs47.org.uk](http://stjosephs47.org.uk)) or [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/)

#### The recently deceased of our churches:

Angela Davies, Leslie Thacker, Michael Rigby, Richard Murphy, Mary 'May' Crawford, Gertrude Lane, Leslie Harfield, Rupert Atkinson, Patrick Thompson.  
*May they rest in peace.*

### St Peter's & Our Lady's

**V**isitors are welcome for private prayer at St Peter's on Sundays 4.00-5.00 pm, Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 am and Thursdays 12.00-1.00 pm. *There is no need to pre-book, just turn up (not all at the same start time!)* between the above days/hours. Only a portion of the church is accessible to enable it to open safely. A maximum of three people are allowed in church so you may have to wait a turn. Stewards will take your details for the NHS track & trace service.

**P**reparing to re-open the Churches for Mass = a lot of work yet to complete. More volunteers are needed to steward and clean. Please call **07927 929204** if you can offer your services to the Churches in this way. *Please leave a voicemail if necessary.* Please look at the website ([catholicleamington.org.uk](http://catholicleamington.org.uk)) for updates.

**C**onfessions at St Peter's will re-start from next Saturday 11 July at the usual times of 9.15-9.45 am and 4.15-4.45 pm. Penitents will wait outside while the priest sits alone in church; social distancing will be observed.

**S**igned Mass cards/Mass Intentions can be exchanged at the above visiting times for private prayer. If you need a signed card, please give advance notice on **07927 929204** to organise this. *Please leave a voicemail if necessary.* Mass Intentions can still be put through the Presbytery letterbox, or send a request through the website 'contact us' form.

**I**f you would like your child to be baptised please download the form from the website ([catholicleamington.org.uk/sacraments/baptism](http://catholicleamington.org.uk/sacraments/baptism)) and return it by post or email. We are still processing forms. We will be looking at dates in the near future.

**I**f you would like to receive the newsletter in your inbox each week, please use the 'Contact us' form on the website ([catholicleamington.org.uk](http://catholicleamington.org.uk) and scroll down the Home Page).

**T**ales of the unexpected: What is the new 'normal'? I now have a proper breakfast instead of a cup of strong black coffee. And a proper dinner instead of eating on the hoof. Since I've been diagnosed with Dogabeetes the boss has been extra nice to me. Long may it last. Best woofs, Bertie ;-) xx

**C**laudia Pallister is currently running the **Warwick Deanery Mother's Prayer Group** online via Zoom. It is on Thursdays at a family-friendly time of 8.30 pm (when the kids are hopefully tucked up in bed). All are welcome to join. We already have members from St Joseph's, St Mary Immaculate and St Peter's. After welcoming everyone, we follow a beautiful prayer booklet. We sing a little, read scriptures and pray for all the children. We are a small group so you won't feel intimidated. Maybe home-schooling has left you feeling a little washed out and frazzled! Join us for some moral support, friendship and a spiritual lift. For more details please contact [claudiaverag@gmail.com](mailto:claudiaverag@gmail.com)

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We are in the process of setting up a 'Catholic Leamington Young Adults Group' for those aged 18-30. Anyone in the local area is welcome to join. It'll be inspired by Youth 2000 style prayer and worship. Together we can grow and deepen in spiritual faith formation, fellowship, friendship and have fun! We now have a Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/949489832168594>. This is where all of the latest information will be posted. We'll be having our first meet up with the theme 'Worship' at 7.00 pm on Saturday 4 July (the Feast Day of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron for young Catholic adults and patron for World Youth Day). If you're interested and/or would like to get involved, join the Facebook group or if you're not on Facebook, text/WhatsApp me on 07484 127253 for the meeting details. *Rosemary Pauling*

**Evangelisation Team:** The next virtual meeting via Zoom is on **Monday 6 July** at 7.30 pm. Newcomers are always welcome to help us to plan how to share the Good News, especially in these challenging times. Contact Peter 428399; [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

**NEW PRAYER GROUP** dedicated to Our Lady is starting virtually using Zoom on **Tuesday 7 July** at 7.30 pm and weekly. Anyone is welcome to participate. Contact Margaret or Peter if you wish to find out more or join the group: [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

**Also WhatsApp:** Are any readers interested in linking up this way? This app allows text, picture and short video messaging and also offers free phone and video calls to other WhatsApp users. Let Peter know if you wish to join in: [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

### Anniversaries of the faithful departed:

Margaret Moore, Elizabeth Sexton, Patrick Harrington, William O'Reilly, Bernadette Seales, Bernadette O'Reilly, Ann-Marie Connolly, Hannah Connole, Andrew Daly, Tara Fitzpatrick, Ellen Basham, Marie Houlihan, Dennis Dineen, Sean Hayden, Patrick Nestor, Patrick Kenny, Peggy Egginton, Sheila Healy, Robert Bellerby, James Connolly, Fr Leo Joppe, Fr William Rooney, Fr Leo Armishaw, Mgr Louis McRaye, Fr Joseph Pires, Fr Michael Gaffney, Deacon Anthony Bateman, Fr Bernard Maddox, Fr Anthony Maguire, Canon Francis J. Grady, Fr Seamus Hetheton, Fr Gordon Hunter, Fr John Molyneux, Fr Plunkett Shannon.

**May they rest in peace.**

**Our prayers** for those ill at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of Catholic Leamington.

Giovanni Allurlino, Janice Austin, Edward Behan, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Katie Hobson, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, David Kendall, Mist Johnson, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Anna Tye, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston and Peter Wright. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**

### JUSTICE & PEACE ROSARY INTENTION



We pray that in our church and community we play our part in recognizing and challenging racial discrimination

### Justice & Peace, Catholic Leamington

#### Laudato Si'

*Care of our Common Home:* We still have copies of the Pope's encyclical letter available for purchase (£4.95) and a booklet 'Catholics & Our Common Home' (£2.50). Please email [catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com) with your name and address and it will be sent to you (postage free) with details of how to pay.

#### CAFOD coronavirus petition

To see the full text and to sign the petition visit the Catholic Leamington CAFOD page at [catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod](http://catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod) or [cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign](http://cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign)

**Newsletter EXTRA** is published this weekend. Download your copy from the Catholic Leamington website : [Catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter](http://Catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter)

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 4.00 pm on a Wednesday to [newsletterstpeter@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstpeter@gmail.com). Thank you. St Peter's, St Joseph's & Our Lady's Churches are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

All parishioners from Catholic Leamington's churches are invited to submit their news item by Wednesday 4.00 pm to [newsletterstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstpeters@gmail.com)