

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Sunday 6 September 2020

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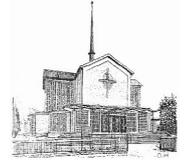
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Giving Out of Love

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another. Romans 13:8

After Mass, the congregation was milling about in the convent courtyard. An acquaintance caught my eye from across the way. We smiled and nodded, and then before I knew it, she had rushed toward me, and there she was, sharing some surprising, sad news about her family. It was difficult and challenging, and of course, I said what one does, sincerely: "Whatever I can do ... I'll be praying for you."

Not an isolated incident, of course, as I'm sure is the case with you too. The previous day, another acquaintance had shared a similar story about her own adult child, and as I glanced around at those who'd gathered that morning, I knew that every smile and every hug was offered by a person bearing some sort of pain. We may not know what we mean when we assure another, "Whatever I can do," but rooting whatever we give in love is the only place we can start.

Loving Father, help me to respond to each person I meet today with love.

Amy Welborn © Living Faith

**PICNIC HAMPERS AT THE READY...
TODAY Sunday 6th September, 12 noon**



With more favourable weather we can have our socially distanced parish get-together in the open air of the Pump Room Gardens. Bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring yourselves!

A Farewell from David and June

"In the current circumstances it is not appropriate for June and I to attend Our Lady's for a farewell event. We send our regards to you all and ask for your prayers for us as I take up additional responsibilities at Warwick University. If anyone wishes to show their appreciation a donation to Kindaid would be most welcome."



The September issue of our EXTRA newsletter is out this weekend. It is a special Season of Creation edition. Download your copy from the Catholic Leamington website. EXTRA is primarily for information that we do not have room for in the weekly newsletter. But we can only publish what you send in; please send notices for the next edition by the end of September to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com.



St Peter's & Our Lady's

Sunday 6 September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

SP 11.00: Deceased members of the choir; Marcella Hazel RIP

Tuesday 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SP 7.00: Vincent Holleron RIP Anniversary; Ursula James RIP Birthday

Wednesday 9 St Osburg

OL 11.00: Michael Hartnett RIP; Bill & Emily Ginneran

Thursday 10 Feria

SP 11.00: For the health of Colman Kerans; Sheila Sprawson RIP Anniversary

Friday 11 Feria

SP 11.00: Mary Holland RIP 1st Anniversary

Saturday 12 Feria

OL 12.30 Mass: Mary & Leo Hennigan; Margeurite Ayres RIP

Sunday 13 September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

SP 11.00: Private Intention; Bernard Forde RIP Anniversary

St Joseph's

Sunday 6 September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00: Malachy Blair

Monday 7 Feria – Psalter Week 3

9.30: Christine Craig;

Eric Craig RIP Birthday Anniversary

Tuesday 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30: Bill Cotter RIP;

Kenneth Briddon

Thursday 10 Feria

7.00: Anna Jelonek's Intentions;

In Thanksgiving (GM)

Friday 11 Feria

9.30: John Henderson

Saturday 12 Feria

9.30: Deceased members of the McSharry & McGarrell Families

Sunday 13 September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00: Fynn & Portia Birthday

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. 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 Joseph's

Welcome to the children who have returned back to school and we ask the Lord to bless & keep them safe during the coming school year.

Church Cleaners / Stewards: We still need more volunteers over 18 and under 70 to offer to help so that we can continue to open our Church and offer Public Mass every day. If you can help, please contact the Office by phone



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle burns for

**Eric & Christine
Craig**

(Wednesdays) or by email. We are very grateful for all of the help already received as without this help we would be unable to open for Public Mass each day.

Gift Aid Envelopes for this current year which have not yet been collected are available from Fr Noel or the Sacristy.

Standing Orders/PayPal: Thank you to all the parishioners who have set up standing orders or PayPal payments these have been a great help to the parish during the recent times. **If you have set up a payment since the start of**

lockdown please ensure you have given the details to the Parish Office by email or phone (Wednesdays) as we still have several unidentified payments into our bank account. Many thanks.

If you are now paying your Gift Aid donations by Standing Order instead of yellow envelopes, please return your box of envelopes to the Parish Office or put through the Presbytery letterbox.

Fr Andy's Leaving Collection: If you would like to contribute to the leaving collection for Fr Andy, then please put your contribution in an envelope clearly marked **Fr Andy's Collection** and either put through the Presbytery letterbox or in the collection basket at the back of Church after each Mass.

Baptisms: If you previously had a date booked for a Baptism at St Joseph's which was then cancelled due to Coronavirus, these can now be rebooked under strict new guidelines. Please contact either Fr Noel or the Parish Office on Wednesdays.

Dear Parishioners, there is a lot to talk about this week!

As August flowed into September, the **return of our children to school** has brought a sense of structure to our days (and far more traffic to the roads!) Hearing on an August news broadcast that it is four months until Christmas has made me realise how quickly our precious time is passing.

On Sunday 20th September at 3.00 pm there will be a Livestream Mass from **St Chad's Cathedral as Benedict Skipper, our new priest, is ordained.** Benedict means 'Blessed'. Blessed is he who comes to us in the name of the Lord. Ordained with him will be our good friend Sean Gough. Please pray for them.

In the **Season of Creation**, and at this special time of the Harvest, we have an opportunity to take stock of the efforts of our farmers and gardeners who now reap the reward of their efforts. This is an oft-repeated theme of the Gospel which reminds us that God is the creator of the world and the Master of the harvest. Each one of us nurtures the seed of faith, while the many situations and opportunities in our lives allow us to express it by the choices we make for ourselves, our families, our faith community and the people we meet. God uses us for the purpose he has created us for and perhaps sometimes we forget that our life belongs to God.

The Season of Creation is also highlighted in our Mass prayers this month. You can find more information on the J&P section of the Catholic Leamington website <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/> as well as that of the Warwick Deanery <https://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>. The latest edition of **News Extra** – published this weekend – is devoted to the Season of Creation. This extra publication is a great way to catch up on the meetings of J&P, SPAN and many other groups too.

St Peter's and Our Lady's will celebrate the Day of Prayer in **Thanksgiving for the Harvest** at our Masses on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September. You are invited to bring an offering for the Food Bank and your gifts will be placed on the altar. The SVP have been invited to talk about their work in the community on this day.

As the month of September begins there are many subjects on our minds. Many of us may be facing uncertainty about our future which is an even better reason to place ourselves in God's hands. When one door closes another door opens and whatever our situation there is always an opportunity to volunteer our time, skills, and faith with those around us. Not so long ago I asked if anyone would be willing to serve as a Governor in our schools. We have five schools in Leamington and each, from time to time, requires a Catholic Foundation Governor to help to manage the school. If you are a practising Catholic, can manage the family accounts, take an interest in good learning, and believe in pastoral care then your schools need you. Contact Fr John for more information or look at the Birmingham Diocese Education Service website <https://www.bdes.org.uk/>.

Today (Sunday) I will be interviewed on BBC Coventry & Warwickshire Radio to promote the Heritage Open Days at St Peter's and Our Lady's. At St Peter's this takes place next Saturday 12th September from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Both open days have been planned with all risks assessed and our strategy approved by a health & safety professional. This is in line with the Government's latest advice and that of the Bishops Conference. Visitors are required to wear masks and follow the instructions of the stewards.

The Mayor of Leamington, Councillor Susan Rasmussen will open the day for us. There follows a wide range of events and it would be great to see you and your friends there. Tell them the church is open and you would like to show them this fantastic building. The first speaker will be Andrew Fox who knows everything there is to know about the history of our church and, later, Rose Pauling will talk about the Rosary and the power of prayer. In the morning and at the end of the day we have some sacred music being sung by top singers Anne-Claire Bennion (St Peter's Director of Music) and Laura Simmons a former member of the choir. At midday Christine O'Grady will perform an organ recital. Children can keep amused following a discovery trail too. The Piety Shop will be open for the first time since February and we shall be selling Christmas stock as well as crucifixes, rosary beads, books, statues, cards and candles.

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On Sunday 20th September, The Church of Our Lady will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. This is the second time we have taken part in a Heritage Open Day and, as I know from experience, the beauty of the church speaks for itself. The fact that it is relatively little known and rarely open outside Mass times attracts visitors to Our Lady's just as much as its unique design and the quality of the *dalle de verre* windows. Music director Martin Barry is ensuring visitors will hear the beauty of Our Lady's and not just see it. These Heritage Days are important for our church community. We see how the people of Leamington understand and view us: we are not buildings to drive or walk past but living stones. We are the living stones of Christ's body called to go out into the world proclaim the Good News. If you can spare half an hour, I would love to see you there. Every Blessing, Fr John.

To mark the Season of Creation

J&P is highlighting a different prayer for each of the nine Sundays up to the Feast of St Francis. Today's prayer: **Fire** Creator God, your flames blaze, yet leave us whole. But our fires destroy at reckless speed; great forests fall beneath our feet. Forgive us for our part in this. St Francis, you loved wild places, the trees and all their birds within. May we protect each blade of grass, be mindful of each breath of air. St Francis, pray for us.

Go to: cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis#anchor for video and printable resources.

Sharing the Good News: our next Evangelisation Team Zoom meeting is on Monday 7 September at 7.30 pm. Newcomers are always welcome to help us in planning how to share the Good News in these challenging times. Contact: Peter 01926 428399 so an invitation can be sent out to you.



The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for September is: *'We pray, in this Season of Creation and the year of a pandemic, that we do not forget our responsibility for the care of the world, our common home, in the face of the climate emergency.'*

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Our Lady's has a **track-and-trace** sheet pre-typed for Mass regulars. This makes 'checking in' (so to speak) very smooth. I plan to copy this at St Peter's ... However it does require your individual consent as it means your data will be held on file for longer than the 21 days stipulated by the Archdiocese. If you find yourself on this list and **don't** want your name to be there please talk to a steward ... I just have to type the list up first ...

Please note: there will be no confessions at St Peter's on Saturday 12 September because of the Heritage Open Day.

Stewards and cleaners will be needed at every public event in the church for many months and even years to come. This means that we need help not just at Masses but also Baptisms and Weddings. I appeal to those who are able, to offer some of your free time. It is a worthwhile activity and we are all grateful for your help and support. Full training will be given. Contact Martin Foley on martinfoley73@gmail.com if you can help at St Peter's. At Our Lady's Church, volunteers are asked to sign up to the Masses they can help at and other events as they arise.

We warmly invite you to have a seven-day candle lit for your intentions at both our churches. Envelopes will be left at the back of the church. Place them in the weekly donations basket/bucket as you leave church or post envelopes through the presbytery door if you're in town. Alternatively, call the office and book your chosen date. The suggested donation is £10.00 but we will gratefully accept any offering.

Gift Aid envelopes for this financial year can be collected from the office, but please give advance notice.

Tales of the unexpected: The law of gravity tells me that scraps from the master's table will always fall downwards. As long as I get to them before my master's foot I have a fighting chance to supplement my diet. It has worked well for the past 10 years and I am hoping it will work at our parish picnic in the Pump Rooms on Sunday from 12 noon. In hope, Bertie ;-) xx

Seven-day candles:

The Altar candles burn for the **People of the Parish**, and **In memory** of those who have died from COVID-19.

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Manning's Thanksgiving**.

The St Joseph's Chapel candle burns for the recently departed **Jose Luis Da Silva** and **Hans-Peter Boos**.



Confessions: Social distancing is observed at all Churches. The priest hears confessions in church.

St Joseph's: Saturdays from 10.00-10.30 am. *Please wait in the Narthex until you are called in.* **Our Lady's:** Before Mass, at call. **St Peter's:** Saturdays from 4.00-5.00 pm. *Please wait outside the West Doors until you are called in.* **No confessions next Saturday 12 September because of the Open Heritage Day.**

The recently deceased of our churches: Hans-Peter Boos, Deacon Peter Kilgallon, Patrick McDermott, Marguerite Ayres, Davy Sauvage, Hannah Falvey, Teresa Lynch, John Henderson, Rose Thurlow.

May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Santo Fragola, Anna-Marie Kelly, Barry Dorgan, John O'Callaghan, Dave Scannell, Dina Esslinger, John Wilson, Patrick Kennedy, John Kehily, Philomena Sullivan, Michael Lilley, Francis Connolly, Patrick Bernard Forde, Dean Connolly, Marcel Louis, Vincent Holleron, Freda Norton, Barbara Hall, Cissie Hanrahan, Fr Tony Taylor, Fr Arthur McCrystal, Mgr. Tom Fallon, Fr David Hutt, Fr Dominic Round, Fr Guy Colman. **May they rest in peace.**

Our prayers for Giovanni Allurlino, Fr David Bazen, Solange Beccles, Edward Behan, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the parish. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**