

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 28th Sunday of the Year (A)

11th October 2020: CAFOD Harvest Weekend

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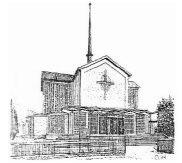
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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Sunday 11th October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

11.00: Bernard and Mena Malone

Monday 12th

SP: 8:00 am: Kenneth Smith ***New Mass time***

SP: 9:30 am: Livestream Mass for the Schools

Tuesday 13th

SP 7.00: Margaret Dunne

Wednesday 14th

OL 11.00: *Requiem: Maureen McCann*

Thursday 15th

SP 11.00: Kenneth John Cross

Friday 16th

SP 11.00: Irene Chidzik

Saturday 17th Vigil

OL 12.30: Madeline, Daniel and Finbarr Looney; Mary Beausang

SP: 5:00: Vito La Barbera

Sunday 18th

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

OL 10:00: Jim Daly

SP 11.00: Doris Hall; Patrick Mullan

St Joseph's

Sunday 11th October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00: Teresa Skinner; Kitty Ballentine RIP

5:30: Deceased members of the McGarvey & Bogue families

Monday 12th

1;45: **Mass in School**

7.00: Fr. Ramunas Gerdauskas

Tuesday 13th

9.30: Gerard Cotter RIP

Thursday 15th

7.00: People of the Parish

Friday 16th

9.30: Timmy O'Rourke RIP

Saturday 17th

9.30: **Confirmation Mass:** For the intentions of the Children making their Confirmations

Sunday 18th

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00: James Clancy RIP & Family; Alice Drumgoole RIP

5:30: Ellen Reynolds

Saints of the week

Monday 12th October:

Memorial of St. Wilfrid, Bishop

Tuesday 13th:

Memorial of St. Edward the Confessor

Wednesday 14th:

Memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr

Thursday 15th:

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Friday 16th:

Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious

Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Saturday 17th:

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

Confessions:

At **St Joseph's** : Saturday 10.00-10.30 am. Please wait in the Narthex before being called into church.

At **Our Lady's**: Before Mass on Saturday morning from 11.45—12.15 ish.

At **St Peter's**: Saturdays from 9:15-9:45 and 4.15-4:45 pm from next week (17th October). *Please wait outside the West Doors until you are called in.*

Mass Intentions: Please be aware the **earliest availability for Sunday 11am Mass** at St. Peter's is **Sunday 13th December** and then **in the New Year**. Please consider the Saturday 5pm, Our Lady's Sunday or weekday Masses as alternatives. Thank you.

The recently deceased of our churches:

Bill Dunphy, Chris Hogan, Solange Beckles, Elaine Murphy, Michael Brady, Maureen McCann, Elizabeth Burt, Flora Maria DeMatteus, Paul Fitzpatrick, Bridget Purcell, Alice Williams
May they rest in peace.

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.

There will be a Second Collection at All Churches today for CAFOD. There will be a Second Collection at All Churches next weekend 17/18 October for World Mission Sunday.

Our prayers for Giovanni Allurlino, Fr David Bazen, Solange Beccles, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, 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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candle burns for **Terry Tam**

The Main Altar Candle burns for **Mary Margaret Pepper RIP**

The Our Lady candle burns in Memory of **Kenneth Cross RIP**

The St. Joseph candle burns for **Geoffrey Lawson RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

After being with you for the last two weeks, I am more or less settled into my appointment as your assistant priest. I am grateful for your kindness and warm welcome. It is a real joy for me to be here to serve you and grow closer to Jesus Christ alongside you.

This week Fr John has been on a well deserved holiday.

Thankfully everything still seems to be in one piece for his return!

On Friday we celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Cardinal Newman. I was blessed enough to be in St Peter's Square, Rome, for his canonisation by Pope Francis in 2019. Newman is a great Saint of our own Archdiocese. His writings are still being studied in Seminaries and Universities to this day, most notably when it comes to the development of doctrine. He founded the Birmingham Oratory, which is where he died in 1890. He is a Saint for our times as he is a wonderful example of a Christian who really did place Jesus Christ as the centre of his life. A man of deep spirituality and holiness. **St John Henry Newman, pray for us!**

I hope you all have a blessed week. Please pray for me, as I pray for each of you.

Every Blessing,

Fr. Benedict

New Mass Times: Please be aware that we are introducing some of the previous Masses which were scaled back due to COVID-19. These Masses are 5pm Saturday Mass at St. Peter's starting on Saturday 17th October and 10am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's starting on Sunday 18th October. Please also note that the Monday 9:30am Live Stream Mass at St Peter's will be moving to 8am and will be open to parishioners from 12th October.

New Confession Times: Please note that confessions will take place at 9:15—9:45 am and 4:15—4:45 pm on Saturdays starting on 17th October. Please wait by the West Door until you are called.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day has just taken place on Friday 9th Oct. This is dedicated to raising much needed funds to deal with the COVID crisis in the countries in which they are working. If you took a CAFOD envelope last week, or have picked one up, please deposit it in the basket on your way out today. If you are not at church, you can donate online, with Gift Aid at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeamHarvestFastDay> or you can TEXT without Gift Aid to 70085 'CAFOD' (or 'CAFODNOINFO') to donate £10 each message.

Rosary at St. Peter's: The Rosary will restart on Tuesday 13th October at 6:40pm followed by the Mass at 7pm.

We need a new Foundation Governor at St. Anthony's School. Can you help? Contact Fr. Benedict the school chaplain on 423824.

St Joseph's

Fr. Ramunas: We are very sad to say farewell to Fr. Ramunas who is leaving us this week and returning to Lithuania. We would like to thank Fr. Ramunas for his ministry with us over the last few years and for helping out with the Masses to allow the Parish Priest to have time off & holidays. We wish him the very best wherever he may go. Please see the below note from Fr. Ramunas to the Parish:

Dear Congregation of St. Joseph's Parish,

The lives of each one of us are accompanied by change. God gives us greater or lesser trials. We are given the opportunity to take advantage of some very important moments, not to miss an important opportunity, to do everything at the right time and not to overlook anything important. These are very special hours of God's interaction with us, a significant work of God's grace.

Since 2015... I have come to know the lovely people of the Parish here, I have learnt the language and come to know your traditions, and I have developed a great affection for you all.

My appointment is coming to an end and further work awaits me according to the Lord's plan.

I embrace each and every one of you, thanking you for your fellowship, human warmth, handshakes, supportive gaze, and time spent together... I would like your faith to be based on Sunday Mass and personal prayer, so that you always feel that you are Catholics and are distinguished by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Every Blessing,

Fr. Ramunas Gerdauskas

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 (Wednesdays) or by email. We are very grateful for 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.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for

**The Intentions of
the Herbert and
O'Sullivan Families**

Standing Orders: 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.

Paypal Payments If you have set up a PayPal 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. Thank you.

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

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Come and See: talks about the Catholic faith. Do you have a relative, friend, neighbour or work colleague who might be interested in finding out what being a catholic is all about? He/She could be a non-Catholic or non-Churchgoing Catholic. Would you like to refresh your own faith? Our weekly "Come and See" sessions will be starting on Wednesday 11th November at 7:30pm by Zoom. Contact Margaret on 01926 428399, or email rcia.cathleam@gmail.com to register interest or for more information. More details also available at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/exploring-the-catholic-faith.html>

Stewards and cleaners will be needed at every public event in the church for many months and even years to come. I appeal to those who are able, to offer some of your free time. 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 contact Fr John at the Parish Office.

St Joseph's

Confirmations: A small group of children were Confirmed yesterday and there will be a further small group Confirmed next Saturday morning, 17th October.

Due to Social Distancing numbers at this Mass will be limited to the Children, parents and sponsors so we would request that Parishioners who normally attend Saturday morning Mass either watch on livestream or attend Mass at a different time.

Sponsored Walk: Many thanks to the parishioners who generously sponsored walkers. £320-00 has now been sent to the SCJ Missions.

Red Mission Boxes: A huge thank you to all red box holders for their generous donations amounting to £1,741.38 last year. This is a magnificent sum which is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, the boxes have not been collected over the last 6 months owing to the Coronavirus Pandemic. May we ask that you bring your boxes to St. Joseph's by Sunday 25th October. Your box may be left in the Sacristy, the Presbytery or handed to Lennie or June. It will be emptied and returned to your home. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Teresa Skinner, Mary Behan, Matthew Gilbride, Robert Spencer, Carole Sinnott, John Miller, Maureen Fletcher, Eileen Healey, Bernadette Stanford, Ellen Reynolds, Marjorie Newton, Elizabeth McMahon, Kitty Ballantine, Thomas Quirke, Edward O'Connor, Oliver Roche, Kath Clayton, Daniel Finbarr Looney, Ernest Dale, John Matthews, Catherine McGovern, Charles Walsh, Michael Flynn, Fr. Mariano Tarrosa, John Andrews, Elizabeth Ellis, Bridget Robson, Margaret Storey, Eileen Skibicki, Dymphna Murphy, Bishop Michael Glancey, Mgr. Cyril L. Fay, Mgr. Paul Joseph Watson, Canon William Withers, Fr. Timothy Whatmore, Fr. Seamus Gilroy, Fr. Edmund Cullen, Fr. Thomas Rohan, Fr. Charles Friel, Fr. Gerald J. Adams, Fr. John Hughes, Fr. Aidan White-Spunner and Deacon Louis Kelly. **May they rest in peace.**

EXTRA NEWSLETTER The October edition is now available on the NEWSLETTER page of the website at catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter This contains items that would not normally have space in the weekly newsletter or more such as Unite, Pastimes, Come and See (RCIA), LiveSimply - Green Homes Grant, CAFOD items, Book of Remembrance, Family Fast Day, Food Bank. Do have a look.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for October is: 'We pray for a greater sharing of the wealth of our world, so that those suffering from poverty and hunger may also enjoy the fruits of the harvest.'

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