

EXTRA

October 2020

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 (100-200 words) to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com by the end of October. **And we could do with more help, too! Let us know if you can assist us:** Sue Sugars, Brian Austin, Caroline Graham (same address).

Youth club

Meeting on Zoom

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm

This half term we are looking at how we can live for Christ; we have been discussing what it means to be part of God's family and how we can be united together even during this difficult time. We have also been learning about forgiveness and the amazing story of Corrie Ten Boom.

Youth club social

On **Wednesday 21st October** we will be meeting at the Jump In Trampoline Park in Warwick.

To book a space and for more details about our youth activities contact Emma Rayment at catholicyouth7@gmail.com

Young Adult news

Watch our very own Niall and Jithin star in a video about praying the Most Holy Rosary! If you would like to take part in the Walsingham Miles please get in touch with Jithin at mullappillil2007@yahoo.it

For more information about our parish young adults group please email Rose at rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com



Come and See sessions for Catholic Leamington

Coming soon: our annual '**Come and See**' sessions, also known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

From Wednesday 11th November

If you know any non-Catholics interested in finding out about the Catholic faith or seeking Baptism or reception into the Church, or Catholics wishing to re-engage with or refresh their faith (maybe yourself!), or adults wanting the sacrament of Confirmation these sessions may be just what they are looking for.

We aim to:

- present the basics of Christianity from a Catholic viewpoint
- explain the purpose and meaning of the Sacraments
- explore the teaching of the Catholic Church on moral and social issues
- prepare those wishing to join the Catholic Church for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion
- enable participants to come to know the person of Jesus Christ and develop a personal relationship with him.

We explore many aspects of the Catholic faith, always centring on the person of Jesus Christ. eg. the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; the Holy Trinity; the Sacraments; the Bible; prayer and devotions; the Church; evangelisation

PowerPoint slides are used to present the theme and questions and discussion are encouraged as we go along. Art and DVDs are also used as an aid to understanding.

All the material used is based on Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other church documents (with plenty of quotes from Pope Francis!)

We plan to start on **Wednesday 11th November** at 7.30pm, probably initially via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings, but hopefully we will be able to meet in person later on.

Please pass on this information to anyone who you think might be interested. **For further information or to register interest, please contact Margaret 01926 428399 or email rcia.cathleam@gmail.com.** There is also information on the parish website

<https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/exploring-the-catholic-faith.html>

Margaret Dimambro

Pastimes Update

Pastimes are alive and well and contact is being maintained via email and phone. All members are missing the tea and chat but conscious of the need for safe distancing. We were hoping that our Jumble Sale would go ahead at the end of October, to raise much needed funds for the Parish, whilst collection of everyone's goods and chattels, all of the best quality, is continuing, as we draw nearer to proposed date, it is looking less and less likely sadly.

We all hope that resumption of our Tuesday afternoon gathering will happen before very long. Do all stay safe and well. From Mary and Team

Mary Curran

<https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/pastimes.html>

MONEY FOR OLD ROPE

The new GREEN HOMES GRANT

As a LiveSimply Parish we want to live **sustainably**, which includes using less energy. With a new Government Grant of up to £5,000 you may be able to upgrade your **home insulation**, such as cavity wall insulation, or install **low carbon heating**, such as solar thermal panels. So, we can get money to save energy and save money at the same time. Win-win! You pay just 1/3 of the cost and the government pays 2/3, so you can spend up to £7,500 on energy saving measures that will only cost you £2,500. (And if someone in your household is on benefits, you may be eligible for the full cost up to £10,000) But you have to be an eligible homeowner (including park homes) and you have to complete the work by **31st March 2021**; so, you need to act quickly. If you rent, then talk to your landlord, because they can apply too.

There's more to it than that, because you can also have additional draught-proofing, first time double-glazing, energy efficient doors or various heating controls, but only if you are having the insulation or low carbon heating done first. There is just not enough space here to describe the scheme in detail, but the best place to go to find out is www.moneysavingexpert.com and use their search tool for 'Green Homes Grant' or, if you want a printed copy of that article sent to you (free), ask for it from cl.jandp@gmail.com

There is now also a new **Simple Energy Advice** website www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk with help with simple savings, advise for home owners and tenants, getting financial assistance, as well as the green home grant.

As they say, it's a no-brainer! It's worth everyone having a look at this. And if you do apply, please let us know cl.jandp@gmail.com; and do tell others.

And remember, there is advice for you if you want to know about switching to a cheaper green energy supplier from cl.jandp@gmail.com too.

Brian Austin, LiveSimply Parish team

CAFOD Candlelight Funds

Celebrate a life and give hope to thousands more

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle". St Francis of Assisi

A Candlelight Fund is a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. It will celebrate their life and touch the lives of thousands more. When we light a candle for a loved one who has died, our sadness is touched with the light of hope: remembering the times we shared, we see the love that still burns bright. We light a candle to keep their light shining in the world.

When you remember a loved one through a donation to CAFOD today, we'll create a *Candlelight Fund* in their name. Through that *Candlelight Fund*, all donations in their memory, now and in the future, will be combined to make a life-changing difference to the world's poorest families.

There are no targets, deadlines or minimum amounts involved. This is your fund and you can grow it in whatever feels comfortable. It can be a private act of remembrance – to mark special moments, like your loved one's birthday – or you can invite others to join in too.

For more information call Roisin Beirne on 020 7095 5348 or email candlelight@cafod.org.uk

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Donate-in-memory>

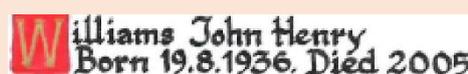
No one beyond reach



**Loving God,
open our ears to hear the cries
of our sisters and brothers
and of the earth, our common home.
Open our eyes to the scandal
of poverty and injustice in the world.
Open our hearts to feel
the pain, the hurt,
the hunger of one another.
Open our mouths to speak
of the dignity of each person,
precious in your sight.
Open our arms wide
to reach out with compassion
so that all distance vanishes.
Open our hearts to share your love
and our hope of a world
where no one is beyond reach.
We ask this through Christ,
Our Lord, Amen**

Prayer by Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

Book of Remembrance: Is there a deceased loved one who was a St Peter's parishioner and whose name you would like to be remembered for posterity? Names are entered in beautiful calligraphy in the Book of Remembrance at the back of the church (by the statue of St Peter). The pages are turned daily to show the names of those whose anniversary it is on a particular date. Forms are available from the Piety Shop or contact the office by email stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk

 Williams John Henry
Born 19.8.1936. Died 2005.

**Harvest Family Fast Day
Friday 9th October 2020**

survive rebuild heal

This is a Harvest like no other.

On **10th/11th Oct** our parish is marking **CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day** to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world **survive, rebuild and heal**.

And please pray for all those affected and all those working for them.

How can you give?

If you do go to church for Mass, pick up a **CAFOD envelope** and **return it October 10th/11th** weekend

If not, you can donate to CAFOD here on the Catholic Leamington fundraising page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeamHarvestFastDay> and you can Gift Aid it too.

OR **Text to 70085** without Gift Aid:

Text **CAFOD** to donate £10 and opt in to messaging

Text **CAFODNOINFO** to donate £10 and opt out of messaging

[Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message]



Thank you for your generosity.



FOOD BANK

5,892 three-day emergency food supplies have been given to people in crisis from the Warwick District Food Banks this year alone!

Thank you to all those who continue to support the Foodbank. Your contributions are greatly received. Donations can be given to the collecting point at the supermarkets: ASDA, both Sainsbury's or both Tescos, or direct to the Food Banks when they are open at:

- **Monday** 1pm – 3pm
St Margaret's, Church Close, Whitnash, CV31 2HJ
- **Tuesday** 11am – 1pm
Southorn Court, The Crest, Lillington, CV32 7PU
- **Wednesday** 1pm – 3 pm
St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, CV31 1JW
- **Thursday** 1pm – 3pm
St Paul's Church, Leicester Street, CV32 4TE
- **Friday** 11am – 1 pm
Westbury Centre, Westlea Road, CV31 3JE

Some items short at the moment: Jam, instant noodles, small bags of sugar, cartons of long life fruit juice.

Go to: <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

If you need donations to be collected please phone Marie on 336688

Marie Willington

Send a message of solidarity to the Brave

Maisoon Badawi, occupied Palestinian territory



Maisoon Badawi, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, works for the Israeli human rights organisation, Yesh Din. Every day, she drives to the occupied Palestinian territory to meet with Palestinian victims of human rights violations perpetrated by Israeli settlers attempting to take control of land to expand illegal settlements.

Maisoon reaches out to people in their time of great need, offering training and advice in pursuing justice despite facing obstacles in the Israeli law enforcement system.

"It's important for these people to know that someone is willing to listen to them, to help them feel that they have a voice", she says. "I explain how the legal system works and how we can help them."

"Every morning I ask myself, 'Who will I meet today? Will I be able to help this person achieve justice?' Many times I feel helpless in the face of the brutal occupation, but then I get energy and encouragement when I see those affected fighting to protect their rights."

Language: English

Send a message of solidarity by going to https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/message_to_the_brave

You can see other human rights Defenders at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

Brian Austin, Catholic Leamington CAFOD Campaigns Volunteer