

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

St Peter's, Our Lady's, St Joseph's

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A

Sunday 3 MAY 2020

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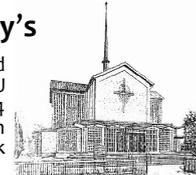
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Deacon: Rev David Palmer
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Live-streamed Masses from St Joseph's Church this week

SUN 3 May Fourth Sunday of Easter A <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9.00	In Thanksgiving (AJ) The McVeigh Family Special Intentions (JQ) First Anniversary Rita Taylor
	11.00	Ursula Ciba Paula Newis
MON 4 May <i>English Martyrs</i>	7.00	May Martin RIP
TUE 5 May <i>Easter feria</i>	9.30	Philip & Carmen Cassidy
WED 6 May <i>Easter feria</i>	11.00	Emmanuel Toutoungi
THU 7 May <i>Easter feria</i>	7.00	Ann, Patrick & Philly Casey RIP
FRI 8 May <i>Easter feria</i>	9.30	Sean McGreal – Get Well
SAT 9 May <i>Easter feria</i>	9.30	Repose of the soul of Allan King
SUN 10 May Fifth Sunday of Easter A	9.00	The People of the Parish Joe & Rose McGreevy
	11.00	Patrick Clemons

Mass Intentions that will be privately celebrated

Sunday 3 May
The People of the Parish

Monday 4 May
Robert Charles Habgood

Thursday 7 May
Requiem: Rosa Venetico

Friday 8 May
Anne Sayce

Saturday 9 May
Frederico Rosso

Parish Sick List: Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Jo Holleron, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, David Kendall, Mist Johnson, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Brian Murray, Paula Newton, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Anna Tye, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the parishes. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them. Amen.**

Recently deceased:
Judith Endean, Michael Butler, William Collis, Maureen 'Mo' Finnesey, Angele Handford, Bishop Leo McCartie, Rosa Venetico, Bridget Punch, Anne Sayce, Fr Antony Conlon, Fr Andy Kenny, Fr Bernard O'Connor OSA, Emmanuel Toutoungi, Bernard Kirton, Michela Rolando, Fr Timothy Burke, Doreen Gianelli, Anna Robson, Joy Barry.
May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Geraldine Anne Quinn, Jim O'Mahoney, John Kundert, Sheila Pallister, Michael (Sean) Hurley, Elizabeth Mannion, Clara & Bill Monaghan, Robert Habgood, Elizabeth McCabe, Rosa Castrofilippo, Mary Cronin, Dorothy Fox, Seamus Coady, Bernard Nichols, Noel O'Sullivan, Mary Long, Helen Turrall, Derek Hodgson, Mary Cunningham, Stephanie Norton, Joseph Kelleher, James Hughes, John Dorman, Jim Harding, Frederick Walters, Fr Michael Byrne, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Fr James Dutton, Fr Donal O'Connor, Bishop Joseph Gray (ninth Bishop of Shrewsbury), Fr Francis Carr, Fr Walter Joret.
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.

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This weekend there is a letter from [Pope Francis to the Faithful](#) and a [Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley](#). The Pope exhorts us to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary especially in May, traditionally a month of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Pope also provides two new prayers to Our Lady that we can recite at the end of the Rosary and which he will pray during May, in spiritual union with us. The prayers form the basis of a [prayer sheet](#) which you can find on the newsletter page of the website.

Archbishop Bernard speaks to us of [Good Shepherd Sunday](#) – the moment in Eastertide when we hear the risen Christ calling us as our shepherd: *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full*. He asks that we pray for an increase of vocations within the Church – vocations to married life, to Religious and consecrated life and to the ordained ministries. The full text of His Grace's letter is on the Newsletter page of the website.

Dear Parishioners

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and a Day of Prayer for Vocations. Last year we celebrated the Year of the Priest and it was suggested that each of the Deanery Priests should give a sermon about their own vocation story. A vocation is a calling. When we hear someone calling, we are intrigued. In our lives there are many conversations, many words which each day we are required to hear or read. Some are relevant to us and where necessary we respond. When God wanted Samuel for a special purpose, he called him at night, "*Samuel, Samuel.*" Samuel who worked as servant, was woken. He thought his master was calling. He got up from his bed and presented himself. "*Here I am,*" he said to his master, "*you called me.*" The master said he had not and told the boy to go back to bed. Two further times it happened, and each time Eli told the boy he had not called. Then Eli realised who was calling so he told Samuel, next time you hear the voice say, "*Speak Lord, your servant is listening.*" Of course, not everyone is called in the same way but when God wants someone, he is persistent.

God calls each of us for a special purpose. St John Henry Newman wrote, "*God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.*"

Wise words but what do you think? They remind us that God has a plan for us because He has imbued us with the gift of His Divine love. A vocation is a calling to know God's love and to share it in a special way. A vocation to priesthood is to offer the love of God in the setting where the church asks the priest to serve.

This weekend please pray for your priests, for those who are called to offer their lives in the service of the church, for those who are to be ordained to the priesthood. We will pray especially for Sean Gough who was on placement with us in Catholic Leamington two years ago. He will be ordained in July along with his fellow seminarians. The priests of Catholic Leamington are grateful for your prayers.

Every blessing, Fr John.

St Joseph's



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for Kathryn's 9th Birthday in Thanksgiving

Thank you: To all those who watched Cllr Bernard Kirton's Memorial Mass on Tuesday. We received a note of thanks from his daughter Fiona thanking us for celebrating the Mass for the repose of Bernard's soul.

Thank you once again... for your continued generosity to the Parish at this uncertain time. Offertory envelopes, contributions, Mass Ints. can be put through the letterbox.

This week we have our usual devotions: Monday 6.30 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour; Friday 8.30 am – Exposition, 9.00 am – Sacred Heart Novena, and 9.10 am – Rosary for Vocations. Saturday 10-10.30 am Exposition.

Parish Office: Like St Peter's we are offering a limited office service. I will endeavour to answer phone calls and emails as best I can at the moment. Thank you for your understanding.

Livestream Viewing Figures: I was pleasantly surprised to see that the viewing figures for Weekday Mass are on average between 600-700 and for Sunday Mass the average is 2,300. This is of course how many "machines" are tuning in, there could be of course more than one person watching. The countries where people are tuning in are the UK, Ireland, USA, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Lebanon, Italy and of course Lithuania where Fr Ramunas family get to see him everyday! I hope you agree that the livestream has been a worthwhile investment and has helped to keep the community in spiritual contact with one another.

Livestream Funeral Mass: Recently Fr Noel celebrated a Funeral Mass on the livestream to assist a family who would have had a large number of people gathering for the funeral. This was extremely helpful to the family and those wishing to pay their respects. Since then we have had two further requests for this. The idea is simple: If you have a burial or cremation of a loved one at a certain time and you would like a simple Funeral Mass celebrated beforehand please ask the priest presiding at the Funeral and we will make every attempt to help you.

SVP: Our SVP Society is willing and able to help anybody who may feel isolated at this time.

The contact is David Burton davidburton636@gmail.com One of the ways in which they are *Continued on page 3*

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E-news: Please do sign up for the Catholic Leamington Newsletter via Mailchimp on Twitter, Facebook, the parish website (stjosephs47.org.uk) or Deanery website <http://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

Our Lady's & St Peter's

The Parish Office is open for telephone calls regarding pastoral matters, Mass requests, funeral arrangements, Baptisms, Marriages. Please call **01926 423824 ext 0** and leave a voicemail if necessary. The church's new email address is on the front page.

A prayer line: Fr Christopher is self isolating is happy for people to ring him if they would like a prayer to be said or to have a short chat. Calls can be made between 10.00 am and 7.00 pm **Tel. 07385 794080**.

Offertory envelopes and Mass Intentions can continue to be posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Mass Intentions can also be emailed or phoned through.

Thank you if you have been able to sign up to a Standing Order and to those who have already made use of the online card donation option on the website. I am extremely grateful for your continued support.

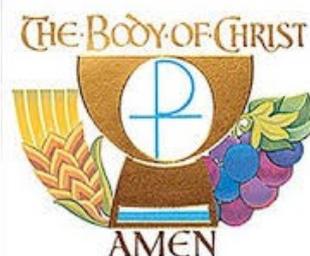
St Peter's School is collecting donations of non-perishable food and other household items for families who are struggling. Some of the families whose children attend the school are requesting help.

Tales of the Unexpected: Last week I was singing in the rain when I had my first proper shower for many weeks! I was absolutely soaked to the skin. I know some dogs have a regular bath and shampoo, but I do not like that sort of thing and thankfully the boss agrees with me. We do not always agree. This week we had a bit of a run-in about fasting before spiritual communion. I am his 'congregation' at Mass when he is not live-streaming. Having returned from a walk I expected my usual 'treat' but he said, "Not until after Mass Bertie!" I had to wait for over half an hour! Quite frankly I don't think it is necessary to give quite such a long sermon to a hungry dog but as we know the boss takes his duties very seriously and, on that day, I think he went off on a tangent. I found it very difficult to keep my eyes open. Later I searched through the CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church) but there is nothing about fasting before spiritual communion. This means on the days when he is live-streaming, I can have a leisurely breakfast and then watch Mass. What the eye doesn't see the heart doesn't grieve. That's what I say! Best woofs, Bertie ;-) xx

SVP Lillington president Richard Gordon is in daily contact with the local foodbank as part of the SVP's outreach work. Instant mash, readymade custard in cartons, and toothpaste are currently the most needed items. Most supermarkets have collection boxes but Richard is willing to collect reasonable size donations (tel. 07974 455732). The Carriers of Hope website <https://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/our-needs/> gives a list of the items most needed by the refugees & migrants helped by the Centre's Destitution Fund: nappies, toilet rolls, cleaning products, toiletries and sanitary products. There is also an Amazon wish list that you may find easier to help with if you are self-isolating or simply donate via the same website.

This month **SPAN** held a virtual meeting and received reports on the £2,000 plus going to needy local families via our Catholic primary schools. In addition to normal beneficiaries, a further £600 was sent to the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre Destitution Fund in lieu of missed Lenten Alms offerings. SPAN also sponsored the education of a vulnerable girl in Northern Tanzania. Fr David Cullen from Zambia recently got in contact – his e-mail can be found attached to the SPAN minutes on catholicleamington.org.uk/span.html or ask to join SPAN's e-mail distribution list contacting paulhayden@ntlworld.com

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for May is: *'We pray for all those who work in the NHS and care homes, and all who put the lives of others before their own'*.



Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord even when we are not in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord. This can be prayed several times daily.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.