

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) Sunday 24 MAY 2020

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Live-streamed Masses from St Joseph's Church

Sunday 24 May

9.00: Chris Scullane Birthday Anniversary;
Patrick McGuinness RIP
11.00: Solange Beckles

Monday 25 May

St Bede the Venerable
9.30: Helen Jacobs RIP

Tuesday 26 May

St Philip Neri
9.30: Intentions of Pete Long & Family

Wednesday 27 May

St Augustine of Canterbury
1.00: Requiem: Ann Sayce
Replacing 11.00 am Mass today

Thursday 28 May

Easter feria
7.00: Fr Ralph Duwell, 20th Anniversary of Ordination

Friday 29 May

Solemnity of Dedication
9.30: Requiem: John Long

Saturday 30 May

Easter feria
9.30: Ann Sayce RIP;
John Finbarr O'Sullivan RIP

Sunday 31 May

Solemnity of Pentecost
9.00: The People of the Parish;
Intentions of Lennie Arran
11.00: Barbara Wright

Mass Intentions celebrated privately

Monday 25 May
Thomas Ryan

Tuesday 26 May
Antonia Bagshawe

Thursday 28 May
Fr David Duggan

Saturday 30 May
Lillian Smith

Dear Parishioners

One of the few benefits of the lockdown (or semi-lockdown or whatever we choose to call it these days) is that I have had a chance to slow down a little and to take stock. I hope the same is true for you. Life can be busy and will be busy once again, please God, in the not too distant future. Yet this period has been an opportunity to listen once again to the voice of God that speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles we see that the disciples in their mission were often sat in prayer waiting for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They used this guidance to discern their mission. I recently watched the film *The Good Pope*, a moving and powerful film about the life of Saint John XXIII. Pope John famously said when he convened the Second Vatican Council that "we need to throw open the windows and doors of the Church to let the fresh air in". The fresh air he spoke of was the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate this Seventh Sunday of Easter, we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for Pentecost Sunday. So, let us try and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us and, like those early disciples and Saint John XXIII, allow the Spirit to be the breath of fresh air guiding the mission of the Church here in this place. Every blessing, Fr Andy.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020

You are invited to an online Lourdes Pilgrimage with Archbishop Bernard's opening Mass starting on Sunday 24 May at 3.00 pm live-streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. The week features daily Mass, liturgy and Rosary 'processions'. Find the full programme on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage

Fifth Anniversary of Laudato Si': It was on 24 May 2015 that Pope Francis signed his landmark encyclical, 'Laudato Si' on 'Care for Our Common Home'. There is a short video message from the Pope which you can see at <https://laudatosiweek.org/> The document has been a



point of reference not only for the Catholic Church and other faiths but also for governments, politicians, world bodies, (including the United Nations) as well as environmental groups and movements worldwide. At this time of global trouble when we are in uncharted waters it is good to reflect on how we can all do things differently in the future – to make a difference to our beautiful planet.

Have you read it? A limited number of copies of 'Laudato Si' (£4.95, post-free) are available to buy. Please email catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com with your name and address and we will send it to you with details of how to pay. There are also copies of a shorter CTS booklet 'Catholics & Our Common Home' (£2.50, also post-free).

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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The latest edition of Newsletter EXTRA is available to enjoy online. Go to catholicleamington.org.uk or stjosephs47.org.uk and click on the Newsletter link.



St Joseph's

Sunday Hymn:

People have asked if they can be informed which hymn will be played after Communion at 9.00 am Mass on Sunday, so they can join in. This Sunday, 7th of Eastertime, the hymn is *Immortal Invisible*. Next week *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*. Please do try and find a copy of the words to join in and sing with gusto! To sing is to pray twice. However, for the sake of liturgical dignity Fr Andy will simply sit and listen!

This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for Susan Day



Building Works: We have recently applied for two grants to help us with the much-needed work on the rooves of the Church and Hall. There is a further grant application being drawn up by the Archdiocese Grants Team. Unfortunately, with the Covid-19 pandemic, the chances of getting such grants are now slim but, if you don't ask you don't get! The likelihood is that because of the pandemic, a much lower Parish income and an uncertain financial forecast, any major works will need to be put on hold for the foreseeable future.

Mass Cards and Intentions: A number of people have enquired about getting Mass Cards, particularly if they have lost a loved one who does not live locally and they want to send a card by post. If you require a Mass card give me a call or drop me an email and we can arrange a time for you to safely call by and collect one.

Livestream Funeral Mass. If you would like a simple Funeral Mass from St Joseph's before the burial or cremation of a loved one please do ask the priest celebrant and he will gladly help you to arrange this.

SVP: Our SVP Society is willing and able to help anybody who may feel isolated at this time. David Burton is our contact davidburton636@gmail.com One of the ways in which the SVP can help is by taking food donations to the local foodbank. Food donations can either be taken to 4 Peto Grove, Heathcote, CV34 6GT. Contact 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 very worthy cause.

Thank you: For donations both financial and edible towards the work of the SVP and the local Foodbank.

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->

St Peter's & Our Lady's

I am very pleased to inform

parishioners that live-stream Masses will start soon at St Peter's. Very many thanks for the extremely generous donation from one of our parishioners. This will cover the cost of the purchase of the equipment, its installation and the first year's charges to live-stream. It will be a bonus and an asset. I am indebted to Fr Andy for his anticipation of this resource's immense value and his generosity in sharing St Joseph's live-stream facility with me. Yet I really missed our lovely churches too and to resume services at least at one of these will be a real boost to myself and Fr Noel. I know many parishioners feel the same. I look forward to welcoming you soon.

On Wednesday I shall celebrate a live-stream Requiem Mass from St Joseph's at 1.00 pm for Ann Sayce who died suddenly a few weeks ago. (Please note the change in time from 11.00 am). Ann was known to many of you as a Eucharistic Minister at St Peter's Sunday 5.30 pm Mass and, more recently, at St Joseph's. She will be known as the hairdresser at Myton Hospice. Ann served as a Foundation Governor of Trinity School and Liaison Governor to the parishes. Always smiling, interested in helping. She will be greatly missed by all her family and those who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Our parish schools have all been open during lockdown and throughout the Easter holidays to care for the children of our essential workers. Most of our children have continued their education online thanks to the dedication and support of their teachers who have prepared and 'supervised' their virtual lessons. The re-opening of schools will hopefully enable the country to begin to end the long lockdown. I am sure the children are looking forward to getting back to complete their school year.

Great news for Trinity School and Catholic Leamington. The Sixth Form is to re-open in 2020. A letter sent by the Independent Executive Board outlines the plans to parents. It is available to view on the Trinity website at http://www.trinity-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/IEB_Letter12_22May2020.pdf

Look out next week for a new 'Prayer Trail' around St Peter's.

The I Believe column in this week's *Leamington Courier* has been written by a Catholic Leamington parishioner!

Tales of the unexpected: A Bank Holiday weekend. I am looking forward to having a full day off on Monday. I was going to do some origami but sadly the company supplying the materials has folded. Best woofs, Bertie ;-)

Thank you for your support. Offertory envelopes, Mass Intentions, donations can be put through the letterbox. We are trying to keep the Parish Offices functioning as best we can. If we're not in, please leave a message. We will get back to you ASAP (ditto emails). Thank you again.
Frs. John and Andy

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SPAN

The May SPAN virtual meeting recommended donating £300.00 to the **CAFOD Coronavirus appeal**; £200.00 to **CAFOD's work in Darfur, South Sudan as a Crisis in Africa appeal**; and £500.00 to **House of Light and Hope** in Beirut, Lebanon, in memory of **Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP**.



The suffering of more than 2.5 million displaced people in South Sudan has not been solved through any peaceful means in 17 years. CAFOD and its local partners provide vital humanitarian aid.

We are asking others to consider adding to the House of Light and Hope appeal by sending donations to Michael Barker, SPAN Treasurer, 77 Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7DS. This could be by cheque (made out to SPAN) or bank transfer – referencing 'HouseOfLight' or 'Emmanuel' to SPAN's account: HSBC sort code 40-27-06 Account number 21324004. Gift Aid forms are available on catholicleamington.org.uk/span.html

Resources for prayer and reflection

The list published last week is also available on the Catholic Leamington website. A list of the internet links is included below as a readily accessible source.

If you do not have internet access, you could call Middlesborough Cathedral on 01642 130120 to hear a recording of the previous Sunday's 10.00 am Mass. Calls are charged at local rate (or free if you have a package with included minutes).

St Beunos Outreach: Reflections on Sunday readings; can also be received by email. <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

Living Space, Sacred Space: Reflections/commentaries on daily and Sunday Mass readings. <https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/> Users are guided through a ten-minute session of prayer centred on one of the Mass readings of the day.

Pray As You Go: 10-15 minute meditation/reflection on one of the

Greetings cards to prisoners of conscience our usual card signing was cancelled due to 'lockdown'. However, with little hope of release, a card can provide a ray of sunlight. You can access the list of prisoners through the website of 'Action by Christians against Torture' <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/copy-of-sos-torture-1>

Please note that many of these people are imprisoned for their faith and you must not send a religious message as that would endanger them further. Do read the information and even if you cannot send a card please pray for them. Thank you.

daily Mass readings. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

Lectio365: this app helps you engage with Scripture to inspire prayer and shape your life.

Alone Together – How to pray and thrive in isolation, with monk Fr. Christopher Jameson. <https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/>

The Word Among Us – daily scripture readings: wau.org

Anniversaries: Leonard Batten, Mary Griffin, Peggy Murphy, Lucy Crosbie, Ken Hale, Cecil Mullis, Bernard Taylor, Margaret Looney, Peggy Powell, Mercedes Common, Donal Sullivan, Joan Holmes, Jim Behan, Richard Burton, Barbara Hall, Kathleen O'Farrell, Geraldine Gandy, Guido Gianelli, Geoffrey Maddocks, John Danton, Sheila Hickey, Joseph Keane, Doris Bales, John Monaghan, Mary Gordon, John Twomey, Mgr. Wilfrid Moore, Fr Thomas Bagnall, Fr Michael McKenna, Fr Patrick Taylor, Fr John Kearns, Fr James Ward, Canon John Hughes, Fr Dermot Corcoran, Deacon William Parker, Fr Joseph Lacy, Fr Cornelius Healy, Mgr. Wilfrid Doran.

May they rest in peace.

Our prayers for 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, 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 and Peter Wright who are ill at this time. Also, for all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of Catholic Leamington.

Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them. Amen.

Recently deceased: Joanna Bazen, Audrey Atack, Salvatore Venuto, Leslie Harfield, John Long, Mike Feeley, Barbara Wright, Judith Endean, Michael Butler, William Collis, Maureen 'Mo' Finnesey, Angele Handford, Lucrezia Bishton, Bishop Leo McCartie, Ann Sayce. **May they rest in peace.**