

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON Corpus Christi (A) Sunday 14 June 2020

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At this great feast of Corpus Christi we can reflect on the past, present and future riches of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and let our lives be filled with Christ's grace. We need to keep in the front of our minds the historical reality of the cross to remember how much Jesus suffered in his flesh for us. He left the Eucharist as a way of reminding us of the sacrifice he made. But in the Eucharist that sacrifice is made present for us today and becomes a call for us to share our lives as Jesus did. He fed those who were hungry, he satisfied their spiritual needs with his words and then he gave himself to them, body and blood. Now he nourishes us with this bread from heaven. We go to Mass to show our devotion and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. But we are also told to imitate what Jesus did. He still shares himself at



*First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; Responsorial Psalm "O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!";
Second reading: Corinthians 10:16-17; Gospel John 6:51-58*

each Mass inviting us: "Do this in memory of me."

This feast reminds us that we are on a journey. We are pilgrims. Here there is no abiding city. When we get too settled in our worldly ways and live as though this world is all that concerns us, the Eucharist reminds us of our true destiny. We hear the priest say, just before communion, that "we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." We are called to share in that final heavenly banquet with God and all the saints. Even as we prepare to meet God we are given food for that journey. We receive the Blessed Sacrament as viaticum, food for the final journey.

The Living Word



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9.00: Chris and Mary Scullane
Anniversary RIP
Lee Neale RIP 1st Anniversary

Monday 15 June

Feria
Psalter Week 3

7.00: Leslie Harfield RIP

Tuesday 16 June

Feria

9.30: Pauline Swinden Anniversary
Manola Manteiga Anniversary

Thursday 18 June

Dedication of St Chad's Cathedral

7.00: Sean McDonagh Get Well

Friday 19 June

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.30: Kath Spalding RIP

Saturday 20 June

Immaculate Heart of Mary

9.30: Noreen Josephine Cassidy RIP

Sunday 21 June

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00: Shamic & Eamon Buckley RIP
Eddie Goggin Anniversary

St Peter's

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11.00: Margaret Walsh
David Hannan

Monday 15 June

Feria

Psalter Week 3

11.00: May Crawford

Tuesday 16 June

Feria

11.00: Private Intention

Wednesday 17 June

Feria

11.00: Alison Noele Cook

Thursday 18 June

Dedication of St Chad's Cathedral

11.00: Katie, Michael, Joe and Gary

Friday 19 June

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

11.00: For the NHS

Saturday 20 June

Immaculate Heart of Mary

11.00: Ann Sayce

Joy Barry

Sunday 21 June

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

8.00: David Copson

11.00: Mary and Tom Beirne

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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Update for opening our churches: We have received detailed guidance from the Archdiocese and risk assessment forms to complete before we can consider our churches 'ready' to open for private prayer. There are so many factors to take into consideration – it is mind boggling. **None of our churches** will be ready to open tomorrow (Monday 15 June) – the government's earliest stated date.

The guidelines to be put in place are strict and each church will only open when we are fully confident that your health and safety are not compromised. Each church needs **volunteers**: to supervise the periods that they can be open; and for thorough cleaning afterwards (PPE – personal protective equipment will be provided). The PPE is on order but delivery may take some time depending on the quantities needed by each church.

If you are able to help in any way – and **only** if you are **safely** able to do so – please let your Parish Priest know. Thank you to those who have already offered their help. Thank you for your support.

Frs. John and Andy.

The recently deceased of our churches:

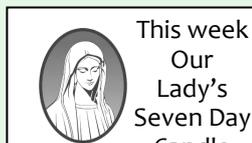
Mary 'May' Crawford,
Gertrude Lane,
Leslie Harfield,
Rupert Atkinson,
Patrick Thompson,
Joanna Bazen,
Audrey Atack,
Salvatore Venuto.

May they rest in peace.

Catholic Bishops on Black Lives Matter: Standing shoulder to shoulder with their brother Bishops in America, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued a statement: "As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image." The full statement is on the website cbcew.org.uk

St Joseph's

Stay-cation! I had booked my annual holiday from 15 –29 June but as we know it is not possible to travel. For the next two weeks, however, I will be on leave from the hospital and will generally be taking life a little easier with a bit of extra golf, dog walking and reading. Can I please ask you to be respectful of this. For hospital calls, please contact in the first instance Fr Arul Samy at Southam 01926 812351. If Fr Arul is unavailable then please contact St Mary's Warwick on 01926 492913 or St Peter's on 01926 423824. Please do be mindful that on-call clergy for the hospital at the



This week
Our
Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for **Lee Neale**
RIP 1st Anniversary

present time should **only** be called for the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites). General ward visiting and administering Holy Communion are not possible at the moment. I am very grateful to my brother priests for their assistance.

Presiding Chair and Credence Table: For some time I have wanted to improve some of the sanctuary furnishings. My thanks to an eagle-eyed e-Baying parishioner who spotted a lovely presiding chair and credence table at a bargain price and has kindly purchased them as a gift to the parish. I hope you like them. My sincere thanks to the donor.

Sunday Hymn: Today, Corpus Christi, the hymn is **SO Praise ye the Lord**. Next week the hymn will be **Sweet Sacrament Divine**.

Mass Intentions diary and Fr Ramunas: At the moment we have a good number of intentions and are well into July with our Mass diary. We are most grateful. Recently a number of people have requested Mass Intentions at very short notice. Sometimes we can accommodate these and some-times we can't. My suggestion in order to help people is that Fr Ramunas

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Masses are live-streamed from St Peter's as of today (Sunday) at 11.00 am! **Go to catholicleamington.org.uk and follow the St Peter's live-stream links.** I am extremely grateful to the generous donation of a parishioner that has made this possible. I am indebted to volunteer extraordinaire, Helen Monastero, for her hard work to bring the project to fruition. With office staff furloughed, the live-stream project could not have gone live so quickly without her. If you use an older tablet or phone to watch Mass the advice from the service provider MCN is to "clear the cache on the device or do a re-set as error messages are a common problem on older devices".

Iwould once again like to thank Fr Andy for his generosity in sharing his cameras for the benefit of St Peter's and Our Lady's Masses since lockdown began.

At the risk of over-egging the pudding, I need to emphasise how much needs to be accomplished before St Peter's and Our Lady's can open their doors for private prayer. Probably 95% of the necessary actions have to be implemented from my side, but there remains a large dose of common-sense and cooperation from everyone who wishes to visit. Like you I look forward to a return – however slight – to even a modicum of normality in our communal prayer life. But patience is a virtue.

Please do continue to put your Mass Intentions in now that we have a full complement of broadcast Masses. If you are not able to put an envelope through the door, please send a request through the website 'contact us' form, or email, or call and leave a message. The normal donation can be sorted out later.

Many of our 2020 wedding have been postponed until next year. Couples planning a wedding in 2021 should get in touch as soon as possible to be assured of getting the date they want. The postponements have already been re-scheduled and the calendar is filling up.

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will be given some of the Parish Mass Intentions to say when he concelebrates and vice versa when I concelebrate. You may have noticed this has happened recently. These Mass Intentions may not always be seen in advance in the newsletter but will be announced as requested at Mass. Many thanks for your understanding.

R requests for **Seven-Day Candle** intentions (£5.00) are available from 19 July onwards. Please put requests through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

Ridgeway School Toys: Ridgeway Special Educational Needs School in Warwick is on the look-out for second-hand toys particularly trains and Bob the Builder! If you do have any toys in reasonable condition that you could donate please leave them on the Presbytery door step. Thank you.

E-mail Addresses: Please take note of the new addresses. Mine is fr.andrew.franklin@rcaob.org.uk and can only be accessed by me for all matters that may be deemed private and confidential. The new general parish address is stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk and will, in time, become the new office email address. Please do begin to use these addresses. The old ones – st.josephs47@outlook.com and secretary.st.josephs@gmail.com will remain in use but will gradually be phased out.

SVP: Whitnash SVP is willing and able to help anybody who may feel isolated at this time. David Burton is our local 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.

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

recently held a video conference with parents whose children would – in the ordinary run of things – have been baptised by now. Alongside the postponement of so many of this summer's weddings, the cancelling of the Sacrament of Baptism has been distressing for many families. For first-time parents, the need for a preparatory catechism class is a particular stumbling block. It was, however, a useful meeting. Hopefully this will continue as another line of communication for priests and parishioners, when getting everyone physically together in one room at the same time is difficult to arrange.

It is fantastic that even in lockdown we have had been able to enjoy singing from our joint choirs. The singers were all participating from home in lockdown. Our Lady's musical director, Martin Barry, has the technical skills to 'cut and paste' (I know it's more technical than that! Sorry Martin) and he put together 'merged' hymns from Our Lady's and St Peter's Choirs. Amazing! Thank you Martin and all the choir members who were able to participate. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ourladyslillington/videos/2319767874995508> to get an idea of what was involved! Brilliant.

St Peter's 200 Club subscriptions cannot be collected at this time (unless posted through the Presbytery door) but please be reassured that your numbers are still in the draw and any back-payments can be made good when lockdown is further eased.

Similarly all Our Lady's 50/50 Club numbers are still in the draw. Winners in the April draw were: 1st Jennifer Smith, 2nd Paul Hayden, 3rd Phil Sugars, 4th Molly Tibke. In May: 1st Richard Gordon, 2nd Ariane Lobbo, 3rd Pete Sugars, 4th Jean Trowton. Congratulations one and all.

SVP Lillington president Richard Gordon (contactable on 07974 455732) has been (and continues to be) pivotal in organising a host of volunteers for outreach work in this time of lockdown. Please do get in touch if you are able to help/donate.

Fr Christopher is self-isolating and 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.**

Tales of the unexpected: I wanted to walk the walk in church on Sunday to celebrate my Birthday but the boss said I would need to wear PPE. Sadly it will not be possible. The PPE is on order but has not been delivered. He said it will be with us in 4 weeks. The boss tried some small latex gloves for my paws and I found a new sense of grip on slippery surfaces. Now he says I need a mask and an apron! He says I cannot come in without it or the choice is have a full bath like a sheep dip. We shall wait. I don't do baths. Birthday woofs, Bertie ;-)

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.**

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 4.00 pm on a Wednesday to newsletterstpeter@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Spencer, Jerry Noolan, Kathleen McMullen, Tony MacLaren, Patrick James Murphy, Ian O'Shaughnessy, Mary Fleming, Mary Beirne, Liam O'Neil, Wendy Leahy, Edna Ward, Eva Metcalf, Anne Cosgrove, Catherine Donnelly, David Gorman, Ellen Marie Jones, Leonard Perry, Serafina Rizzo, Alison Noele Cook, Maureen Margaret Mills, Bridget Mahony, Kenneth Miller, Alice 'Nellie' Scannell, Ellen Quinn, Valerie Marguerite O'Sullivan, Jeremy Moore, Michael 'Mick' Dowling, Tom O'Brien, Pauline Swinden, John Reading, Maureen Sharpe, Patrick Michael Pettigrew, Alan Pedley, Patrick Sheehan, John Andrews, Fr Joseph Davenport, Fr John Harrington, Fr Laurence Jones, Fr Hubert Mooney, Fr Michael Doona, Fr George Smith, Fr Eric Morgan, Fr Arthur Proudman, Fr Geoffrey Tucker, Mgr Peter Stonier. **May they rest in peace.**

The Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at Maryvale Institute continues to Friday 19th June 2020 (Feast of the Sacred Heart) with a Mass, Sermon and Novena live-streamed each evening at 8.00 pm. Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate Mass on Sunday 21st June at 11.00 am (on the day the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place) from St Chad's Cathedral. Full details are available on the Maryvale Institute website: www.maryvale.ac.uk/novena-2020.html

Evangelisation in lockdown: This is clearly a challenging time due to so many restrictions. Although the Visiting Team is not allowed to do parish visiting, deliver leaflets or letters, we have instead emailed and telephoned those who had volunteered their details. We keep in touch, advise of the parish website, live-streaming of Masses and give information of prayer resources. Please take any opportunity to share the Good News even while the restrictions continue. **Peter Dimambro.**

CAFOD appeals that we unite against coronavirus

CAFOD is asking us to sign a petition to our Government that states:

"As we cope with coronavirus in the UK, we think of our sisters and brothers in poorer countries who are facing this pandemic with fragile health systems, some of which have almost no intensive care beds or ventilators.

"Food prices have already risen with borders closing, the poorest are losing their jobs and income with wholesale shutdowns. Furthermore, inadequate healthcare, lack of access to washing facilities and limited ability to social distance will result in loss of life on an intolerable scale. The likely impact will be devastating.

"We are one global family. Please will you sign this petition to ask the government to work with other world leaders to help the most vulnerable people in our world cope with this crisis?"

To see the full text and to sign the petition visit www.cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign

The Justice & Peace rosary intention for June is:

'We pray that the courage, self-sacrifice and care for others, that we applaud in this pandemic crisis, may remain guiding values in the future'.



SPAN: At our SPAN virtual meeting this month we proposed to send £ 300 for the work of the Comboni Missionary Sisters in Nzara, South Sudan and £ 300 for their work in Amman and Karak in Jordan all with refugee families. Also £ 300 to families affected by leprosy in Andhra Pradesh in India. This is in addition to our normal support for local needs. Thank you to those who have given to the special appeal in memory of Emmanuel Toutoungi in aid of House of Light and Hope. **Paul Hayden.**

Laudato Si' – the Pope's landmark encyclical, on 'Care for Our Common Home' has galvanised not only for the Catholic Church but other faiths and governments and worldwide organisations. If you haven't read it, a limited number of copies (£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). **Brian Austin.**

Newsletter EXTRA

It is hoped to publish the next edition in the near future. All parishioners are invited to send in articles, views and opinions. Please get involved: EXTRA is intended to be a two-way street. Send items to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com. Thank you. **Brian Austin, Jane Rebika and Sue Sugars.**



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.