

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 9 August 2020

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This weekend I celebrate my final Sunday Mass at St Peter's. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected to St Peter's and Our Lady's. It has been a joy and a privilege to be part of the family of these parishes: your kindness, understanding and care have made my experience here both rewarding and fulfilling. For me personally it has truly been a gift from God to be with so many of you at special times in your lives, both the extremely happy occasions and, of course, the sad events that each and every family experience at times.

As I leave St Peter's and Our Lady's with a heavy heart, my sadness is made considerably lighter in the knowledge that I am going to St Joseph's. As I said to Fr John, "I'm only going up the road!" I am now looking forward to working closely with everyone there.

So, first and foremost, I want to thank Fr John for his kindness and support during my time here; and I thank all the staff at St Peter's for their invaluable yet invisible back-up.

To St Anthony's and St Patrick's, the schools I have been closely associated with during my time here, I reserve a special word of thanks – to the teachers, ancillary staff and governors, but most especially the children. It has been wonderful to work, pray and to celebrate with you these past years.

I thank Fr Andy for his wholehearted welcome to me as his successor. I have shoes to fill there, as the parishioners of St. Joseph's are already well aware! I pray for God's blessing on him in his new assignment at Our Lady of the Wayside.

My successor will soon be ordained and become Fr Benedict. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome him to St Peter's and Our Lady's. I know you will make him very welcome and support him, as you did me, especially as it is his first appointment after ordination to the priesthood.

Please continue to pray for all of us as we find ourselves tending the Lord's harvest in different places: we will need your tender care, concern and love in the years ahead in our ministry.

I could not leave St Peter's without mentioning Bertie. He will (at least for a while perhaps) not have to listen to someone shouting, "Shut up" or to "Be quiet". I believe both of our lives will be enriched by separation!

Thank you and God bless. Fr Noel.

First reading: Kings 19:9.11-13; **Response to the Psalm** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **Second reading:** Romans 9:1-5; **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

New Mass Schedule for St Peter's & Our Lady's

	<u>St Peter's</u>	<u>Our Lady's</u>
Saturday 8	No Mass	Vigil 12.30 pm
Sunday 9	11.00 am	No Mass
Monday 10	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 11	7.00 pm	No Mass
Wednesday 12	No Mass	11.00 am
Thursday 13	11.00 am	No Mass
Friday 14	11.00 am	No Mass

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SP 11.00 am: Thomas Ryan

Monday 10 St Lawrence

Psalter Week 3

NO MASSES

Tuesday 11 St Clare

SP 11.00 Requiem Antonio Rivera

SP 7.00 pm: Jennifer Greenwood

Wednesday 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal

OL 11.00: The People of the Parish

Thursday 13 Blessed William Freeman

SP 11.00: Tony McAndrew & Susan Day

Friday 14 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

SP 11.00: Mary O'Mullane

Saturday 15 Feria

OL 12.30: Daniel McCann

Sunday 16 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SP 11.00: Margaret Walsh

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9.00: Jim McGarvey's Anniversary

Monday 10 St Lawrence

Psalter Week 3

7.00: Les Thacker RIP

Tuesday 11 St Clare

9.30: SM & HM 20th Wedding

Anniversary

Thursday 13 Blessed William Freeman

7.00: Winford Spain RIP

Friday 14 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

9.30: Peggy McGahan RIP

Saturday 15 August Feria

9.30: Our Lady & all of the parishioners

Sunday 16 August

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00: Noel McGrath's Anniversary

St Joseph's



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **The Gately Family**

Parish Office: The Parish Office is gradually beginning to return to normal. It is open on Wednesdays from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

The remaining Gift Aid envelopes for this year commencing 12th April are

available from the office/Presbytery. Please call before coming.

Exposition and Devotions are suspended for the time being so as to prioritise the safe celebration of Mass.

Requests for the Seven-Day Candle intentions (£5.00) are

available from **8 November** onwards. Please put requests through the Presbytery door.

St Joseph's SVP is collecting any outgrown school uniform to pass on to families in need (especially school blazers that can be expensive), but any uniform in good condition can be helpful. There will be a collecting box in the church entrance or call 07713 246987. Thank you.

E-news: Sign up for the Newsletter and to receive e-news updates via the parish website (stjosephs47.org.uk) or www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up/

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News broadcast: I do hope you can join me for my weekly news broadcast at **12 noon each Sunday** via live-stream. This is recorded so you can watch it whenever you want. It is a chance for me to share Parish News with you. Go to the live-stream page on website and scroll down to find recorded events. Posted or emailed copies? Contact stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk

There will be a collection for Fr Noel after he leaves St Peter's on Saturday 15 August. Hand-delivered envelopes should mention Fr Noel on the outside. If posted, don't mention a collection; put your name etc inside the envelope... otherwise I might think all my birthdays have come at once!

Gift Aid envelopes: Lockdown came at the wrong time for the start of the new Gift Aid year. There are literally boxes of boxes to distribute. If you are able to collect your boxes, the office is staffed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Donations: the bucket (!) at the end of Masses – (rules prevent a bag being passed around) – is an opportunity to help your church recover from the lockdown loss of income. Thank you to all of you who support us by Standing Order.

Mass Cards / Intentions: If you require a Mass Card please email stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk or call the office and a time can be arranged for you to call by and collect one. If you come to Mass there are envelopes and an Intentions Box underneath the statue of St Peter. Envelopes can still be put through the Presbytery letterbox.

Volunteers: Your Church Needs You. Can you help for an hour a week? We need to swell the numbers of our Church Stewards and Cleaners to ensure Masses and other Sacraments can take place safely. Also needed are school governors, gardeners, sweeper-uppers, advisors for finance and buildings, fund-raisers (and more members for the social committees); Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, Health & Safety guidance. You name it, our parish community needs you. Can you help?

Stewards & Cleaners: I am very grateful to you all. Without you, Masses would not have been possible. If a regular commitment seems difficult, perhaps you could help on an occasional basis (eg funerals, baptisms & weddings?) Contact Martin Foley for St Peter's on martinfoley73@gmail.com or Helen Monastero for Our Lady's on helen.mon@icloud.com if you can help.

Baptisms are resuming in our churches. If you have submitted a form but not yet been contacted by the Parish Office, please call Jane on **Mondays** or **Thursdays** on 01926 423824 or email stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk Thank you.

Tales of the unexpected: The boss has a number of greetings when we meet people in the park. He says "Good morning" (in the morning) and normally receives a reply. But not everyone is a good morning person. For some he offers a wistful smile. Not the smile of the Mona Lisa he said, but to my mind a smile full of 'wist'. No, he said, a wistful smile is a smile which can convey nostalgia. I prefer his "Good morning". At least you know where you are. Best woofs, Bertie ;-)

To mark the Season of Creation J&P is highlighting a different prayer for each of the nine Sundays up to the Feast of St Francis. **Today's prayer: The Sun.** Creator God, we are nourished by your radiance. Forgive us for the harm we cause your earth, the heat and drought unleashed by climate change. St Francis, you loved our sacred world, you praised God ceaselessly for his dazzling creation. May we learn from your example.

St Francis, pray for us.

From a letter received by SPAN: Lebanon is in mourning and Beirut is a city in distress. The catastrophic explosion at the Port of Beirut caused death, injury and huge damage over a wide area. My family and I are safe but one of our centres was badly damaged and a social worker injured in the leg. Pray with us at this time of great trial:

Lord Jesus have mercy on us and on this land on which your feet have trodden. Spirit of peace, Holy Spirit, our comforter: your comfort, strength and purifying breath can touch and console the inhabitants of Beirut and Lebanon in these days of distress. Mary, Our Lady of Lebanon, protect our country. Amen.

(Dr Caracache is director of House & Light of Hope in Beirut, a charity supported by our parish over many years through the auspices of SPAN).

The August edition of EXTRA is available online: follow the newsletter link (on catholicleamington.org.uk) and scroll down. Our small editorial team needs some extra help! All puns intended! Email catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com to find out more.

The J&P Rosary Intention for August is: 'We pray that our government may be generous in helping poorer nations protect their peoples from COVID-19'

The recently deceased of our churches: Deacon Frank Lockett, Fr Joe Tynan, John Hume, Hannah Falvey, Teresa Lynch, John Henderson, Rose Thurlow, Antonio Rivera, Philomena Vale, June Moore, Seamus Martin, Anne Keegan. **May they rest in peace.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Luke Bogue, Joseph McAndrew, Frank Pare, Robert Liscoe, Alice Dawson, Fr Basil Lynch, Fr Michael Day, Fr Denis Manion, Fr John Clavin, Mgr Canon Bernard Manion, Fr Thomas Dennison, Fr Michael McGrath, Fr Leslie McCallum, Fr Kevin Keaney. **May they rest in peace.**

Our prayers for those ill at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of Catholic Leamington: 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, Ann Reilly, Marie Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston and Peter Wright. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**