

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 23 August 2020

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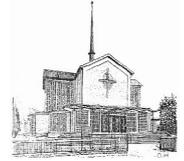
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Extraordinary in the "Ordinary"

**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are his judgements and how unsearchable his
ways! ... For from him and through him and for him are all things.**

Romans 11:33, 36

This Sunday falls in a section of the Church calendar titled "Ordinary Time" — time not Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. This is defined as "time ordained to the everyday living of a Christian life".

Today's epistle from Paul to the Romans expresses for me the truth that words like "ordinary" cannot fully describe the life we have been given. In every "normal" moment of an "ordinary" day, the wonder of God's creative love is holding us right here and now. We are invited to open our minds and hearts to that wonder.

Demanding responsibilities and multiple distractions eclipse that focus, but, delightfully, wonder can break through. Yesterday, when I was very worried and tired, the grocery cashier, instead of mumbling, "Have a nice day," smiled, saying, "Have a wonderful day."

"From him and through and for him," all moments of our lives in God's love are wonder-full.

Patricia Livingston, Living Faith

St Peter's & Our Lady's

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SP 11.00: Seamus Martin

Tuesday 25 FERIA

SP 19.00: Thanksgiving (Manning)

Wednesday 26 Blessed Dominic Barberi

OL 11.00: Ann Sayce RIP

Thursday 27 St Monica

SP 11.00: Katherine Harbison

Friday 28 St Augustine

SP 11.00: Wiggins Family RIP

Saturday 29 The Beheading of St John the Baptist

OL 12.30 Mass: Margaret Pearce RIP

Sunday 30 August

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

SP 11.00: Thanksgiving for Dora & Daniel on the birth of Zoe

St Joseph's

Church Cleaners / Stewards: we still need more volunteers over age 18 and under 70 to help so that we can continue to open our Church and offer Mass every day. If you can help, please contact the Office by phone

or email. We are very grateful for all of the help already received as without this help we would be unable to open to the public.

Gift Aid Envelopes for this current year which have not yet been collected are available from Fr Noel or the Sacristy.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle: there are still a few dates remaining this year from the 22nd November.

This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle burns for
Private Intentions



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Standing Orders/PayPal: Thank you to all the parishioners who have set up standing orders or made PayPal payments these have been a great help to the parish during the recent times. We still have several unidentified payments into our bank account, if you have set up a direct payment please ensure you have given the details to the Parish Office so that the details can be set up on the Parish banking system. Thank you.

Baptisms: If you previously had a date booked for a Baptism at St Joseph's which was then cancelled due to Coronavirus, these can now be rebooked under strict new guidelines. Please contact either Fr Noel or the Parish Office on Wednesdays.

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9.00: Teresa Lynch RIP

Monday 24 St Bartholomew — Psalter Week 1

19.00: Private Intentions

Tuesday 25 FERIA

9.30: Rose Thurlow RIP

Davy Sauvage RIP

Thursday 27 St Monica

19.00: John Henderson RIP

James Clancy RIP

Friday 28 St Augustine

9.30: Private Intentions of The Jamison Family

Saturday 29 The Beheading of St John the Baptist

9.30: Anne & John Herlihy RIP

Sunday 30 August

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9.00: May & Seamus Martin RIP

St Peter's & Our Lady's

We shall be having a Heritage Open Day at St Peter's on Saturday 12 September and at Our Lady's on Sunday 20 September. A series of events is planned throughout the day at each church. It is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the beauty of our churches. Volunteers are invited to join the team and make these our best days to date.

The collection for Fr Noel's leaving present seems to be drawing to a close but I will give it another week to ensure as many of you have a chance to donate if you wish.

Stewards and cleaners will be needed at every public event in the church for many months and even years to come. Without these key volunteers I will not be able to open the churches for Mass. I appeal to those who can help who are over 18 and under 70 to offer some of your free time. It is a worthwhile activity and we are all grateful for your help and support. Full training will be given. Contact Martin Foley on martinfoley73@gmail.com if you can help at St Peter's or, for Our Lady's Church, Helen Monastero at helen.mon@icloud.com.

Gift Aid envelopes for this financial year can be collected from the office, but please give advance notice.

We are not permitted to pass around collection bags during Mass. Instead, as you leave church, the bucket is your opportunity to contribute to the first and second

collections, cash or envelopes. You can also put in Mass Intentions.

The Mass Intention Diary is not as full as it would have been pre-lockdown! There are envelopes available in the churches and, as mentioned above, these can be put in the collection bucket after Mass. *If you require a Mass Card please email or call the office and arrange a time to collect one.*

Baptisms are now held on Saturdays, 2.00 pm (Our Lady's) and Sundays, 3.00 pm (St Peter's). There are new guidelines which must be adhered to. If you already had a date booked you will be my first priority. If you have not yet been contacted by the Parish Office, please call Jane on Mondays or Thursdays on 01926 423824.

Weddings, even more so than Baptisms, have been disrupted over the lockdown period. Many of you postponed your weddings until next year due to the restrictions imposed by the Government. Please call Jane on Mondays or Thursdays on 01926 423824 to touch base. Thank you.

Tales of the unexpected: Hot, cold, hot, cold, wet, dry, wet, dry, windy, still, windy still. The weather is full of surprises and I am finding it hard to keep up with it all. The boss just glanced at this and he said he thought I was talking about his microwave curry recipe!

Best woofs, Bertie ;-)) xx

First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23; **Response to the Psalm** Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading: Romans 11:33-36; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

The recently deceased of our churches:

Margarete Ayres, Davy Sauvage,
Hannah Falvey, Teresa Lynch, John

Henderson, Rose Thurlow, Antonio
Rivera, June Moore.
May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed:

Margery Timmis, Grace Cleaver, Antonia
Erroi, Christina Boyle, James Caden,
Annette Hancox, Martina Stenson,
Cameron Smart, Fr Patrick Branagan,
Fr Francis Rowe, Mgr Richard J Foster,
Fr James Downey, Deacon David McCarroll,
Fr Isaac Savin, Mgr Canon Laurence Emery,
Canon Laurence Hogarty, Fr Francis Toole,
Fr Brendan O'Malley. **May they rest in peace.**

Confessions: Social distancing is observed at all Churches. The priest hears confessions in church.

St Joseph's Saturdays from 10.00-10.30 am. *Please wait in the Narthex until you are called in.* **Our Lady's:** Before Mass, at call. **St Peter's:** Saturdays from 4.00-5.00 pm. *Please wait outside the West Doors until you are called in.*

PARISH PICNIC next Sunday 30th August from 12 noon. Bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring yourselves and let's have a socially distanced parish get-together in the open air of the Pump Room Gardens. If it is pouring with rain, we shall try for the following Sunday and hope for the best!

Seven-day candles: We warmly invite you to light a seven-day candle at St Peter's. There three locations where candles can be lit at the Chapel of Our Lady or St Joseph, or two on the altar. Envelopes will be left at the back of the church. Post envelopes through the presbytery door or place in with the weekly offertory as you leave the church. Alternatively, call the office and book your chosen date and candle location as well as the intention. The suggested donation is £10.00 but we will gratefully accept any offering. Candles can be booked from Sunday 6 September 2020.

The candles will burn from Sunday to Saturday for your intention (which will be featured in the newsletter). Your candle will light up our Church and support us financially.

The first £200.00 raised will be re-invested in the Church to pay for flower arrangements on The Heritage Open day.

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: Wind and Air

Creator God, we have disturbed the natural cycle, upset Earth's fragile balance.

Forgive us for our lack of care.

St Francis, joyful steward of creation, you lived in peace with nature and with God. Inspired by your witness, may we defend our common home.

St Francis, pray for us.

EXTRA newsletter can be downloaded from the website catholicleamington.org.uk I hope you enjoy reading it. Our small editorial team needs some extra help! Please email to find out more catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com.

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