

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Feast of Christ the King (A): Youth Sunday

Sunday 22nd November 2020

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St Peter's & Our Lady's -Live Stream Only

Saturday 21st November Vigil

SP: 5:00: Andrew Kerrigan

Sunday 22nd

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SP 11:00: Mick Murphy;

Mick Nolan;

Ann-Marie & Patrick Reddin;

Martin Wall

Monday 23rd

SP: 8:00am: Anne Sayce

SP: 9:30: School Mass

Tuesday 24th

SP 11:00: Mary Jo Curran

Wednesday 25th

SP: 12:00: Bridie & Harry Gray

Thursday 26th

SP 11:00: Tommy Power

Friday 27th

SP 11:00: Christa Maria Cross

Saturday 28th Vigil

SP: 9:30: Winn Brown

SP: 5:00: Rose Dwyer

Sunday 29th

1st Sunday of Advent

SP 11:00: Marie Veronique Tcheng;

Irene Dias & Maria Alice Spencer

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Feast of Christ the King (A) Youth Sunday

9:00: Deceased members of the McGrath Family

Michael MacMahon

Monday 23rd

7:00: Senan Lynch RIP;

Bear and Myko Mylotte RIP

Tuesday 24th

9:30: Eileen Smith RIP

Thursday 26th

7:00: For the Deceased of our Parish and Holy Souls

Friday 27th

11:00 Requiem Mass: Teresa McAndrew

Saturday 28th

9:30: In Thanksgiving (MT);

Private Intentions (NMG)

Sunday 29th

1st Sunday of Advent

9:00: James Drumgoole RIP;

Chris Hogan RIP;

Filippo Castrolfilipo

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Saints of the week

Monday 23rd November:

Memorial of St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr

Memorial of St. Columban, Abbot, Missionary

Tuesday 24th November:

Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday 11th November:

Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday 21st November:

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Confessions:

At **St Joseph's** : On Request

At **St. Peter's**: Monday - Saturday: When the Church is open for Private Prayer.

Evening Devotions at St. Peter's:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 8pm including: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Night Prayer and Benediction.

Please note: Wednesdays and Thursdays will be Night Prayer only.

Private Prayer: Church Opening Times at St. Peter's and Our Lady's Please find below the opening times:

Mondays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Tuesdays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Wednesdays: SP - 10:00- 11:00; OL - 2:00 - 3:00

Thursdays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Fridays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Saturdays: SP - 10:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 4:30 OL - 12:00 - 2:00

Sundays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Private Prayer at St. Joseph's

Mondays - Saturdays: 10:00 - 11:00

Sundays: 11:00 - 12:00

The recently deceased of our churches:

June Arran, Rosalie Dwyer, Andrew Kerrigan,
Teresa McAndrew, Michael Nolan James McNally,
Christa Maria Cross, Jill Kubiak

May they rest in peace.

Our prayers for the Sick : Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, 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, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Clare Banner, 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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candle burns for **Those in Hospital and Care Homes.**

The Main Altar candle burns for **The Holy Souls**

The Our Lady Altar candle burns for **James and Kitty Clancy**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is also a Day of Prayer for the Young People of the Parish. There are some special prayers for you to look at on the website. It is an apposite moment to thank Emma Rayment on behalf of the parish and her many helpers who help to run of the Unite Youth Group for the School aged young people of Catholic Leamington. Take a look at "Youth" on the parish website and be amazed by the activities on offer. They have led many virtual meetings via zoom and social media over the time of lockdown intermingled with some real time events. I would like to congratulate Unite for providing many interesting and enjoyable events for our young people. If you have a youngster aged 11 + who is not a member of Unite please have a chat with Emma and find out what it offers.

A new Young Adults Group was set up this year to provide a focus for the 18-30 year olds. Many thanks to Rose Pauling and Niall Herbert for this initiative. There are a number of Diocesan and other initiatives which are good to tap into.

At the end of the FHC programme for 2020 we say farewell to Mary Grayling who, with Jenny Hayden, has run the parish catechism First Holy Communion Programme for ten years and for the first eight of them the Confirmation programme as well. I am grateful for the time she has given us and her commitment to instruct the young people of the parish on Saturday afternoons. I am sure Mary will find having Saturdays free a novel experience.

The Feast of Christ the King is the icing on the cake of the year which for at least half of it is unprecedented in our history but we did manage to have the Deanery Episcopal Visitation in February as well as the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Primary Schools of St Peter's and Our Lady's. We have managed a few Baptisms and one First Holy Communion Mass. Fr Noel celebrated a Confirmation Mass at St Joseph's a few weeks ago. Our strange year has seen the parish societies and groups adapting to the circumstances of lockdown, embracing new technology and acclimatising themselves to Virtual meetings of Zoom or Team, Facebook or Live stream. We have discovered a new vocabulary of words. For example who among us had ever heard of being furloughed, speaking about the 'R' number or the 'exponential' rise in cases? To use another term from the study of mathematics, it has been a real learning curve! Having said this I think we need to be aware that many non technophobes have felt increasingly isolated because they do not have access to a computer, or the knowledge and ability to set one up. The Facebook Portal and similar technologies is a good way of having face to face calls and for live streaming mass. It is not cheap. The newsletter is a good way for people to stay in touch. Sometimes it is not easy to get it to print when our website goes on strike so if this happens could I suggest you go onto Warwick RC Deanery website and print from there. If you could post a copy to anyone elderly or housebound who lives nearby I am sure they would appreciate your kindness.

This weekend I welcome all who are able to participate in our live stream masses, open church for prayer, evening devotions on Sunday and during the week as we give thanks to God for the Year which began last Advent. *Continued on page 3*

St Joseph's

Church Closing: The Church is now closed due to the new Government Restrictions regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic. However, it will be open for private prayer at the following times:

Then from Monday 16th November 10am - 11am daily and 11am - 12pm on Sundays.

Confessions will be heard on request. For the time being there will only be one Mass in Sundays at 9am.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

We are very grateful to our Stewards and Cleaners as without their help we would be unable to open the Church to the Public at any times.

November - Month of the Holy Souls: Mass envelopes are available at the back of the Church for you to put the names of your deceased friends and relatives in, together with a donation, please place the envelopes in the box provided. Holy Mass will then be offered for them during the month of November.

Annual Mass for the Deceased of our Parish: This will be Celebrated on Thursday 26th November at 7pm. The names of those whose funerals have taken place at St. Joseph's during the past 12 months will be read out during the Mass.

Mass time change: Please note that there will be no 9:30 Mass on Friday 27th November.

Christmas Cards: There is a selection of Christmas cards & gifts in the Narthex, please put the money in the Piety box on the wall.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
Audrey Atack

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 31st January onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

New Email Addresses: Please remember to use the new email addresses at the top of the Newsletter as the old ones are no longer in use.

Foodbank: Many thanks for your support for the Foodbank during these difficult times. While access to the church is limited, please remember that donated goods can still be left at 4 Peto Grove, Warwick Gates, CV34 6GT. The items most needed at present are: Instant Mash, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Chocolate, Jams, Small Jars of Coffee, Washing-up Liquid, Washing Powder Tablets, Shampoo, Shower Gel and Deodorants (Male and Female). Financial donations are also

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Alice, Galvin, William Connolly, Eileen High, Sandra Mattingley, Patrick Clarke, Elizabeth Hales, William Markham, Jason Young, Brian McCann, David Carr, Margaret Hood, Canon Maurice Woulfe, Canon Augustine Emery, Fr. David Higham, Fr. Michael Connolly, Fr. Edward Neary, Fr. Joseph du Moulin Browne CO, Deacon Pat Linthwaite. **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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

First Holy Communion Programme 2021 for children who attend non Catholic Schools: Parents of children who are now in Year 3 or above who attend non Catholic Schools please contact the parish office stperaposle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk marked First Holy Communion 2021 to register your child for this programme.

The Course will be run via Zoom. It will begin at 2.30 pm on Saturday afternoon and each session will last for approximately half an hour. It is 20 sessions in total, excluding all school holidays. Parents will receive a package via email each week before the session with everything they will need ie prayers, home task, etc.

The Enrolment Mass for new candidates will be on Saturday 9th January. Reconciliation Service and First Confession on 6th March. First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 19th June.

Dear Parishioners: Continued - It is one we shall never forget. The Walk with Me Booklets and Calendars have arrived as well as the new Diocesan Directories. We have put out our stock of Christmas cards at the entrance of St Peter's as well as Advent calendars.

Next weekend there will be a chance to celebrate the beginning of Advent with Evening Prayer. Many thanks to Our Lady's Choir for this experience. Please see the item in the newsletter below. I am afraid I managed to miss the information which came through about the 21st November being a day to pray for the end of the pandemic. Those of you who read this newsletter on Saturday will catch the tail end of this. I apologise for missing it but I think we have been praying for the end of the pandemic and for everyone who has been affected by it. Perhaps I might ask your prayers for those who are on the front line who care for the victims of the virus and the Priests who may be called to attend those who request the Sacraments. Visiting the sick and the dying is at the very heart of the priestly vocation. Seven priests from the Deanery are on 24-hour availability one day a week to respond to hospital emergency calls. Two of these will deal with the Covid calls.

I could say more but I need to save a few words for the beginning of Advent next Weekend. The clergy are beginning to think about Penitential services, Advent retreats and Recollection, decorations, Christmas trees, where to put the crib, Christmas Masses, what they will look like and how to safely accommodate our Parishioners. Watch this space !

Happy Feast Day to all our parishioners. Every Blessing, Fr John

Private Masses this Week: The Clergy will be celebrating private Masses this week for **the Repose of the Soul of Jill Kubiak and The Holy Souls of the Parish.**

The Christian Life Community invites you: to our Virtual Information Evening by ZOOM on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. We are a world-wide organisation for lay people, who meet in small groups, currently virtually, for helping them with prayer, sharing their faith with others and exploring how to live their lives on a daily basis in the spirit of the gospel and for mutual support. We would like to offer the opportunity to Christians to experience this way of life by setting up new virtual groups by Zoom for the area. For more information, or for the Zoom link, contact:- Peter Dimambro, mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk 01926 428399.

Friday Luncheon Club: If enough parishioners are interested, we might hold our usual Christmas get together on Friday 4th December at 1-0 pm. at Simons Place. This has now been taken over and has new owners, and the venue is big enough for us to spread out. If you are interested, please phone Carmel on 01926 859303, and leave a message, and I will get back to you. This, of course, depends entirely whether we are in lockdown or not.

Friends of the Holy Land Free Talk: You are invited by Friends of the Holy Land to participate in two forthcoming occasions, for which there is no charge. At **7.00pm on Wednesday 2 December** Peter Rand, FHL's Vice Chairman and Executive Trustee, is running a session on Zoom. He has visited the Holy Land on around 25 occasions in the last 10 years and is in regular contact the FHL Bethlehem office, the local FHL Committee and other partners including the Latin Patriarchate, the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Pontifical Mission. He would like to share with you and take questions on the reality of life with COVID for our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, as we approach Christmas – a very different experience to ours in the UK. Please email Peter at peter.rand@friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk and he will send you the link to access the meeting. Also at **10.00am on Saturday 5 December**, FHL are organizing a live cookery demonstration by zoom of a traditional Palestinian Christmas meal, prepared by the ladies at St. Martha's House, a Day Care Centre in Bethlehem, supported by FHL. Again, please email Peter who will send you the link.

Evening Prayer for Advent: on Sunday 29th November at 5pm, Evening Prayer to mark the start of Advent will take place via Zoom. All are warmly invited to take up this opportunity to pray together. Please email: maryrouse@rocketmail.com for the Zoom invitation, and you will be sent a service booklet so that you can join in with the prayers and singing (that will have to be on mute, of course!). The virtual choir will provide some of the music, and there will be live soloists and readers. We hope you are able to join us for this opportunity to pray together as we wait in joyful hope.

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: please can you help spread some cheer and hope? Before the Pandemic, Catholic Leamington sent over 100 signed cards every year to those who are bravely standing up against injustice world wide. Would you consider looking using the list supplied by Action by Christians Against Torture? Unfortunately it is not yet on their website www.acatuk.org.uk but we have put a copy on our own J&P page of the parish website <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/justice-and-peace.html> (or email cl.jandp@gmail.com for a copy) and select one or two cases to receive a card and show the persecuted are not forgotten? It will take a few minutes and postage of £1.70 to shine some light in the darkness. Please note the majority of prisoners on the list would be endangered by receiving religious cards. Please read carefully as only 8 Individuals from a list of over 20 will be safe to receive cards with a religious message or imagery.

CHRISTMAS VOUCHER APPEAL: SPAN really needs your help to make sure that those in need in the parish and the schools get some support from their community. We will send grocery vouchers to those who we hear of through the parish and the schools. This year will be difficult to collect cash before the end of lockdown and most of the collection will have to be online -so PLEASE HELP as much as you can. The options are - using our NEW Justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanxmasvouchers> this is very easy to use and can collect gift aid too or via your bank to Sort code 40-27-06. Account 21324004 with reference "Vouchers" or dropping a cheque to SPAN to Michael Barker 77, Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa CV32 7DS. Ref 'donation for Christmas vouchers' on the back of the cheque michaelbarker77@sky.com or print one from our webpage <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span.html> Any queries to Paul Hayden paulhayden@ntlworld.com