

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary (B)

Sunday 24th January 2020

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St Joseph's

Sunday 24th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00: Wallace Wakling;
Tom Conlon RIP

Monday 25th

7:00: June Arran RIP

Tuesday 26th

9:30: Fr. Brian Boyle's Birthday Intentions;
Giuseppe La-Russa

Thursday 28th

7:00: June Arran RIP;
Tom Conlon RIP

Friday 29th

9:30: In Thanksgiving (J&CS)
Pat Mahoney

Saturday 30th

9.30: Margaret & Chris Marham

Sunday 31st

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00: Elias & Manola Saez;
Joseph & Doris Cassidy RIP

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 23rd January Vigil

OL 12:30: George Robinson **Vigil**

Sunday 24th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 11.00: Peggy Fitzgerald

Monday 25th

SP 11:00: Bill Lee

Tuesday 26th

SP 11.00: Anna Dalli

Wednesday 27th

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Domenica Turturici RIP

OL 12:00: Isabell and Family

Thursday 28th

SP 11:00: Margaret Lumu's Intention

Friday 29th

SP 11:00: Eric Duckett

Saturday 30th

SP 9:30: Private Intention

OL 12:30: George Robinson **Vigil**

Sunday 31st

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 11.00: Barbara O'Rourke

Saints of the week

Monday 25th January

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Tuesday 26th January

Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Wednesday 27th January

Opt. Memorial of Blessed Edward Oldcorne, Priest, Martyr

Opt. Memorial of St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Thursday 28th January

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Monday - Friday when the Church is open, Saturday 10 am – 11 am and upon request.

Our Lady's: Wednesday when the Church is open.

St. Joseph's: Upon request

The recently deceased of our churches:

Myles Richards, Luigi Bossi, Fr. Patrick Joyce, Jack Frawley,
James Rowles, Margaret Moore, Kathleen Jackson, Joan
Sweeney, Emma Lawless, Dominica Turturici, Tom Conlon,
Jacqueline Skelcher, Mary Healy, Sheila Collins.

May they rest in peace.

St. Peter's and Our Lady's Private Prayer

The Churches will be open before Mass during the Week for
Private Prayer. Please see above for Mass times.

The Seven Day Candles: are a great way to provide a devotion to a loved one or for your own intention. The 7 day candles are designed to display the presence of God in the Church. If you would like to book a 7 day candle for your intentions please collect an envelope at the back of Church, suggested donation is £10.00 and return it, either in the collection or via St. Peter's Presbytery door. Thank you.

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leafington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, 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 **The Wilson Family**

The Main Altar candle burns for **The Taylor Family**

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Parishioners of the Parish**

The St. Joseph Chapel candle burns for **Our Priests and the Priests of the Archdiocese**

Dear Parishioners,

The call of the disciples by Jesus in the Gospel today reminds us that we as Christians are also called by Him to belong to a new community. Through our Baptism we belong to not only our own family but born again into the family of God.

During Lockdown our family has taken a battering, the family of the Church our Christian community as well as with our relations. In both cases the single most important element is not being able to meet each other.

All our special events have taken place over the phone or online but not forgotten. Similarly our church events, even with the allowance of Churches remaining open we cannot allow funerals for over 30 people. Numbers are restricted and no one can meet in a social setting. Virtual events lack the social interaction needed to create a real sense of community.

This is the reality of the moment and we hope things will improve. The song made famous by Gerry Marsden "You'll never walk alone" is one which I find inspirational at this difficult time partly because I recall an occasion when as a Parish community it was sung by all as we held hands. It was so powerful that it still fills me with hope for the future of our Faith and the time when we can be together once more.

In the meantime to the many who feel unable to be with us in Church we wait and hope for the day when our family will be reunited and pray for each other that our community may remain united and strong. We do not walk alone because Christ Jesus who called each one of us to be His follower leads us ever onwards to the Promised Land.

"Walk on, walk on with hope in your hearts and you'll never walk alone, you'll never walk alone..."

Every Bless,

Fr. John

Message from Fr. Noel: A very sincere thank you to all the Parishioners of St. Peter's and Our Lady's who gave so generously to the collection taken for me at my departure from St. Peter's. I am also very grateful for the kind words in so many notes of appreciation which accompanied your gifts.

My time at St. Peter's was indeed grace filled and rewarding and it was all of you who made my Ministry such a joy.

Looking forward to seeing many of you for many more years to come.

God Bless,

Fr. Noel

St Joseph's

We are thankful that under the new Lockdown guidelines the Church is able to remain open for public worship.

Confessions will be heard on request.

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.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
**The Wellbeing of
May Murphy and
Family**

Baptism: We welcome into the Church - Caden Cleveland who is being Baptised on Sunday 17th January.

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

Mass times: Due to the increasing outbreaks of Covid occurring all over, and the advice to limit our contact with people and also following suggestions from diocesan authority, I have decided to reduce the weekly masses at which people may attend to three. This is also in response to having fewer stewards or cleaners available to cover all the masses here. I am grateful for those who do volunteer so readily and often. But we must be realistic and reflect the need to be a lot more careful for the foreseeable future, at least until many more have received the vaccine. So the masses open to the public will be Tuesday and Saturday at 9.30am and one mass on Sunday at 9.00am, this will begin from the 18th January. All the other masses will be livestreamed with the exception of the Sunday evening 5.30 mass.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Michael Crowley, Leslie Fishnet, Ian Kirby, Kathleen McHugh, Teresa Owen, Donald Dorgan, Patricia Harwar, Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Seamus Keogh, Hannah Grimes, Paddy Shanahan, Jeremiah Bowen, Donald Leahy, Tony Talmage, Margaret Devaney, Nancy Bowen, George O'Regan, Stella Clifton, Paula Kerrigan-Moss, Colin Quirke, George Pantry, Anne, Rellis, Thomas Walsh, Mary Phillips, Kathleen Barnwell, Carl Geaney, Michael Stack, Mgr. Peter Dao-Duc-Diem, Canon Thomas Copsey, Canon Kevin Good, Fr. Anthony Timlin, Fr. Vincent Ryan, Fr. Richard Roche, Fr. James Heneghan, Fr. Charles Smith, Fr. Mortimer Loftus, Fr. John Berry, Fr. David Condon, Deacon Michael Ainsworth
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Holy Rosary and Night Prayer: Monday and Friday, 8-8.45pm on Zoom. You are invited to join with fellow parishioners as we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and pray Night Prayer. This group is for both those who regularly pray these prayers, and those who are new to them. Only Fr Benedict's camera and microphone will be on; so you don't need to worry about background noise etc. The login details are the same for every meeting: Meeting ID: 945 327 7340 Passcode: pray Or click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9453277340?pwd=Q1VhSVQxNGhTWDRJSW96UUVHTVdoUT09>

Kindaid Zoom Quiz: Saturday 23rd January 2021. Our third virtual quiz promises fun and entertainment for all ages. Starting at 6.30 with a couple of rounds for younger quizzers, the event will proceed into the "grown-up" rounds at 7pm. Please send a message to maryrouse@rocketmail.com to receive the Zoom link and details of how to make a donation to Kindaid. Prizes (edible) will be delivered to the winning teams!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th – 25th January "Abiding in Christ". There are reflective prayers for each day of the Week of Prayer here: [Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](https://resourcesforweekofprayer.org/).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans January 30th-31st 2021. An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. Other dates for 2021 - 20th-21st March & 15th-16th May. To find out more visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or call 0845 2602016.

Job Opportunity: FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND. This Christian Charity is seeking an Office Administrator. The salaried position is important for our future growth and directly supports the Office Manager. Duties include maintaining the database, responding to enquiries, managing post/emails and sending out materials. The successful candidate will have good verbal and written communication skills, a strong ability to multi-task and be comfortable with using IT (particularly MS Office). The hours of work are negotiable – minimum 20 hours per week, between Mon-Fri. In the current pandemic, some work can be done at home. Normally, the work is conducted from our Kenilworth office. Please contact Jen Hill with your CV, office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for January is: 'We pray for a rapid end to the pandemic throughout the world, but that the solidarity, compassion and care for others recognized in 2020 may continue and grow in 2021.'

Justice & Peace: You may have seen in the December EXTRA that the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons [TPNW] came into force this week on 22nd January 2021. This means that nuclear weapons are now banned in the same way as chemical and biological weapons have been banned, because of their indiscriminate nature and humanitarian consequences. Our Catholic Bishops had issued a statement on nuclear weapons in which they say: "We therefore recommit ourselves to the abolition of these weapons..."

The full statement is at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-nuclear-weapons/>

Pope Francis, in Fratelli Tutti writes: "... when we consider the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences that would follow from any use of nuclear weapons, with devastating, indiscriminate and uncontainable effects, over time and space ... the ultimate goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons becomes both a challenge and a moral and humanitarian imperative ..." [para.262]

Parishioners who are care givers or work in the mental health sector: Mini retreat for care givers in the midst of the COVID pandemic Prepared by Ben Bano at Welcome Me As I Am, a scripture based reflection every day for a week (see attached). For more info visit <https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>

The Christian Heritage Centre: are offering a couple of webinars (13th Feb & 13th Mar) to support Catholics (and indeed Christians) who work in the mental health sector. Link to the event page is <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/spirit-mind-body/>

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Marriage support for those experiencing difficulties: Is lockdown and living in a time of so much uncertainty affecting your relationship? Are you more stressed, silent or arguing a lot? Have you reached a point that you are considering separating or divorce? Help and support is available. Retrouvaille (<https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>) offer a virtual weekend programme (25th-28th Feb 2021) that may help. For more information or to speak to someone in confidence call or text 07887 296983 / 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

Evening Prayer: via Zoom on Sunday, 17 January (with a focus on Christian Unity) and Sunday, 24 January (focus on the Sunday of the Year of the Word), both starting at 5 pm. All are very welcome to attend. Please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com for a Zoom link for either or both. Mary will send the link out automatically to all those who have attended previous services but, if you have not attended one before, you will need the link to join and receive a service booklet. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray together. It's not quite the same as gathering together, but it's the next best thing!

The following Masses were celebrated by the clergy privately last week (18th - 22nd January 2021):

Mary Staples

Jill Kubiak RIP

Rita Blake

Teresa O'Malley RIP

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Kate Tennyson email safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com, 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.

EXTRA newsletter for January The January edition of the EXTRA newsletter is now on the Newsletter page of the Parish Website below the weekly newsletter. Read about Unity Week, Living Simply, Christmas Dinner for the homeless and vulnerable, thanks from SVP and SPAN for your Christmas donations and about climate change.