

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 14th February 2021

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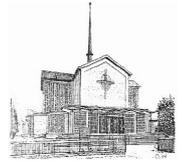
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9.00: Charles & Ivy Abbott RIP;
Peggy & Rory O'Rourke;
Michael Clancy

Monday 15th

7:00: Kamena & Vincent Boyd RIP

Tuesday 16th

9:30: John Harrison RIP

Wednesday 17th Ash Wednesday

9:30: Alberto & Clementina Pacitti Anniversary;
Sue Franklin RIP

Thursday 18th Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00: Alice Kearns

Friday 19th Friday after Ash Wednesday

9:30: Rosara Lazzara RIP

Saturday 20th Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9.30: Philip & Carmen Cassidy RIP

Sunday 21st

1st Sunday of Lent

9.00: Fr. Brian Boyle's Intentions;
John Clancy RIP

Confirmation Class 2021: Attention All children who attend non-Catholic schools in Catholic Leamington. This year children from St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary Immaculate's Church in Warwick will participate along with those from Our Lady's and St. Peter's Churches in the Confirmation class on Zoom. Our course will be lay led and begin in a few weeks time. Please contact fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk to register your place ASAP.

Attention Parishioners who use Gift Aid Envelopes: Please may we ask Parishioners who, in normal times, use either the White and Pink or Green and Blue envelopes and have not started Standing Orders to get in touch with the Parish Office Monday - Friday between 12pm - 5pm, to register to ensure you receive your envelopes for 2021/22. The Deadline to register your interest is Friday 5th March 2021.

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 13th

OL 12:30: People of the Parish *Vigil*

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SP 11.00: Susan Lopes

Monday 15th

SP 11:00: Mockie McGirr & Deceased of McGirr Family

Tuesday 16th

SP 11.00: Brigid Lynch

Wednesday 17th Ash Wednesday

SP 9:30: For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish (**Live-Stream Only**)

SP 10:30: Noel McGivern RIP

OL 12:00: For all Key Workers

SP 7:00: People of the Parish

Thursday 18th Thursday after Ash Wednesday

SP 11:00: Alexandra Ene

Friday 19th Friday after Ash Wednesday

SP: 11:00: Jim & Margaret McGreevy

Saturday 20th Saturday after Ash Wednesday

SP 9:30: Private Intention

OL 12:30: John Salt RIP

Sunday 21st

1st Sunday of Lent

SP 11.00: Brian McHale

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:

George Bourke, Robert "Bob" Grainger, Vince McGreevy, Elizabeth Goode, Sue Franklin, Frances Kendrick, Dorothy Rimmer, John Coombes, Pam Allerton, Maisie Lynch, Myles Richards, Jack Frawley, James Rowles, Margaret Moore, Catherine Jackson.

May they rest in peace.

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.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: John Curran, Peter Curran, 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 **Patrick Joseph Kelly RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

Do you remember Ash Wednesday last year? I do. The church was full of people and we all received the ashes. Some of us twice! Last year the priests were advised to mix the ashes with olive oil. This meant the mark of the cross was particularly strong and dark. I remember thinking I would have liked to take a photograph of you because we all had this dark smudge of ashes on our foreheads. As we listened to the readings, I had my usual sense of frustration as I heard the reader say "Now now. It is the Lord who speaks!" Every year the comma between now and now is missed which means the sense of occasion, the seriousness of the message is completely lost. However, in the weeks and months which followed the sense of occasion with the beginning of a much longer time of penance was and is something we have completely understood in ways which none of us could ever have thought possible. During those 40 days last year what began with our almsgiving, prayer and fasting became a challenge of life. At first, we thought it would last for just a few weeks but as the hospitals began to fill up with patients of all ages and number of deaths increased, the reality of the Coronavirus hit. We were not ready for what happened, its easy to be critical of the people who were trying to help but the truth is that none of us knew what to expect and none of us were ready, but we all realised very quickly that lockdown was the only weapon we had in the fight against this dreadful disease.

This year we begin Ash Wednesday once again after a year in which our freedom has been necessarily curtailed to protect the lives of the vulnerable. This is reflected in every aspect of our lives and in our faith. Many of us will need to spend Ash Wednesday at home but even so we can mark this day in the way the Gospel tells us to. Put olive oil (not motor oil) (and don't pour it from the bottle) on your head and then wash it off "and your Heavenly Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you". Follow the Mass with us on Live Stream, Zoom, or by telephone if you follow the Middlesbrough Mass. If at home watch, listen and have a few drops of some olive oil nearby. At the time when the priest is distributing the ashes put that cross of oil on your forehead, turn to the Gospel and pray for forgiveness.

This year we shall sprinkle the ashes on the heads of those who are able to attend Mass. Please don't all come to the 10.30 am Mass at St Peter's because we can only accommodate 100 people. If you can, could you come to the 7pm Mass at St. Peter's or the 12 noon mass at Our Lady's this will help to share the numbers out. I note there is only one Mass on Ash Wednesday at St Joseph's so please bear this in mind. We will do our best to accommodate parishioners but if you arrive late be warned that you may need to follow the mass outside on live stream. If we have any ash left I am sure the priests can distribute the ashes after Ash Wednesday (after mass).

St Joseph's

The Church is open for Public Mass at the following times:

Tuesdays: 9:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

Sundays: 9:00am

All other Masses will be Live Streamed, there will only be one Mass on Sundays.

We continue to be very grateful to our Stewards & Cleaners who continue to help us open the Church to the Public.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for

**Katie Hannan
Birthday Memories**

Confessions will be heard on request. Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

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.

Ash Wednesday 17th February: Mass will be at 9:30am with Ashes being distributed by sprinkling on each person's head instead of by the usual way.

The Parish SVP: is looking to provide these items for a local family in need - Warm Winter clothes: Ladies size Medium or size 10, Girl's size 11 yrs, Boy's size 15 yrs. Footwear: Lady's size 4, Girl's size 4, Boy's size 6. If you have any of these items to donate, please take to -Presbytery at St Joseph's, or give to Father Noel after a Mass. or 4 Peto Grove, Warwick Gates Estate, Heathcote. CV34 6GT. Knock on door or place in box just outside house. Food bank - a reminder we are still collecting items for the local food bank, again please drop off at the Presbytery or 4 Peto Grove. If you want to donate money, please can it be as cash, as this gets to the food bank quicker. Thank you, St Vincent de Paul Society at St Joseph's.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Robert Tagert, Maureen Halsey, Peggy O'Rourke, John French, Edward Sullivan, Donald Rowe, Patrick Flynn, Francis Salters, Daniel Hendry, Gwyneth Chetwynd-Chatwin, Jane Forde, Michael Pearce, Anne Croasdell, Jerry Collins, Con O'Callaghan, Frances O'Donoghue, Dorothy Berry, Margaret Gauguskas, Muriel Rowson, Timothy Lyne, Elizabeth Reynolds, Mary "Molly" Briggs, Mary "Peggy" Bevin, Mgr. Joseph Vincent Healy, Mgr. Canon Peter W. Lawler, Canon William Roughan, Canon Sean McTernan, Fr. Joseph Hogan, Fr. Charles O'Reilly, Fr. William Conefrey, Fr. Joseph McEvilly, Fr. Timothy Healy, Fr. Terence McDonnell, Fr. Francis Jordan, Fr. Alexander McGavin, Fr. Francis Coyle, Fr. Sean Farrell. **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**

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Kate Tennyson email safeguarding.splspa@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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioners continued: Almsgiving, prayer and fasting. This is our challenge. As the weeks progress we shall reflect on the theme. Go to Stations of the Cross at the beginning of Lent, go to confession when you can, Set yourselves challenges to learn and practice self – discipline. Recognise that failure does not mean giving up. Take up your cross and pray for forgiveness and faith, following Jesus who invites his disciples “Take up your cross and follow me!” (Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23) This does not mean carrying a burden but see how the Cross of Christ, his death and Resurrection released us from the burden of sin and gave us new life.

Please avail yourselves of the Lenten opportunities.

Walk with Me Booklet (£1) Daily readings throughout Lent until Easter Sunday.

Children's Calendar (10p)

Daily Mass : See Newsletter Mass Schedule.

Confessions after mass. Subject to availability of priest. St Joseph's on request

Saturday confessions: St Peter's : 10-11 am , Our Lady's 12-12.20pm

Lenten Events

Sunday:	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom	(Combined choir)
Monday:	8.00 pm - 8.45pm	Rosary and Night Prayer	Zoom	(Fr Benedict)
Tuesday :	7.00 pm	Gospel of Mark by Chapter		(SP Live Stream)
	7.45 pm	Meeting to discuss	Zoom	(Fr John)
Wednesday	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Zoom	(Justice & Peace)
Friday:	3.30 pm	Unite Youth Group Rosary	Zoom	(Emma Rayment)
	8.00 pm - 8.45pm	Rosary and Night Prayer	Zoom	(Fr Benedict)
Saturday :	6.00 pm	Strictly .		

For Zoom you need to log in about 15 mins before event starts. If you are on email and have a camera and audio on your computer you can join a Zoom meeting.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

Fr. Benedict's Homily: Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website frbenedict.blog

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>

Keep in Touch: A Parish Census took place at St. Peter's Church several years ago. As part of a new initiative, we will be contacting by phone those who completed a Census form. We wish to “keep in touch”, note any changes and ask if there are any particular needs especially during the continuing Coronavirus outbreak.

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Southam: Due to the impending retirement of our current head teacher, the Governors of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and visionary head teacher to lead our successful, happy and growing Catholic school community from September 2021. Closing date: 1st March 2021. Interviews are 9th & 11th March 2021. If you are interested, please see the school website: www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk or contact the school on 01926 812512 to arrange a visit after 4pm.

Our Lady's and St. Theresa's School: Still has places available for the reception class and throughout the year groups, the school can take applications from any Parishioners across Catholic Leamington.. Please continue to support the Catholic Schools across Catholic Leamington.

St. Peter's 200 Club: The St. Peter's 200 Club is still running throughout this year. Please send your donations either via post (Cheque only) or through the Presbytery Letterbox. The next draw will be a double draw in April.

The Christian Heritage Centre: are offering a couple of webinars (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/>

Assisted Suicide Bill: The assisted suicide lobby have launched a campaign to pressurise the Government to reconsider the legislation of assisted suicide. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking the Government not to give into the demands. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP. Visit: righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide

New Youtube and other on-line resources - helping you during the pandemic restrictions: The Chosen: This is an American produced professional series on the life of Jesus in eight episodes ending on Palm Sunday. There are behind the scenes commentaries from Dallas. Please see episode 1 - - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=craeyJdrCsE> For free viewing of the other seven episodes please email Peter Dimambro mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk He will forward you the email from Paul Northam with all the links.

What is Hallow: Hallow is a Catholic prayer app that offers audio guided mediation sessions to help us grow in our Faith & Spiritual lives and find peace in God. Explore over 500 different sessions on contemplative prayer, mediation, Catholic Bible readings, music and more. In today's world, we're stressed, anxious, distracted & can't sleep. At the same time, we're searching for deeper meaning, purpose and relationship. Hallow: Catholic Mediation & Prayer App is available on Google Play. **The Bible in a year:** This is a podcast see: <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm>. **A reminder:** We already have other prayer resources on the website: CatholicLeamington.org.uk - More - Parish Activities - Prayer Life - Prayers in Lockdown.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for February is: “We pray for peace in our world: that all people may live free from violence, in safety and security, and with hope for the future.”

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Online Lent Retreats: Daily Lent retreat: "Knowing Jesus" from the Jesuits in Scotland who are providing daily prayer material starting on Ash Wednesday 17th February. A different theme is used each year. The easy link: onlineprayer.net. **Weekly Lent Retreat:** "Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land". Meetings are by Zoom on Fridays during Lent from 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Contact Natalie Orefice: natalie.orefice@rcaob.org.uk. The book at £7.99 will be used and can be purchased from the online shop (or obtained digitally) from www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/lenten-bookEXTRA: The February EXTRA newsletter is available on the website this weekend. Please bring to everyone's attention as it is a special LENTEN EDITION with information of many things going on during lent, including Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer Services, Lenten Alms, CAFOD's Walk for Water and Lent Fast Day and Fair Trade Fortnight, as well as an online Lenten Retreat, Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land, and Easter Parcels, plus messages from J&P, the Evangelisation team and UNITE Catholic Youth.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: This year's Lenten date is Friday 26th February with the focus on all those who live in remote communities and struggle to get water. Their campaign asks us to walk in solidarity with people like Abdella who has to walk 10 hours a day to collect water for his family. They suggest a way we can help is to be sponsored, or to sponsor someone, to walk 10,000 steps each day during Lent. CAFOD also invites us to participate in or support a 5-mile walk on Saturday 20th February. Your donations can be made in church or via our local website: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeam>

CAFOD's Big Walk for Water: Our CAFOD Team are Walking for Water on Saturday 20th February – Ann Allison, Anne Buttrum and Brian Austin are each walking 5 miles (separately) to help remind us of how far many people have to walk each day to fetch water for their family. You can sponsor them on their fundraising page at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeam>

Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross: There will be a Zoom session to pray the Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross on Ash Wednesday (17th February) and every Wednesday afternoon in Lent at 4pm (log on at 3:45). The Zoom link will be sent to all on the J&P circulation list, but if anyone else would like to take part, please email jenarmstrong@talktalk.net for an invitation.

EXTRA: The February EXTRA newsletter is available on the website this weekend. Please bring to everyone's attention as it is a special LENTEN EDITION with information of many things going on during lent, including Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer Services, Lenten Alms, CAFOD's Walk for Water and Lent Fast Day and Fair Trade Fortnight, as well as an online Lenten Retreat, Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land, and Easter Parcels, plus messages from J&P, the Evangelisation team and UNITE Catholic Youth.



St. Valentine Baptising St. Lucilla
Jacopo da Ponte 1575
Museo Civico, Bologna, Italy

St. Valentine - Happy St. Valentine's Day to all our Parishioners