

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 2nd Sunday of Lent (B)

Sunday 28th February 2021

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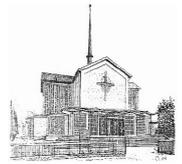
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St Joseph's

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9:00: Fr. Eustace Cassidy C.P. RIP;
Michael MacMahon RIP

Monday 1st March

7:00: Michael Fisk RIP;
Margaret Bowdler RIP

Tuesday 2nd

9:30: Sue Franklin RIP

Thursday 4th

1:30: **Funeral Service: George Bourke**
7:00: Vinnie McGreevy RIP

Friday 5th

9:30: Myrtle & Peggy Keating RIP

Saturday 6th

9:30: Philip Casey RIP;
Sue Franklin RIP

Sunday 7th

3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00: Brian & Jenny Malone 50th Wedding Anniversary;
Paddy Clancy

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 27th

OL 12:30: Sr. Anne-Therese Harding **Vigil**

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SP 11:00: Thomas Mulleague

Monday 1st March

SP 9:30: Phyllis Harrison (**Note: Change of Time**)

Tuesday 2nd

SP 11:00: Stephen Clarke

Wednesday 3rd

OL 12:00: Bob Grainger

Thursday 4th

SP 11:00: Anthony Lambert

Friday 5th

SP: 11:00: Alberto Dimambro

SP: 5:30: First Friday: Holy Hour

SP: 6:30: First Friday: Mass: Sr. Mary Magdalene

Saturday 6th

SP 9:30: Sr. Mary Magdalene

OL 12:30: James Dunne

Sunday 7th

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SP 11:00: Maureen Wall

Saints of the week

Monday 1st March

Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

Tuesday 2nd March

Feast of St. Chad, Bishop

Thursday 4th March

Opt. Commemoration of St. Casimir

The recently deceased of our churches:

Michael Govern, Michael Jervis, Rosaleen "Rose" Gately,
George Bourke, Robert "Bob" Grainger, Vince McGreevy,
Elizabeth Goode, Sue Franklin, Frances Kendrick, Dorothy
Rimmer, John Coombes, Myles Richards
May they rest in peace.

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

The Churches will be open 30 minutes before Mass during the
Week for Private Prayer. Please see above for Mass times.

Confessions:

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

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

St. Joseph's: Upon request

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Paul Rabone, Paddy Sugrue,

Cath Canning, Henry Griffin, Catherine Lane, James Kelly, Rosario
Lazzara, Mary Hendry, Claire Lawson, John Ryan, Ester Rainbow,
Chrissie Lane, Mary O'Hannigan, Mary Jones, Mary Kiernan,
Dorothy Reeve, Patrick O'Hannigan, Enda O'Dowd, John Thurlow,
Bernard Mortimer, Beatrice Tarver, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Bishop
Kevin Dunn, Canon Peter Taylor, Canon Anthony Allport, Fr. Vincent
Kennedy, Fr. Geroge Brewster, Fr. George Tarrant, Fr. John Flynn,
Fr. Denis McGuinness, Fr. Denis Murphy, Fr. Douglas Carter, Fr.
John Pinkman, Fr. Robert Wright, Fr. Humphrey Crookenden CO, Fr.
Terence Luxon. **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**

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-Claire 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 **Mary Davies' Health**

The Main Altar candle burns for **John Wheeler RIP**

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Hand in Hand Group**

Dear Parishioners,

The recent roadmap out of lockdown announced by the Prime Minister last week is an incredibly positive step towards getting back to something resembling normal life. Strangely enough our Christian journey is remarkably similar. During Lent, we have our own roadmap as we prepare for the coming of Easter and the remainder of the year. I expect each one of us has been tempted in one way or another even over the last few weeks and have heard that inner voice telling us it is OK. Of course, this is how the devil works. He is just waiting for the right moment to pounce.

Thankfully, our road map for Christian improvement contains allowances for forgiveness and a second chance. It is called Confession or Reconciliation and if we have not availed ourselves of this Sacrament for a year then now is as good a time as any to prepare.

The tools at our disposal are Fasting (Penance), Almsgiving and Prayer. Each is dependent on the other and each requires the other two. If we fast, we need to pray. When we pray, we need to learn to keep distractions out of our heads and learn some self-discipline. When we give alms, we are thinking of the needs of our neighbour, thinking of the poor and how they need our support. Lent is a good time to focus on this because after Easter we may find ourselves being really tested and we shall look back on the time spent preparing and training with grateful thanks.

This weekend there will be an opportunity to make your almsgiving donation to Cafod. We distributed and will hand out envelopes for you to put your donation. It is difficult to take two collections now, so if you use an envelope, we will know what you want the money to be used for. Not forgetting of course that the Church itself is a charity and all donations for the Church are used to maintain our buildings, care for the Parishioners, and promote the Good News.

The roadmap out of lockdown on a more positive feeling among us is creating a sense of greater confidence among our Parishioners, especially those of you who have been shielding. Our live stream Masses will continue but our capacity to accommodate you as you return to Church is something which needs to be addressed. Each week, more people are coming to the 11 am Mass on Sunday at St Peter's to the extent that this Mass has reached its capacity of just over a hundred people and we are having to turn people away. Currently the safeguarding guidelines mean the number of people we can safely accommodate in the Church is restricted to about a hundred people. We are required to maintain our 2-metre distance rule and all the safeguards we have.... **Continues Page 3.**

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 **The Herbert & O'Sullivan Families**

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 20th June onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery

letterbox.

St. Joseph's 200 Club: Congratulations to Dave O'Sullivan and Ian Gately, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in February's 200 Club draw. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday, 7th March. All the profits go to the Church's Building Fund and will be put towards the major repairs due on the Church and Parish Hall.

Lenten Poem: Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints: contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words: be silent and listen.

A reflection for Family Fast Day:

"Give us this day our daily bread"

How often are these great words said

While feeling full of breakfast toast

And thinking of a tasty roast!

But what of others far away

If they had strength, perhaps they'd say

"God, let there be some food today!"

J. Rabone.

There will be a Second Collection this Weekend (28th February) at all Churches for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day.

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioner's Continued... put into place for your mutual protection. It is this which has helped us to feel confident and safe. The weekday Masses at St Peter's are also well-attended. I have noticed that many more parishioners are taking those tentative steps return to Church. I want you to feel safe, I want to be able to accommodate the increased numbers who want to come to mass at St Peter's and I do not want to turn anyone away. Putting on a second Sunday Mass at St Peter's on a Sunday morning would seem to be the obvious solution. I will certainly need to think about how to accommodate the extra numbers on Good Friday and Easter Sunday if the numbers we had on Ash Wednesday is anything to go by. The need to create extra capacity is at St Peter's on a Sunday morning because this where people are trying to get into Church. We have not had to turn people away from Our Lady's Church. The numbers attending Our Lady's on Wednesday averages between eight and twentyish which is a good number but not what we are seeing at St Peter's. I don't feel I need to add any Masses to the Our Lady's Schedule at the moment but it will always be under review. Putting on another Mass is not as simple as it might seem but I feel this is where we need to be heading on our St Peter's roadmap out of lockdown.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

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.

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>

First Friday Devotions at St Peters: The image we have of God is of great importance for our spiritual lives. In the 16th and 17th centuries a heresy called Jansenism became prevalent. This false teaching presented God to be full of wrath because of mankind's sins, what's more, it taught that our response to the divine should be one marked by fear and a feeling of utter unworthiness. It led Christians to be fearful of Jesus.

This was the context in which God revealed the mystery of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque during a series of mystical revelations. God established devotion to the Sacred Heart to ensure that our image of him is correct. In this beautiful devotion Jesus reveals his heart to be burning with love for humanity. Pierced and crucified — offering salvation and mercy — Jesus' heart longs for us to offer our love and devotion in return.

If some distorted forms of spirituality focused only on God's punishment, the Sacred Heart emphasised mercy. If many believers inordinately feared God, here divine love and joy were manifest. If Jesus had seemed distant and unapproachable before, the Sacred Heart beckons us to enter into the divine furnace of love.

When he revealed this beautiful devotion to Saint Margaret he made nine promises to those who followed the devotion. The final of these promises reads: "In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."

On the First Friday of each month, starting on Friday 5th February, there will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 5.30pm, followed by Mass at 6.30pm. Each month you are invited to come and encounter the Heart of Jesus which burns for love of you.

Our next Young Adults (16-30yrs) session/ social: shall be on Friday 12th March at 8.40pm after #blessedprayertimewithfrb. At the social we'll have a chilled chat and catch up over a cuppa. All young adults welcome #chillvibes #holyvibes. For Lent we are doing our own individual Lenty activities such as devotions, almsgiving and doing extra things. Looks like it might be another 'Lentiest Lent I've ever Lented'.

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.

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.

Trinity Catholic School: is looking for a Foundation Governor to join its Local Governing Board. You will be joining the school at an exciting time following its recent conversion to an academy and is a great opportunity to help write the next chapter in its history. For more information, please contact Daniel on 07590351623 or dgraham@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk.

St. Peter's 200 Club: The St. Peter's 200 Club is still running throughout this year. Please send your donations either via post (Cheques made payable to St. Peter's Church) 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/>

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

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

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT: 22nd February – 7th March 'Choose the world you want' says the Fair Trade Foundation. Support fair trade – help small producers to get a decent price and meet the challenges of climate change, which affects many in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras. Look for the logo when you shop in solidarity with those struggling to make a living for their families. Just think – only 6% of the price of a bar of non-fair trade chocolate goes to the cocoa farmer. Vote with your wallet!

Women's World day of Prayer: The service this year has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu and was due to be held in All Saints Parish Church, Leamington Spa on 5th March. Because of COVID this is no longer possible but there are a limited number of Service booklets available that will be on the Piety table at the back of Church for those who would normally attend this service. There is a virtual WWDP service from Canada, that makes it truly international at <https://youtu.be/OrWE3TCR59U>

Clergy Training Fund Update: Many thanks to all the Parishioners of St. Peter's Church who raised a grand total of £1,800 in 2020. There are currently 8 men in formation to become Priests, 14 men in formation to become Permanent Deacons and a further 10 men who are enquiring to join the Seminary this year.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for March is: 'We pray for subjects of repressive and unjust governments, and pray that other countries may press to reduce their suffering and offer asylum to any who flee.'

Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross: following a minor correction to the You-Tube video of the Stations, please note that the link to this video is now <https://youtu.be/DKsbElkaLNo>.

Climate Change Emergency: One of our parishioners, Brian Austin, has become a Community Champion for the Climate Coalition and would like to hear from anyone who is a member of any community group, such as the Womens' Institute, Lions, Rotary, Townswomens Guild, etc. Please contact him at cc.communitychamp@gmail.com. Thank you.

CAFOD's Big Walk for Water: THANK YOU! Our three CAFOD walkers would very much like to thank everyone who has contributed to the [virgingivingmoney](https://www.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water3750) fundraising page, which has reached (at the time of writing) a total of £385.40 and £424.15 with Gift Aid added. This is a great contribution to CAFOD's Lenten campaign to give communities around the world access to clean, safe water and help them thrive even in the most difficult environments. Many thanks too to those of you who have contributed via the CAFOD envelopes, it's not too late to bring them in if you've forgotten this week. In addition, Ann Alison is continuing to walk the CAFOD challenge of 10,000 steps a day, (400,000 throughout Lent!). If you prefer you can make your donation by sponsoring her at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water3750>

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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) For invite please email the office email - stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
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)