

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 5th Sunday of Lent (B)

Sunday 21st March 2021

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St Joseph's

Sunday 21st

5th Sunday of Lent

9.00: People of the Parish

Monday 22nd

7:00: Kate Jackson;
Donal Murphy's Intentions

Tuesday 23rd

Day of Reflection & Prayer

9:30: Brigie Wynne;
Anne Hornsby

Thursday 25th

7:00: Rose Gately RIP

Friday 19th

9:30: The Intentions of Kitty B

11:30: **Funeral: Linder Pender**

Saturday 20th

9.30: Michael & Kathleen Cassidy RIP;
Lorraine McVeigh RIP

Sunday 21st

Palm Sunday

9.00: Patrick Murphy;
In thanksgiving (LW)

Please remember to book your places for Easter Masses

Saints of the week

Tuesday 23rd March

Opt. Commemoration of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop

Thursday 25th March

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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

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

Saturday 20th

OL 12:30: John Coombes & Vera Sloane **Vigil**

Sunday 21st

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SP 9:00: Bob Grainger

SP 11:00: Holy Souls

Monday 22nd

SP 9:30: Julia Lane

Tuesday 23rd

SP 11:00: Catherine Walsh

Wednesday 24th

OL 12:00: Colin Dunphy

Thursday 25th

SP 9:30: For Our Lady's School (**Live-stream only**)

SP 11:00: People of the Parish

Friday 26th

SP: 11:00: Sue Franklin RIP

Saturday 27th

SP 9:30: In thanksgiving for Parish Stewards

OL 12:30: Michael Hartnett

Sunday 28th

Palm Sunday

SP 9:00: Joyce Collins RIP

SP 11:00: Jim Conway

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The recently deceased of our churches:

Fr. Michael Crumpton, Deacon Patrick Duffy, Bernadette Parker, Paul White, Graham Cane, Linda Pender, Michael Govern, Michael Jervis, Rosaleen "Rose" Gately.

May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Philip James, Paul Prescott, Norah Baker, Colin Dunphy, Alexander Hay, Phyllis Thacker, Patrick O'Driscoll, Hubert Vince, Mary Connolly, Cornelius Sullivan, Ned Crowley, Margaret Dowling, Margaret Clarke, Walter Holt, Natalie Burgielska, Dominic Gamblin, Eileen O'Sullivan, Ngo Scappellino, Peter Cronin, Margaret Collins, Nellie Webb, Julia Roddis, Kathleen Powell, Richard Donovan, Dorothy Bissell, Marie Andrews, Rose Baldwin, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne OSB, Archbishop Francis Grimshaw, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Mgr. Canon John Welch, Mgr. Henry Davis, Fr. John Donnelly, Fr. John McManus, Deacon Louis Livesey. **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: Anne Fraser, Bridie Daly, 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 **The Lonely or Bereaved of the Parish**

The Main Altar candle burns for **The Sisters of St. Paul, Selly Oak**

The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Paddy Dunbar**

The St. Joseph Chapel candle burns for **Bart Sullivan & Family**

Dear Parishioners,

It is just one week now until the start of Holy Week. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The season of Lent has passed quickly and Easter is the light at the end of the tunnel.

The schedule for Holy Week gives us an opportunity to think about the final parts of the journey of Jesus to Calvary. Over the last few weeks the Clergy have led Stations of the Cross via Zoom, Teams and Live Stream for the children in our Schools. J&P (Justice and Peace) have led the same devotion for us via Zoom on Wednesdays and we have a link to them on our website.

To read and reflect on the Stations of the Cross helps the faithful to walk with Jesus in his painful struggle to Calvary. Walking with him helps us to remember that Jesus walks with us on difficult journeys and is with us at those difficult moments in our lives when we think our world has fallen apart, our Faith tested and found wanting and we feel hopeless and helpless. Through these final moments in the life of Jesus we realise the strength of His Faith in God. His Sacrifice is our salvation and we must use every opportunity of our lives to see God's faithfulness of us and realise our lack of Faith in Him.

Our lack of Faith manifests itself in our desire to "go it alone", to think we know better. Every day we say "thy will we done" but then steadfastly ignore our promise. Our sins are the evidence of the times when we were not faithful to the will of God. In fact as we know only too well although we say "thy will be done" what we do is replace "thy" with "my". Doing my will might seem to be right but it is a flawed argument in our relationship with God because we place ourselves above the One who alone can save us.

Recognising this fault in our relationship with God has been the focus of our Lenten journey and our efforts to centralise our Faith over sinful ways. At each Mass we acknowledge our sinfulness and our need for forgiveness. Holy Week brings these thoughts and words into prominence as we reflect on how Jesus has saved us from our sins.

If we can, let us spend a little bit of time each day this week before Holy Week to examine our conscience. If necessary take a torch to look into the dark corners which haven't seen the light for many a year.

Making our Easter Duties means recognising our need to attend the Sacrament of Confession. This year I accept it is going to be really difficult but perhaps our Easter Duties might be extended beyond the cut off date of Trinity Sunday into the whole year because attending Confession is not easy for those of you who are shielding. We can make a Spiritual Confession like our Spiritual Communion. I shall lead a Penitential Service based on the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday of Holy Week at 7pm on Live Stream. Confessions will be available at call after a public Mass and subject to the availability of the Priest..... Continued 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.

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 27th June onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for **Mary
Curren**

letterbox.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Boxes of yellow Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year commencing 6th April are now available for collection from the Sacristy. If there is anyone who is a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows us to claim back 25% tax on the donations you make, please contact Patrick Murphy 07711 346 405.

Missio Red Boxes: We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to June & Lennie Arran for their many years of dedicated service as Parish Representatives of the Missio Boxes. We are now looking for a new volunteer to be responsible for collating & issuing the Parish Missio boxes, training will be given, if you can help please contact the parish office.

Easter Services at St. Joseph's:

Sunday 28th March, Palm Sunday, 9am

Monday 29th March, 7pm

Tuesday 30th March, 9:30am

Thursday 1st April, Maundy Thursday:

10am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 2nd April, Good Friday:

10am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday 3rd April, Holy Saturday:

10am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 4th April, Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord:

9am & 11am

Monday 5th April, Easter Monday, 9:30am instead of 7pm

As numbers are limited at Mass due to social distancing the following Easter Masses will need to be pre-booked by emailing or telephoning the Parish Office with your names & contact details.

28th March Palm Sunday 9am

1st April 1st Maundy Thursday 7pm

2nd April Good Friday 3pm

3rd April Holy Saturday 7:30pm

5th April Easter Sunday 9am & 11am

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioners Continued... This will stand throughout the year so as not to overload the Priests. Pick the day of your Birthday and on the nearest day attend Mass and go to Confession. What gift is greater than the Gift of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. This is God's gift to us.

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.

Wedding Banns: Fr Benedict is pleased to publish the banns of marriage between Valentina Fernandes and Vijay Pothinn (both of St Peter's Parish). If you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr Benedict without delay. Please pray for Valentina and Vijay as they prepare to marry.

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>

Healthy Habits by The Lay Community of St Benedict: The Lay Community of St. Benedict are running a formation course called 'healthy habits'. All young adults (18-35) are invited - we welcome people of diverse backgrounds, people of faith, and those who seek truth. There is a small inscription cost of £10 to cover our administrative costs (free to those who are unwaged or students). The course will be on zoom on Mondays 7-9pm starting on the 15th March. A PDF with the course outline is available on the Catholic Leamington Young Adults Facebook Group. If you're interested in the course, please contact Joseph Kilsby at lcsbdigitalevangelist@gmail.com

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. Keeping in Touch Prayer: Loving Father, we pray for our Keeping in Touch initiative. As the team reach out to our parishioners by phone, letter or email, give them the wisdom to know who to communicate in a way that will attract them to our community. May those on the team be alert to ways of encouraging them in their faith journey. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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 first 200 Club draw of 2021 took place on Thursday and the winners of January's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No.26 - Mr. J. Murphy. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 29 - Mr. V. Canty and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 109 - Pat Lee. The winners of February's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No.130 - Mrs. S. Larkin. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 165 - Hayes and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 40 - Fr. C. Greaney. Please could the winners contact the Parish Office to collect your winnings.

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.

Prisoners of Conscience Cards: Once again this Easter Justice & Peace are asking you to send a message of hope in the form of a greeting card to prisoners of conscience. Please see the details in the March edition of Newsletter EXTRA, which should be on the Newsletter page of the Catholic Leamington website from 4th March. If people need Easter Cards to send, just email how many with their postal address to cl.jandp@gmail.com and some will be sent to you.

SPAN: We welcome your support for the Lenten Alms appeals for Myton Hospice (£226.58 to 8th March), the Kindaid Kiirua Mission in Kenya (£339.08) and extra support to our local families through food vouchers (£539.08). Full details are in the EXTRA. Any queries, please contact paulhayden@ntlworld.com The Just Giving link is: justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent2021 the Appeal will finish on Easter Sunday.

Next month at our monthly meeting we will hold the AGM (for 2019 Report and Accounts), we are looking for additional committee members e.g. a Vice Chair. Please contact jenarmstrong@talktalk.net for more information.

EXTRA: The **March EXTRA** newsletter is now available on the website on the NEWSLETTER page; scroll down below the weekly newsletter. Please make it as widely known as possible. This edition includes: Continuing through Lent, Trinity Sixth Form, Lenten Alms, Holy Week services, Looking at the Website, Parish Parcels for Easter, Send a message of Hope, Unite Youth, Live Simply: make milk, help the oceans, solar panels and Green Week.

St. Joseph's

Day of Reflection & Prayer: On Tuesday 23rd March the Church will remain open after Mass until 3pm for private prayer. Would each person please use the materials provided to clean & sanitise the seat you have used before you leave.

St Peter's & Our Lady's			
	<u>St Peter's (Live Stream)</u>	<u>St Joseph's (Live Stream)</u>	<u>Our Lady's (Live)</u>
Palm Sunday	9.00 am Mass <u>11.00 am Mass</u> 5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom (1)	<u>9.00 am Mass</u>	<u>Saturday Vigil 12.30 pm Mass</u> 5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom (1)
Monday	9.30 am Mass 8.00 pm Rosary & Night Prayer Zoom (2)	7.00 pm Mass	8.00 pm Rosary & Night Prayer Zoom (2)
Tuesday	11 am Mass 7.00pm Penitential Service Livestream only (not Public)	9.30 am Mass	
Wednesday	11.30 pm Chrism Mass at	St Chad's Cathedral	Via Live Stream (3)
Holy Thursday	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (1)	10 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (1)
Easter Triduum	<u>7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</u>	<u>7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</u>	<u>7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</u>
Good Friday	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (4) 10.30 am Children's Stations of the Cross <u>3.00 pm Passion of the Lord</u> 6.00 pm Rosary led by Unite Youth Group Zoom (5)	10 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <u>3.00 pm Passion of the Lord</u>	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (4) <u>3.00 pm Passion of the Lord</u> 6.00 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (4) <u>7.30 pm Easter Vigil</u>	10 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <u>7.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass</u>	9.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Zoom (4) <u>8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass</u>
Easter Sunday	<u>9.00 am Mass</u> <u>11.00 am Mass</u> 5pm Evening Prayer Zoom (1)	<u>9.00 am Mass</u> <u>11.00 am Mass</u>	<u>10.00 am Mass</u> 5pm Evening Prayer Zoom (1)

Masses or Services Underlined in Bold will need to be pre-booked.

For Masses at St Joseph's Church email or telephone the Parish Office to reserve your place

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For Zoom Events Please email the organiser for passcode link

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(2) fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk

(3) stchadscathedral.org.uk takes you to website and the live stream masses are on front page

(4) maryrouse@rocketmail.com

(5) catholicyouth7@gmail.com