

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Palm Sunday (B)

Sunday 28th March 2021

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St Joseph's

Sunday 28th

Palm Sunday

9:00: Patrick Murphy;
In thanksgiving (LW)

Monday 29th

7:00: Sue Franklin RIP

Tuesday 30th

9:30: Lukasz

Holy Thursday 1st April

10:00: Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

7:00: People of the Parish

Good Friday 2nd

10:00: Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

3:00: People of the Parish

Holy Saturday 3rd

10:00: Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

7:30: Paddy & Rita Taylor 60th Anniversary

Easter Sunday 4th

9:00: Ian Wilshire;
Nellie Scannell

11:00: Bro. Michael Richards

Please remember to book your places for Easter Masses

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 27th

OL 12:30: Michael Hartnett *Vigil*

Sunday 28th

Palm Sunday

SP 9:00: Joyce Collins RIP

SP 11:00: Jim Conway;

Monday 29th

SP 9:30: Bob Grainger

Tuesday 30th

SP 11:00: Maria Killeen RIP

Wednesday 31st ** NB No Mass at Our Lady's

SP 1:30: *Requiem Mass: Michael Jervis (Family Only)*

Holy Thursday 1st April **Easter Triduum**

Zoom Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (see page 4)

SP: 7:00: Joy Barry RIP

OL: 7:00: Thanksgiving

Good Friday 2nd

Zoom Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (see page 4)

SP: 3:00: Service

OL: 3:00: Service

Holy Saturday 3rd

Zoom Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (see page 4)

SP 7:30: Doreen & Graham Burford

OL 8:00: Special Intention

Easter Sunday 4th

SP 9:00: Fr. Giles Goward RIP

OL 10:00: Thomas Ryan

SP 11:00: Angela Monteiro

Please remember to book your places for the Holy Week & Easter Masses (see page 4 for other Holy Week events)

The recently deceased of our churches:

Luke Sweeney, Fr. Michael Crumpton, Deacon Patrick Duffy,
Bernadette Parker, Paul White, Graham Cane, Linda Pender,
Michael Govern, Michael Jervis

May they rest in peace.

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. 0800 801 0331.

Mass Availability at St. Peter's

Please note that our Mass intentions are fully booked for the Sunday 11am Mass until November. We can be more accommodating with weekday Masses and the 9am Sunday Mass..

Confessions:

St. Peter's, Our Lady's, St Joseph's : after Mass.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Violet Hawkins, Colin Bates, Angela Freeman, Simon Hawkins, Margaret Carr, Kathleen Hornsby, George Fraser, Tommaso Carciofo, Richard Donovan, Dorothy Bissell, Marie Andrews, Rose Baldwin, Denis O'Mahoney, Cyril Hey, Robert Lynn, Catherine Monaghan, Vincent Hanratty, Christina Collins, Richard Payne, Pawel Sowa, Michelle Connolly, Archbishop Thomas Williams, Mgr. Canon John Welch, Mgr. Canon, Daniel Leonard, Mgr. Henry Davis, Canon Brian Withers, Fr. John McManus, Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Fr. Matthew Sheridan, Fr. John Callaghan, Fr. Philip O'Reilly, Fr. Lawrence King, Deacon Raymond Zacaroli. **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 Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **Ken Wilson's sister who died suddenly on 14/3/2021**

The St. Joseph Chapel candle burns for **The Families of the Parish**

Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. This week I listened to a reflection on the moment when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem and received a hero's welcome. Our understanding of this event is through the prism of the Gospel, this year we hear the Gospel of St. Mark.

The former professor of the Old Testament at Oscott College, Canon Mervyn Tower, suggested in his reflection that Jerusalem was well used to welcoming famous people and so the lining of the streets and waving of the palms may have been a first for Jesus but for the residents of Jerusalem it was probably a regular event.

For us it is an annual occurrence at our Palm Sunday Mass and an event we look forward to. Unfortunately last year this had to be done behind locked doors, but this year our Masses will be open even if restricted by social distancing, one-way systems, bubbles, hand sanitizer and safety guidelines. Even so the palms will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. This year we have ordered 850 palms at SP & OL and we hope there will be some left over for those who wish to pick one up after Mass on Monday or Tuesday.

The Palm Sunday Mass prepares us for Holy Week. It is like walking through a gateway into the Passion, arrest, torture, interrogation and Crucifixion of our Lord. Recognising that He did this for us and our Salvation should remind us that we are the unworthy recipients of this noble and sacrificial gesture. Our sinfulness is the reason for the death of Jesus. His Resurrection from the dead is the key to our Salvation. This episode is when the lead character in the story is eliminated by the religious authorities. We know their reasons and we know our failures have contributed to his death. We see the fear of the disciples and how they react so differently. The women stay and the men run off!

Try to immerse yourselves in the story of Holy Week, taking each episode for what it is and how it helps us to understand who Jesus was. Whether you attend in person or watch on Live-Stream be there as a hidden spectator and be open to every emotion as the drama unfolds.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John.

PS Just a quick reminder that your Easter Offering this year is your gift to the priest. We welcome cash, cheques and bitcoin! Cheques are payable to your priest and not the parish. These cannot be gift aided unless the clergy register themselves as a charity.

PPS Thank you to those who have or will be helping us this week to make our churches ready for our Masses and services.

PPPS Spring forward. Clocks go forward by 1 hour on Sunday morning.

Fr J.

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.

From Sunday 11th April we will resume the 5:30pm Mass and all other weekday services will start opening to the public



This week Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **Cyril & Sally Lamont**

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 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 - **Now Full**

1st April 1st Maundy Thursday 7pm

2nd April Good Friday 3pm - **Now Full**

3rd April Holy Saturday 7:30pm

5th April Easter Sunday 9am - & 11am

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Review of Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday: Blessing and Distribution of Palms. The Reading of the Passion according to Mark

Tuesday: Live Stream from St. Peter's using Stations of the Cross, Fr. John will lead us in a Penitential Service and our Act of Contrition.

Wednesday: 11:30am Live-Stream from St. Chad's Cathedral- The Chrism Mass. As Dean, Fr. John will represent all the Parishes and Pries in the Deanery. Each Priest will renew his Priestly Promises and receive the Oil of the Sick, Oil of Baptism and the Oil of Chrism to assist him in his Priestly Ministries as co-worker with the Bishop.

Holy Thursday: 7pm at our 3 Churches. The Easter Triduum is 3 services linked together. The last 3 episodes in the drama opens with the Last Supper, the Institution of the Eucharist. It marks the arrest of Jesus. Our reaction is one of horror.

Good Friday: The worst outcome of the drama unfolds as Jesus allows the authorities to do their very worst. He is Crucified. Our reaction is shock.

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil: We now feel as if we are living through a partial eclipse as the darkness which fell over the land when Jesus died on the Cross makes us feel restless. Our Faith is reaffirmed as we hear the scriptures and the light re-enters the world. If in the Mass bring your torches as we re-enact the coming of the light. (no candles this year as hand sanitiser is highly flammable) The light is the dawn of a new day. Our emotion is expectation & hope.

Easter Sunday: The Lord has risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Our emotion is joy and our expression is "Alleluia".

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

Would you like to find out more about the Holy Week Liturgies?: Fr. Benedict has recorded a video about the importance of the liturgies we will be celebrating this week. You can watch the video here: <https://frbenedict.blog/2021/03/23/paschal-triduum>

First Friday: This month the First Friday of the month is Good Friday, when you can of course receive Holy Communion at the 3pm liturgy. We move our evening Holy Hour (5:30pm) and Mass (6:30pm) to Friday 9th April.

Zoom Prayers: The praying of the Rosary and Night Prayer on Zoom will not take place on Good Friday or during Easter Week. We will resume on Monday 12th April

Solemn Stations of the Cross: At 6pm on Good Friday there will be solemn Stations of the Cross prayed in Our Lady's Church. This liturgy is especially for (but not limited to) those who can not attend the 3pm liturgy.

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.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: It's still not too late to donate. If you have a CAFOD envelope, just leave it in the collection after Mass or deliver it to the Presbytery. If you have web access you can donate at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeam> or use the link on the homepage of our website www.catholicleamington.org.uk or you can give via TEXT to 70460 texting LENTNOIF0 to donate £10-00. Thank you so much for your support.

Justice Stations of the Cross: Justice & Peace will be doing their Stations of the Cross via Zoom on Wednesday at 4pm.

SPAN: Thank you for your support for the Lenten Appeals for: Myton Hospice (£ 357.66 to date); the Kindaid Kiirua Mission in Kenya (£ 440.28); and extra support to our local families through food vouchers (£ 670.28). Full background is in the Feb EXTRA. The Just Giving link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent2021> The appeal will finish on Easter Sunday. At 7:30pm on Monday 12th April, 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 info. Contact paulhayden@ntlworld.com for a Zoom invite or other queries. Visit our website at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span>

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

Easter Service Sign Up Sheets: We still require more Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for the services on Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday. The sheets are in the Narthex, please sign up if you are willing to help at any of these Masses.

Ministers of the Eucharist: All Ministers will be recommissioned at the evening Mass on Holy Thursday by renewing their promises either in person at the service or via live-stream

Easter offerings for the Clergy: Envelopes are at the back of the Church for these offerings which are traditionally your Easter Gift to the Parish Priest.

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.

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For Masses at St Peter's and Our Lady's Churches phone or email 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