

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Sunday 25th April 2021

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St Joseph's

Sunday 25th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00: Val & Brian Murray & Family's Intentions

5:30: Joe & Rose McGreevy

Monday 26th

7:00: Madge Callaghan

Tuesday 27th

9:30: Canon Giles Goward RIP

Thursday 29th

7:00: Vita Dottorati RIP

Friday 30th

9:30: Mrs Batten;
Ron Forbes Anniversary

Saturday 1st May

9:30: Private Intention (AK)
Lukasz

Sunday 2nd May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00: Teresa McAndrew RIP

5:30: Mary Rogerson RIP

Confessions:

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

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.

Saints of the week

Wednesday 28th April

Opt. Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr

Opt. Memorial of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Thursday 29th April

Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Friday 30th April

Opt. Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope, Religious

Saturday 1st May

Opt. Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 24th

OL 12:30: Those who have no-one to pray for them

Sunday 25th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: John Shannon

SP 11:00: Lourdes Santos

Monday 26th

SP 9:30: St. Peter's Choir

Tuesday 27th

SP 11:00: Michael Fleming

Wednesday 28th

OL 12:00: Maisey Lynch

Thursday 29th

SP: 1:00: Requiem Mass: Eileen Lawless - Family Only

Friday 30th

SP: 11:00: Martin Heddron

Saturday 1st May

SP 9:30: The Cashman Family

OL 12:30: Bob Habgood RIP

Sunday 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: Mary Healy RIP

SP 11:00: Tommy Dunne RIP

The recently deceased of our churches:

Eileen Lawless, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Mary Rogerson,
Daniel Byrne, Bernadette Parker
May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Rita Maltby, Ernest Ransby, Leslie Rofe, Lillian Fogerty-Doye, Eileen Singleton, Irene Sudlow, Molly Mulroney, Elizabeth MacDonald, John Newstead, Bridie Fitzgerald, Bridget Crotty, M. Tiasikk, Kathleen Walsh, Larry McCarthy, Mary Wright, Margery Cuthbert, Frances Feighoney, Kathleen Donovan, Elsie Dutton, Thomas Barriscale, Fr. Patrick Quilty, Fr. Benjamin Cox, Fr. Wilfrid Davenport, Fr. Desmond Donnelly, Fr. Peter Dennison, Fr. Joseph Hickson, Fr. Peter Cooney, Fr. Peter Heath, Fr. Thomas O'Connor, Deacon James Fantham. **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: Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, 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, 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 **Fr. Pat. Sayles' Intentions**
The Main Altar candle burns for **the Volunteers at St. Peter's**
The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for **The Knowles Family**
The St. Joseph's Chapel candle burns for **The Coyne Family**

Dear Parishioners,

Next Saturday is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker.

If you are thinking that it seems only a few weeks since we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph, you are not mistaken. St Joseph's primary feast day is 19th March, so why does he have a second?

Pope Pius XII very deliberately chose 1st May to venerate St Joseph in response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists. This feast extends the long relationship between St Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Whilst celebrating the dignity of human work the Church points to Jesus' foster father, who as a carpenter is an example of the holiness of human labour. So, this coming Saturday is an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of work, as well as an opportunity to again consider this Holy man, especially during this year which Pope Francis has dedicated to Mary's spouse.

Other than his profession, we don't know much about St Joseph. He was the chaste husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, who came from the royal lineage of King David. We can see from his actions in scripture that St Joseph was a compassionate man and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

He is a wonderful saint for us to both imitate and call upon his intercession. This is especially true when we consider that St Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.

If you have access to the internet, you can find some nice articles about St Joseph here: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/the-holy-family/>

I hope you have a blessed week ahead,

Fr Benedict

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 the front page for Mass times.

Plate Collections Last Week:

SP - 1st - 512.45 (of which Gift Aided - £110.00) 2nd - Gift Aid - £75.00 Thank you for your continued generosity.

There is a Second Collection at all Churches this Sunday for the Clergy Training Fund

St Joseph's

The Church now is open to the Public for all Masses

All Masses will be Live Streamed

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.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for **The Gately
Family**

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 1st August 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 Narthex. 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.

200 Club: Congratulations to Tony Cotter and Alison McLeary, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in March's 200 Club draw. Congratulations also to Anna Jelonek (1st), Jackie Bowen (2nd) and Kath Fasi (Easter) who were the winners of the prizes in the April draw. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday, 9th May. 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. We are always keen to welcome new participants to the draw, which only costs £1 per month. Please contact Anne or Carol after Mass or via the Presbytery/Office.

Red Missio Boxes: In 2020 our community of St Joseph's raised **£1,241.69** through our Red Boxes and other donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Whitnash are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at mission.org.uk

We are also pleased to announce that we have a new Local Secretary for the boxes at St Joseph's, Kim Pope, who will be starting to collate the boxes this month, Please return your Red Boxes to the Sacristy by **Sunday 25th April** so that they can be emptied and then re-issued to you. If you currently have a Red Box at home which you no longer wish to use then please return it to the Sacristy so that it can be re-issued.

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

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.

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

Zoom Prayers: The praying of the Rosary and Night Prayer on Zoom has resumed. You are very welcome to join us on Monday and Friday evenings at 8pm. The login details are the same for every meeting: **Meeting ID: 945 327 7340 Passcode: pray**

Newsletters: Further to Fr. John's Dear Parishioners last week we will be distributing Newsletters at the back of Church, please take one if you can not access the online Newsletter. The Newsletters will be available from 1st May 2021. Please note that Newsletters will only be available at St. Peter's & Our Lady's Churches.

Evening Prayer: via Zoom this Sunday, 25th April at 5 pm and then every other Sunday. For a service booklet and Zoom link, please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com. All are very welcome.

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.

Stewards & Welcomers: Thank you to our Stewards and Welcomers who do an excellent job at all our 3 churches, We still require more Stewards & Welcomers at all 3 churches, if you would like to volunteer please contact the following: for St. Peter's or Our Lady's please call St. Peter's Parish Office on 01926 423824 and please leave a message if no one available. For St. Joseph's please telephone 01926 772712 and if no one is available please leave a message

St. Peter's 200 Club: The 2nd 200 Club draw of 2021 took place on Tuesday and the winners of March's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No.48 - Mrs. Graham. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 135 - K. Hayes and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 32 - N. Scarisbrick. The winners of April's Draw are - 1st Prize (£50-00) - No.91 - A. V. Coleman. 2nd Prize (£20-00) - No. 17 - J. Ayres and 3rd Prize (£10-00) - No. 145 - V. Coleman. Please could the winners contact the Parish Office to collect your winnings.

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.

Catholic Leamington Website: Our website www.catholicleamington.org.uk has received some attention lately, although there is still more to do. But, thanks to Nollaig Doughan for offering to become our new Website Administrator! Nollaig will be taking over shortly and keeping it up to date and well organised. What we need now is for someone to work alongside him, so that the regular maintenance can be shared. If you can, let us know on the CONTACT US page.

Friends of the Holy Land: Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can register to join an 84 mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using your daily exercise. How about obtaining sponsorship from friends or family or looking on the website for parishioners you know to support those already walking, running or cycling! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, email office at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980. Thank you.

EXTRA: The April 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: Young Adults Retreat, Keeping in Touch, Thanks for Lenten appeals, SPAN AGM, St Francis Hospital Nyenga Uganda, How does the Archdiocese spend our money?, Climate Hustings, Become a Laudato Si Animator, Care for the Earth; and Our Website.