

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

## Sunday 9th January 2022

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#### St Joseph's

##### Sunday 9th

##### *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

9.00: People of the Parish;  
Private Intention (M)

5:30: Aiden & Anna Boyle

##### Monday 10th

9:30: Hubert & Kathleen Vincent RIP

##### Tuesday 11th

9:30: Josephine Lawson RIP

##### Thursday 13th

9:30: Mr. & Mrs. Connelly

##### Friday 14th

9:30: Special Intention (G)

##### Saturday 15th

9:30: John Maher;  
Maggie McCarthy

##### Sunday 16th

##### *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9.00: Patrick Nestor

5:30: James O'Donnell RIP

#### St Peter's & Our Lady's

##### Saturday 8th January

SP: 10.00: John Harbison RIP

SP: 5.00: Peter Webb

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SP 9:00: Anthony Coyne RIP

OL: 10:00: People of the Parish

SP 11:00: Mary Bridget Collins

##### Monday 10th

SP: 9:30: Emiliana Bl. De Rozari RIP

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass and Holy Hour

##### Tuesday 11th

SP 11:00: Joan Sweeney

##### Wednesday 12th

OL:10:00— No Coffee Morning and Holy Hour

OL: 11:00: Private Intention (Fr. J) **\*\*Note Mass Time\*\***

SP: 2:30: *Requiem Mass: Dian O'Brien RIP*

##### Thursday 13th

SP: 9:30: Annette Widdas

SP: 11:00: *Funeral Service: Pasquale Santilli RIP*

##### Friday 14th

SP: 11:00: Jack Frawley RIP

##### Saturday 15th

SP: 10:00: Pat O'Connell

SP: 5:00: Peter Webb

##### Sunday 16th

##### *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SP 9:00: All Donors to Charity

OL: 10:00: Katie Hannan RIP

SP 11:00: Kathleen Josephine Taylor RIP

#### The recently deceased of our Churches:

Consuelo Conell, Anthony Keegan, Paola Urso, Marian Dowd, Dian O'Brien, Bridie Daly, Betty Henn, Pasquale Santilli.

*May they rest in peace.*

#### Saints of the week

##### *Wednesday 12th January*

*Opt. Memorial of St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot*

##### *Thursday 13th January*

*Opt. Memorial of St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

##### *Saturday 15th January*

*Opt. Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday*

#### Confessions:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 9:15—9:45am, 4:15—4:45pm

Our Lady's: After Mass if a priest is available.

St Joseph's: On Request

#### Exposition:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 9 - 10am

#### Morning Prayer:

St. Peter's: 9:40am

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to [stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk)  
Or St Joseph's [stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk)

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Stanley Godwin, Patrick Campbell, Margaret Smith, Peter Simmons, Sheila Ireland, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, Denis O'Halloran, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Eileen Hiorns, 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, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.

### St Peter's & Our Lady's

#### Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar Candle burns this week for: **Renewal of Consecration**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping well. Over the last few days since Twelfth Night on the Feast of the Epiphany I have been looking at the Christmas cards you sent and re-reading your messages. Thank you for your beautiful cards and good wishes for Christmas and New Year. Thank you also for your many gifts which were very thoughtful and much appreciated.

We are still in the Christmas Liturgical season as this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. For most of us the Sacrament of Baptism is not an event we remember ourselves, although those with children, or those who were received into the Church as adults and who experienced the fulness of the ceremony will be mindful of the significance of this special day.

Our three Churches in Catholic Leamington reflect also the architectural interpretation of the Sacrament of Baptism. At St. Joseph's your Font is visible to all at Mass. Situated on the Sanctuary it is a powerful reminder that the Sacrament of Baptism is the moment when we become members of God's family. At Our Lady's the Font finds its home in the Baptistry, here the message is of the water of Baptism, that we are washed clean of Original Sin and in this state of purity we receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At St. Peter's the Font is situated at the entrance of the Church reminding us that Baptism marks the beginning of our Christian journey. Thus as we enter the Church which is the House of God and our holy place, our journey of Faith begins. Gradually we progress through the Sacraments of initiation until we find ourselves as adults, active participants and members of the Church community which in its togetherness is the Body of Christ.

The Baptism of the Lord marked the beginning of His ministry among us, it marked the end of the old and the beginning of a new era. As the second person of the Family, Jesus blessed the waters of the Jordan by His presence, the Holy Spirit identified Him as the Son of God and in the and in this Holy moment God speaks to us, "This is my Son, the beloved, listen to Him".

As we begin a New Year let us listen to the voice of the Lord and hear his voice, let us learn to recognise his voice by listening to what he is saying. This means turning down the noise which drowns out his voice and listening to what Jesus is saying to you. Jesus has a special message for each one of us. What is He saying to you?

A very Happy New Year to you all!

Fr. John Cross.  
Parish Priest  
Dean

### St Joseph's

**Fire at St. Joseph's:** Due to the recent fire in the Church and until further notice, all Masses will be held in the Parish Centre at the following times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:30am, Sundays at 9am & 5:30pm



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle  
burns this week  
for: **The Thomas  
Family**

**Live Streaming will not be available.**

Confessions will be heard on request.

**Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022:** Dates are available from 20th February 2022, please place your request together with your donation

(£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

**Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary:** This has now started at 8:30am on Saturday mornings.

**Synodality:** If anyone from St. Joseph's would like to join the Catholic Leamington Parish Steering Group on Synodality, please contact Paul Hayden at [paulhayden444@gmail.com](mailto:paulhayden444@gmail.com)

**Weight Watchers:** A new group is starting in St. Joseph's Parish Centre every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, the first meeting is on Wednesday 12th January.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Josephine Hand, Patrick Byrne, John Crowley, Sheila Tolley, Elizabeth Hayward, Veronica Deighan, Maura Flynn, Jim Pugh, Agnes Reading, Kathleen Taylor, Catherine Ferguson, Frederick Lamont, Thomas Dean, Joan Cotter, John Crowley, Enda McSharry, Margaret Murphy, Letitia Toye, Enid Young Bianca Cruz, William O'Toole, Evelyn Henn, Monica Silk, Mgr. John Cregg, Canon Matthias Corrigan, Fr. Brian Harding, Fr. John Bentley, Fr. Charles Becker, Fr. Philip Wyles, Fr. Patrick Farrelly, Fr. James Bromley, Fr. Patrick McSwiney, Fr. Patrick Joyce, Fr. Peter Tuite, Fr. Robert Kirby, Fr. Benedict O'Gorman, Fr. Gerard Peuleve, Fr. Cyril Bennett, Deacon William Murphy, Deacon Brian Dockerty, Deacon Thomas Carter. ***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.***

**First Holy Communion Preparation 2022:** We would like to invite all the Children who are in Year 3 and attend a non-Catholic School to register with the Parish Office at [stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) for First Holy Communion in 2022. The deadline to register is 31st January 2022.

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email [sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) , Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email [sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk). The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

**Bishops Statement on COVID:** With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That people wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.

**\*\* The Sparrows\*\*** - We have a new bird feeder thanks to Father Christmas. It is bigger than the old one and means fewer fights at the dinner table. Happy New Year from the Sparrows.

**Fr. Benedict's Homilies:** can be found online by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC32ambzqLEqP58Z0fT6qAew>  
**Job Opportunity:** Our Lady & St Teresa catholic Primary School is looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Competitive Rates. Please apply to The School Office. Tel : 01926 424420 for further details. No previous experience required.

**Young Adults Group (18-30):** Young Adults Synodality Meeting (16-30yrs) 18:00 - 19:30 (approx) on 10th January on zoom. We'll discuss and listen to everyone's thoughts on these questions: Has our participation in church been affected by the pandemic? How can participation be strengthened for the future? How do we partake in the life of the parish/ Catholic church? What are our God-given gifts? How do we practise social outreach? And what do we dream for the future of our Church? All young adults and opinions welcome. As we are the future of the church and we are the ones that shall be living with the outcomes of the Synodal process, it is important that we contribute to it. Contact Rose on email [rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com) or Facebook messenger for zoom link to the event.

**Young Adults Group (18-30):** Aged between 16-24? Claiming Universal Credit? Looking for a job in Leamington? Fiat Fertility Care Ltd are recruiting for a Marketing and Admin Support person. Details here: <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/details/7572708?fbclid=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvKQ7S29vTZOOGUzIEn1VHsE-cLmEqanrOq67cwo>

**Friday Luncheon Club:** The next Friday Luncheon Club will be on the 28th January at 1-0 pm at Casa Valle on the corner of Warwick Street and Clarendon Street. If you would like to attend please phone Carmel on 01926 859303 and leave a message. Look forward to seeing you all. Carmel

**Peace Sunday:** is Next Sunday, 16 January, and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

**SPAN:** Our January open meeting is this Monday 10th at 7.30pm contact [paulhayden444@gmail.com](mailto:paulhayden444@gmail.com) for an invite to the zoom meeting. Thank you for your generous response to the SPAN Christmas voucher appeal. Which raised over £ 5,000 for much needed family support in our community.

**Synodal Pathway/Walking Together:** Thank you if you have completed and returned your Synod Form. The deadline is by the end of January.

**Synodal Pathway/Walking Together meetings:** Help shape our Church for the future by attending our meetings over the next month. See [www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/Synod](http://www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk/Synod) or the Synod Special 2 leaflet for details.

Meeting 1: St Peter's Tuesday 11th January 7.30 – 9.00pm (coffee / tea from 7.00)

Meeting 2: St Peter's Friday 21st January 2.30 – 4.00pm (coffee / tea from 2.00)

Meeting 3: St Joseph's Friday 21st January 7.30 – 9.00pm (coffee / tea from 7.00)

Meeting 4: St Joseph's Thursday 27th January 1.30 – 3.00pm (coffee / tea from 1pm)

Meeting 5: Our Lady's Friday 14th January 7.30 – 9.00pm (coffee / tea from 7.00)

Meeting 6: Our Lady's Wednesday 26th January 2.30 – 4.00pm (coffee / tea from 2.00pm)

Meeting 7: Zoom meeting Wednesday 2nd February 7.30 – 9.00pm

To help us gauge numbers and for us contact you if a meeting has to be cancelled, please register / book by sending us the meeting number with your name, e-mail address and telephone no to [SynodLeamington@gmail.com](mailto:SynodLeamington@gmail.com) or there are booking sheets on clipboards in our churches. if you have not registered your intent, you are still welcome to attend.

**Private Masses:** This week Mass will be celebrated in private for: **Joanne Worrall, Kate Mayne, Teresa Wittle and Sherry McKeon.**

**January EXTRA** is now available on the website NEWSLETTER page [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter) In this edition: Thank you from SVP and SPAN, Peace Sunday 2022, Family Peace Sunday Quiz, A Youth Call to Action, Pax Christi, Recycling for Good Causes, Live Simply Parish meeting and An Invitation.