

St Peter's & Our Lady's: Part of Catholic Leamington

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 17th November 2024



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 17th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor & Safeguarding Sunday</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Deceased of the Murphy & Travers Families
	11.15am Mass 2.30pm Grave Blessings at Cem	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Holy Souls; Charles, Moreen & John Walsh John Collins RIP
	Monday 18th <i>Opt. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles.</i>	9.30am	~
Tuesday 19th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Wednesday 20th <i>Feria</i>	1pm Requiem Mass	10am Mass	Holy Souls Anastasia Nolan RIP
Thursday 21st <i>Mem. of the Presentation of the BVM</i>	~	~	7pm Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Friday 22nd <i>Mem. of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Holy Souls
Saturday 23rd <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass 4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~ ~	Michael James Murphy RIP People of the Parish
SUNDAY 24th Solemnity of Christ the King <i>Youth Sunday</i>	11.15am Mass 3.00pm Holy Hour for Life	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Martin Wall RIP; Oliver & Rachel Brian Hughes RIP; Margaret Dunne RIP

SAFEGUARDING The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Our Lady's** Claire Walsh sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **These emails are for safeguarding matters only** **The Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Anastasia Daly, Mary Hutchinson, Joan Smolders, Carmel West, Margaret Grayling, Brendan Leathem, Michael O'Leary, Hanora Kennedy, Fabrizio Ferrante, William Connolly, Eileen Murphy, Michael Hall, Mary Tully, Peter Wall, John Tilley, Mary O'Connor, Brian Hughes, Archbishop McIntyre, Cn. Philip Coyne, Fr. Joseph Ryan, Fr. James O'Sullivan, Fr. Raymond Jones, Fr. Bernard Boulton, Fr. Gerry Jackson, Fr. David Higham, Fr. Michael Connolly, Dcn. Pat Linthwaite. **The recently deceased:** Maeve Kelly, Josephine Murphy, Frank Cooper, Paula Webb, Portia Brightburn, Thomas Twomey, Nicola Barreto, Anastasia Nolan, Alina Daszkiewicz, & Christina O'Connell. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Our prayers for the Sick: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sandra Hunt, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Andrew Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, George Pearson, Steven Robertson, Fr. Tony Rohan, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Uta Winter, Peter Wright, Mary Yapp & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, & hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



St Peter's, & Our Lady's and St Joseph's Churches working together as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LORD GOD, your Son Jesus Christ took flesh and trod the soil of His homeland. We pray for all who live on that same soil today that hatred and violence may be replaced by justice and peace. Turn savage hearts from the way of death and let Your message of peace and life be heard once again as it was on the hills of Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME TO MASS: A welcome especially to students and visitors. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen.

Daniel the prophet gives us a glimpse today of the end of the world—a great and terrible day. There will be fear and suffering, and there will be judgement of all people living and dead. One of Jesus' roles was as a prophet and like Daniel he does not 'see into the future' like some fortune teller but rather reveals God's plan. He tells of the end of the world when he will come again—as Daniel saw—and the angels gather in His chosen, amid terrible signs and great distress. If some are chosen, then logically some will not be. When will this happen? Jesus says that only the Father knows. What should we do about it? Repent and believe. The time between now and the end is our time to put ourselves right with God. The end time is not yet here, but Jesus gives us notice of it. There is still time—but we must make the most of it!

God bless you all, Fr Stephen

THE QR CODE FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Simply scan on your smart phone. This works for every day. This link takes you to *Universalis* who will be using the new translation from Advent.



HOLY COMMUNION: If you are *not* a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, or an Orthodox unable to attend an Orthodox Liturgy, you are *warmly invited to come forward for a blessing* at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of *unity in the faith*. Communion is *not* bread and wine, but the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for unity among all Christians, as God wills. *Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!*

AFTER MASS TEA & COFFEE: Our Lady's after 9.15am and St Peter's after 11:15am Mass. Tea & Coffee after Weds Mass at Our Lady's. *All Welcome.*

THIS SUNDAY is designated for two separate and important things, the Poor and Safeguarding.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR. SPAN, Supporting People Across the Nations, our own charity supporting those in real need here and abroad. We present our Christmas appeal and celebrate Catholic Leamington's response to the poor by all our fundraising and actions through **SPAN, Kindaid, CAFOD, and SVP.**

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY. We are reminded that it is everyone's duty to keep children and vulnerable adults safe. The **Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency** (CSSA) has a very helpful website here catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/ We pray for all who work in safeguarding, especially our parish safeguarding reps Susan Chan (SP) and Claire Walsh (OL) but especially we pray for all who suffer because of abuse of any kind.

BLESSING OF GRAVES AT LEAMINGTON CEMETERY: Sun 17 Nov 2.30pm—TODAY

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Takes place this Mon to Thu. 11 pilgrims will take the intentions of the parishes with them. If you have a specific prayer you would like left at the shrine, please give to Fr Stephen. Please pray for the pilgrims as they pray for us all. *Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us!*

COME & PLAY: Tues 9:30—11am in SP Hall. We welcome parents, and children, no charge. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. Join our lively community for good company and activities including a session of chair based exercises. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret.

RED WEDNESDAY—PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE:

This annual day of prayer for persecuted Christians reminds us to pray for our brothers and sisters whose faith makes them liable to persecution, imprisonment and even death. In parts of Africa, Pakistan, the Middle East, and east Asia our fellow believers face real hardship today, at this moment, for their faith. **Aid to the Church in**

Need, ACN, an international Catholic Charity, exists to support the Church wherever Christians suffer. Increasingly that suffering is due to persecution. 61 nations currently tolerate serious violations of religious freedom. See <https://acnuk.org/news/uk-join-acns-call-for-more-uk-foreign-aid-to-religious-minorities/> to support ACN's call on the government to include support for persecuted Christians in its foreign aid programme. ACN is a wonderful charity at work in some of the most difficult places on earth, including the Holy Land. Do visit the website, lots of Christmas gift ideas to buy online.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS: Fridays in the Davenport Room 11 - 12 looking at the next Sunday's readings.

All welcome.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Fridays 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of mercy come to implore mercy for the world and praise God!

NEWS OF FUNERALS OUTSIDE THE PARISHES: Josephine Murphy on 21 Nov at 3pm at Oakley Wood Crematorium. **Frank Cooper** Requiem Mass on 22 Nov at 12 noon at St Joseph's.

RETREAT: A day with Mary and St Louis Marie de Montfort. You are invited to another reflective day with rosary, prayer and sharing in the upper Davenport Room St Peter's parish centre after the 10am Mass in church on Sat 23 Nov, finishing around 3pm. Please bring some food for a shared lunch; contact: Peter 01926 428399 Email: catholicleamington.outreach@gmail.com

ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP: for years 6,7,8 - the next meeting will be on **Thurs 28 Nov 7pm** in the Davenport Room, Dormer Centre.

HOLY HOUR: run by young adults group is on **Fri 29 Nov, 7-8pm**, St Peter's, for all parishioners. Adoration and Confession will be available. Refreshments afterwards.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST PETER'S: Parish Hall Sat 30 Nov at 1pm. Donations for the cake stall and tombola are very welcome. Please drop any items into Pastimes or after Tea & Coffee on Sunday.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: We must bear witness to love and to life once more. No one is excluded from God's love and no-one should be killed as 'health care'. From the unborn to the dying, we have no right to decide who should live and who should die. Nor should the dying feel under any pressure to opt for death in a mistaken belief that they are 'a burden'. Christians of many sorts are united in opposing the misguided proposed legislation. The Catholic Bishops' website has resources so that we may be informed about the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. See: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> :lobby your MP.

There will be a **Holy Hour of Exposition** to pray for the protection of all human life especially the dying in **St Peter's** on **Sun 24 Nov 3pm**, the Sunday before the Assisted Suicide Bill's second reading.

JUSTICE & PEACE NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: for protection and support of all aid workers, medical volunteers and reporters working in war zones.

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES: The envelopes for the lists of Holy Souls to be prayed for in November, their month, are available at the back of church.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY: a visit to a church or cemetery to pray for the departed; offer a rosary; recite the 'Eternal rest...' prayer; take part in a Holy Hour, have a Mass offered. As Padre Pio said 'We must empty purgatory by our prayers'.

ADVENT SUNDAY: 30 Nov. In two weeks time the Church year begins again as we watch and wait for the coming of the Saviour, aided by our reflection on the scriptures of prophecy that herald the Lord's birth. The **New Translation of the Lectionary** will be in use from that day. If you are a reader, perhaps attended one of preparation sessions or looked at *Universalis* online (just Google) or subscribed to *Magnificat* or bought a new Sunday Missal? There are many ways for us all to be prepared for the change. If you ordered

a copy of the new people's Sunday Missal with these new readings, please collect and pay for (£20) your missal as soon as possible from the piety shop where you placed your order.

As alternatives, the online resource '*Universalis*' provides the text of Mass, the lectionary, the Breviary and devotional reading, on your phone, tablet or PC for a one off fee of just £19.99 (or £9.99 if phone only) 'Magnificat', the monthly prayer book will be using the new translation from Advent. It is marketed in the UK by the Catholic Herald in a fully British version. See <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/>

ADVENT SUNDAY VESPERS: Our Lady's, 4pm on Sun 30 Nov.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: St. Peter's Hall on 15 Dec after Mass. The cost of the 3 course meal and glass of wine is £20 per person. Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of Church by the Dona Machine to reserve a place.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: a **HUGE thank you** to all those who donated, helped out, and supported our recent Christmas Fair. A total of over £1,700 was raised for the roof appeal.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC

SCHOOLS: Preparation for this begins in the new year. There will be details of how to sign up and parents' meetings nearer the time. Watch this space...

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PETER'S We are planning to have a children's liturgy at St Peter's as well as Our Lady's. Please speak to Anna-Marie Foley or Fr Stephen or email the parish if you'd like to help.

SERVERS AND SERVING: Thank you to our servers at both churches. **We'd love a few more!** See Bob at St Peter's or Adrian at Our Lady's.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st – £678.00, 2nd (Ch. Maint.) – £324.92, OL 1st—£249.64, 2nd (Ch. Roof)- £210.58. This weekend the 2nd collection at SP: Ch. Maint. & OL: Church Roof **Thank you**.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week **Main Altar** candles burn for: **All friends and Family Deceased**. If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete a 7-day candles envelope, at the back of Church.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Due to a lack of space, we have had to start reducing down the list of the faithful departed on the front of the newsletter. Starting in the New Year, we will archive those whose deaths occurred in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and will continue to reduce down the list by 1 year each year to allow space for those most recently deceased. If you would like your relative to continue to be on the list please email the parish office with their name and date of death and they will be added back on to the list. Thank you.

CATHOLICS IN HOSPITAL: Fr David Hartley, parish priest of Whitnash is the Catholic Chaplain at Warwick Hospital. He regularly visits the wards. The local priests all provide emergency cover. If you or a family member wish to see a priest while in the hospital, please tell a staff member or contact the Chaplaincy directly.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL The PPC is up and running. There is a dedicated page on the Catholic Leamington website where you can find the council's constitution, membership and minutes of meetings. Any Pastoral Council is a consultative body, formed to assist the parish priest in the running of the parish. It is therefore about ideas to improve the quality of parish life—spiritually, socially and practically. Members are keen for parishioners to share ideas and talents with them. There will be an annual general meeting of the Council next year which, by definition, will be open to all parishioners. The members who usually worship at St Peter's are: Martin Foley (chair), Anne Elson, Paul Milton and Ira Winters. Members who worship at Our Lady's are Gill Ayers Hunt and Simon Tibke.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL The second meeting of the DPC takes place next week and will primarily be looking at data collect-

ed from the parishes—sizes, buildings, baptisms, finances and so on—which will allow consideration of clergy workloads and inform future planning. Remember, over the next ten years 45 per cent of our current diocesan priests will reach retirement age (75). We need to plan now to make the very best provision for the future, which is what the Diocesan Vision and these new councils are about. Also, it will be considering how the local clusters of parishes are working and what are the strengths and weakness of what's happening. Martin Foley and Ira Winters represent us on the DPC.

THE LOCAL CLUSTER OF PARISHES Catholic Leamington, Kenilworth and Warwick. The local parishes have met informally with priests and laity: the cluster is a purely informal grouping seeking to pool skills and talents and is **not** a layer of administration or governance. So far the Cluster has celebrated the Warwick Martyrs with a walk to the site of martyrdom over the summer, is currently sharing resources with Youth Work (St Peter's has the younger group and St Mary Immaculate in Warwick the older). Provision for catechesis is working well together with St Peter's 'Come & See' being offered across the cluster, along with the preparation for Holy Communion for children that happen at Our Lady's. Next month, there is a Cluster Advent Service of Carols and Prayers at Our Lady's on Sun 8 Dec. All these are new ideas being tried to help neighboring parishes know each other better.

BUILDINGS: Our Lady's. Fire doors between the church, sacristies and halls have been fitted as required but the work still needs a little finishing off. The architect is continuing with working for tenders for the substantial work on the roof. Because it is such a large project and on a listed building, various additional permissions have to be given. This is not expected to cause any problems but takes time. The hedges at the library side have been cut back and reduced in height making for a lighter and tidier side to the church. **St Peter's** We are still waiting for the professional review of the use of our buildings. This is happening because the proper upkeep of the church, presbytery and hall is simply more than we can afford. The church building is of course a priority. The question is whether the presbytery is simply too big and too costly and should be remodelled or sold for a different property. Likewise, the hall complex is very inefficient to heat and light, and very expensive to maintain. Should that be refurbished or rebuilt with additional flats to rent? The property review is to help see a way of the millions of pounds these two buildings represent generating income rather than only consuming it. There will be much to discuss, reflect on and pray about before the parish comes to any decision.

DONATING TO THE PARISHES

As well as the collection bags, the card machine at St Peter's, via standing order, you may give by scanning **the code** at the top left on the first page of this sheet with your smartphone or online via the website. **Thank you**

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be correctly followed. Couples need to give at least six months' notice.

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Stephen **in person** at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few simple facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME, OR GIVE IT TO ABSENT PARISHIONERS, OR RETURN IT TO THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR OTHERS TO SEE TOO. Information and evangelisation... Thanks.