

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

1st Sunday of Advent: Sunday 1st December 2024



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THANK YOU!

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent <i>Sunday Readings from Year C</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Anthony & Carmel Cleary Golden Wedding Anniversary
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Vespers	Deceased of the Cummings Family Deceased of Lorenzana Fam
Monday 2nd <i>Advent Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 3rd <i>Mem. of St. Francis Xavier, Pr.</i>	10am Mass		Brian O'Reilly RIP
Wednesday 4th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John Damascene, Pr. Dr.</i>	~	10am Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 5th Feast of St. Birinus, Bp.	12 Noon Mass	~	Andreana Reeves RIP Anniversary
Friday 6th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Nicholas, Bp.</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Peace in the Holy Land & Ukraine
Saturday 7th <i>Mem. of St. Ambrose, Bp., Dr. of the Church</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass 4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~ ~	Holy Souls Deceased of the Keenan, Woods, & Burford Families
SUNDAY 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	11.15am Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 3pm Advent Carol Service for the Cluster Parishes	Danny & Andrew Daly RIP Stuart Cameron Smith RIP; Jim & Kitty Clancy 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: Ann Marie Dell, Patrick Mulvey, Giovanni Adamo, Franco Nicolini, Roland O'Donnell, Margaret Butler, Patrick Taylor, Mary St. John, Emma Ashby, Brigid Stokes, Rowland Swain, Jan Iwanikiw, Paul Teclaff, Stuart Smith, Pasquale Santilli, Archbishop Ilesley, Fr. Liam MacFarlane, Fr. Horace Ralph, Fr. Michael Knight, Fr. Anthony Kane, Fr. George Rafferty. **The recently deceased:** William Jackson, Denis Donovan, Richard Hardy, Maeve Kelly, Josephine Murphy, Paula Webb, Portia Brightburn, Thomas Twomey, Nicolau Barreto. **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.**

ADVENT:
WAITING FOR THE COMING OF
THE LORD

Lo! He comes with clouds of Glory...



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 TODAY: A welcome especially to students and visitors. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen.

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent season, a season of joyful penitence as we prepare for two successive things. First, the fulfillment of God's ancient promises in the birth of His Son. And next, the Second Coming of Christ as our merciful judge and Saviour, in accordance with His own promises.

Indeed, today's readings are about those promises. Jeremiah is used by God to affirm that God keeps His promises revealed through the prophets. Today's Gospel inspired the Advent hymn 'Lo, He comes with clouds descending' as Christ talks about His return. It will be a great and terrible day, but we are not to be afraid. Fear at the Lord's coming will be a natural response since our sins make us unworthy of His presence. Yet He calls us to be ready, to use our time in faithful and loving penitence that His mercy may be poured out upon us.

The **New Translation of the Lectionary** will be in use from Sunday. The new books will be blessed immediately before they are first used—at the 5pm Mass and at 9.15am.

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 Mass and 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/>

Sunday Missals for congregational use are available from CTS and may be ordered online or through bookshops.

God bless you all, Fr Stephen

THE QR CODE FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Simply scan on your smart phone. This works for every day. The link opens *Universalis* which is using the new translation.



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!**

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

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**.

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.

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!

CLUSTER ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at Our Lady's, **3pm, Sun 8 Dec**

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

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: - still time to bring food donations to church, non-perishable items and Christmas foods. Next two weekends or by 12th December latest. Thank you SVP and Hampers team.

SPAN – green envelope appeal: Gift Aided envelopes can be placed in church boxes or collections. You can also donate through:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanxmas24>

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE: December prayer intention "We pray that Christmas be a time for families to come together in peace and love".

MEETING—FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: There will be a meeting for all parents whose children are **not** at Catholic Schools and wish to have their children prepared on **16 Jan 6 pm** in Our Lady's church hall. Don't forget the weekly meeting that is Sunday Mass too.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Final Document is now available in English, see www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PETER'S We are planning 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 – £575.62, 2nd (Catholic Youth Service) - £267.96, OL 1st—£154.52, 2nd (Catholic Youth Service) - £173.87. This weekend the 2nd collection at SP is for: Church Maintenance and OL: Church Roof Repairs. **Thank you**.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns for: **A Private Intention**. If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete a 7-day candles envelope, at back of Church.

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.



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