

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 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Deceased of the Keenan, Woods, & Burford Families
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 3pm Advent Carol Service for the Cluster Parishes	Danny & Andrew Daly RIP; Ann Nolan RIP Stuart Cameron Smith RIP; Jim & Kitty Clancy RIP
Monday 9th <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM.</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 10th <i>Mem. of St. Edmund Gennings, Pr., Martyr</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Wednesday 11th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John Damascene, Pr. Dr.</i>	10am Mass	~	Requiem: Paula Webb RIP
Thursday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	11am Service 2:30pm Service	~	Funeral: Richard Hardy RIP Funeral: James Curran RIP
Friday 13th <i>Mem. of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>	12 noon Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	John "Sean" Smyth RIP; Patrick Hughes RIP
Saturday 14th <i>Mem. of St. John of the Cross, Pr., Dr. of the Church</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass	~	Holy Souls; Portia Brightburn RIP
	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Deceased of the Murphy family
SUNDAY 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	11.15am Mass 5.30pm Choir Concert	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Eithne Dunne RIP; Peter & Rosemary McGovern RIP Tony Sullivan 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**
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Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Brigid Stokes, Rowland Swain, Jan Iwanikiw, Paul Teclaff, Stuart Smith, Pasquale Santilli, Mary Connolly, Arsinoe Wainhouse, Patrick Meade, Bernadette Lawlor, Mary Collins, Maria De Sousa-Monteiro, Brian McManus, John Smyth, James Falvey, Margaret Shirley, Steven Kavanagh, Fr. Horace Relph, Fr. Michael Knight, Fr. Anthony Kane, Fr. George Rafferty, Fr. Thomas McMorrow, Fr. Jerome O'Flynn, Fr. Hugh Molloy, Fr. Vincent Lucas, Fr. William Browne, Fr. John Ellis, Fr. Cyril Barlow, Fr. Joseph Rowland, Fr. Denis Ryan, Dcn. Bryan Salter, Dcn. Henry Atkinson. **The recently deceased:** Samantha Wright, James Curran, William Jackson, Denis Donovan, Richard Hardy, Paula Webb, Portia Brightburn. **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.

AS the second week of Advent begins, we meet John the Baptist whose message, proclaimed from the wilderness, speaks of the preparation, hope in God soon fulfilling His promises. Just like the prophet Baruch in the first reading, John speaks of hills levelled and valleys filled to make a straight way for the Lord. The call is to remove the obstacles of sin—injustice, oppression, indifference, inattentiveness to God's will—so that God may come among us. And St Paul speaks in the second reading of the hope that God will bring everything to completion, including the work He has begun in us. That work, based on His love and mercy, is the work that will fulfill the great Christian hope, that each of us will be able to stand in the presence of Jesus, not in the manger at Bethlehem, but in all His might and majesty when He comes again.

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!***

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.*

CLUSTER ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at Our Lady's, 3pm, This Sunday.

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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: to open the Piety shop for an hour on both Thursdays and Fridays during the day, if anyone is interested please speak to Anne in the Shop after 11:15am Mass on Sundays.

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.

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

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: Fridays in the Davenport Rm, 11 - 12 studying 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! **No** devotions on 20th or 27th Dec. Restarts 3rd Jan.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH FLOWERS: There will be a retiring collection after Mass next week (14/15 Dec) at St. Peter's for the Christmas Flowers. Donations would be gratefully received.

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.

RORATE MASS: A *Rorate Coeli* Mass is an Advent votive Mass of Our Lady, celebrated by candle light as the sun rises as a reminder of the coming light of Christ. The name comes from the entrance antiphon 'Drop down dew you heavens'. **Tue 17 Dec 7.30am**

ST PETER'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday 15 Dec at 5.30pm. Tickets on sale after Mass.

ADVENT BLESSING OF STRAW On the last Sunday of Advent, straw will be blessed for you take home and place in your crib or under

the table cloth for Christmas lunch. This is a sign of Christ dwelling among us and the drawing together of celebration in the home and in the church. You need only take three or four pieces!

RECYCLING OLD LECTIONARIES The Archdiocese is currently trying to co-ordinate a scheme to recycle the great quantity of old lectionaries now no longer needed. It might include the chance of recycling old people's Mass books too. Arrangements have yet to be confirmed: Please watch this space.

SPAN: Our December meeting is this Monday at 7.30pm in the SP's Davenport room. All welcome.

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: The 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 to start on the new year (in addition to Our Lady's). Please speak to Anna-Marie Foley or Fr Stephen or email the parish if you'd like to help. A core group of volunteers has come forward so this *will* be happening.

PARISH BUILDINGS: Our Lady's architect is still dealing with tenders for the roof work. Unfortunately the heating is not working properly—it is *not* the boiler, but the electric blowers in church that seem to be unable to pump out the heat. The new fire doors are almost finished and the builders will be returning at some point for staining and finishing off. St Peter's still awaits the report on possible use and development of the hall and presbytery. Reminders and requests have been sent more than once...

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

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 —£474.63, 2nd (Church Maint.) - £260.46, OL 1st—£255.89, 2nd (Church Roof Repairs) - £228.45. This weekend the 2nd collection at both Churches are for: Poor Parishes. *Thank you.*

7 DAY CANDLES: 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.

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

*Information and evangelisation... **Thanks.***