

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

3rd Sunday of Advent: Sunday 15th December 2024



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Paddy, Nancy, John, Patrick, & Finn Murphy RIP
	11.15am Mass 5.30pm Choir Concert	9.15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	Eithne Dunne RIP; Peter & Rosemary McGovern RIP Tony Sullivan RIP
Monday 16th Advent Feria	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 17th O Sapientia	7:30am Rorate Candle lit Mass Our Lady's Altar 9:30am Mass at St Ant's Sch.	~	Larry & Anne Connor's Intention; Vincent Holleron RIP & Mary Yapp RIP
Wednesday 18th O Adonai	~	10am Mass with OL Sch 1pm Service	Fr. Chris Greaney RIP with OLST Sch. Funeral: Denis Donovan RIP
Thursday 19th O Radix Iesse	10am Mass	~	Fr. David Lloyd
Friday 20th O Clavis David	10am Mass with St P Sch 1pm Service	~	John Dawson RIP Funeral: William Jackson RIP
Saturday 21st O Oriens	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass	~	Dian O'Brien RIP
	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Mary Yapp RIP
SUNDAY 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent O Rex Gentium	11.15am Mass	9.15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	Kitty & Jack Ryan RIP; Simon & Kevin Daly Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP Anniv.& Lillian McCumisky 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**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: James Falvey, Margaret Shirley, Steven Kavanagh, Mary Burns, Marian Dowds, Virginia Wilding, Anne Nelligan, Bridget Daly, George Crawford, Dian O'Brien, Peter Jackson, Domenica Turturici, Winifred Kelly, Cn. Gerard Breen, Fr. Joseph Rowland, Fr. Denis Ryan, Fr. Fergus O'Connell, Fr. John Dewis, Fr. Daniel O'Connor, Fr. Michael O'Meara, Fr. Edmund Motherway, Dcn. Bryan Salter, Dcn. Henry Atkinson. **The recently deceased:** Fr. Jacob Lewis, Mary Yapp, 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 & 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

Rejoice in the Lord always... He is very near!



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.

Today, we are bidden to rejoice, not because the Saviour is born but because He is near. We are over half way through Advent so the urgent message of John the Baptist takes prominence today. He is asked 'What shall we do?', and he gives very specific teaching. He speaks to the crowds of justice and sharing; to tax collectors of fairness; to soldiers of peace and contentment. They want to know what to do because they are full of expectation, an expectation that many suspect might be fulfilled in John himself. But he is quick to correct them—the Saviour follows him and is mighty, bring the Holy Spirit and fire, to sort out the good from the bad, to bring in the final harvest of humanity. The crowds respond with hope, for John's message is good news indeed—how to stand erect with heads high (as we heard last week) in the presence of Jesus. *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!*

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

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.*

RORATE MASS: Tue 7.30am Rorate Coeli Mass, 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'.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHOIR: at The Newbold Comyn Arms, Newbold Terrace East, Leamington, Wed 18 Dec. Doors open 6pm. Free mince pies and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas!

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.

ADVENT BLESSING OF STRAW Next Sunday, 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 people's old Mass books too. *Arrangements have yet to be*

confirmed: please watch this space.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PETER'S There *will* be 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.

SPAN: Supporting People Across the Nations, this month in Malawi, Sudan and Zambia. Also www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span for Prayer Request from House of Light and Hope in Lebanon.

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 professional report from Savill's on possible use and development of the hall and presbytery. Reminders and requests have been sent more than once...

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

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 – £262.66, 2nd (Poor Parishes) - £185.01, OL 1st—£169.66, 2nd (Poor Parishes) - £169.23. This weekend the 2nd collection at SP is for Church Maintenance and OL is for Church Roof. *Thank you.*

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Sanctuary candles** burn for: **Tony Sullivan RIP**. If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete a 7-day candles envelope, at back of Church.

NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET will be a two week edition covering 21 Dec to 4 Jan.

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. Please don't leave in the pew!

Information and evangelisation... Thanks.

