

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

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: Sunday 5th January 2025: Holy Year of Jubilee



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 5th January 2025 <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Rev. Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Eamonn & James Prior RIP Vito La Barbera RIP
<i>Monday 6th</i> <i>Christmas Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
<i>Tuesday 7th</i> <i>Opt. Mem. St. Raymond of Penyafort, Pr.</i>	10am Mass	~	Intentions of Tim & Mary Cashman
<i>Wednesday 8th</i> <i>Christmas Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Sheila & Lisa Strong RIP
<i>Thursday 9th</i> <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Pat, Lucia, & Michael Ryan; Joan Sweeney RIP
<i>Friday 10th</i> <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10am Mass 11am Service 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Brid Comby Funeral: Samantha Wright RIP
<i>Saturday 11th</i> <i>Christmas Feria</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass	~	Katie Hannan RIP
	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Intentions of Jan Smith
SUNDAY 12th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Pro Populo Private Intention

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Shakesheff, Consuelo Connell, Patrick Gleeson, Margaret Thornton, Natalina Piazzon, Johanna O'Neill, Patrick Skinner, Luigi Bossi, Joseph Cronin, Kathleen Hardaker-Jones, Rosaleen Lyne, Kathleen Sweeney, Margaret Kennedy, Bridget Rowley, Shiela Brain, James Larkin, Mary Kitchen, Kathleen Hannan, James Rowles, Myles Richards, Denis O'Halleron, Fr. Martin Cassidy, Fr. Philip Garrett, Fr. Francis Dwyer, Fr. Philip Smith, Fr. John P. Davis, Fr. Brian Harding, Fr. John Bentley, Fr. Charles Becker, Fr. Alexander (Sandy) Brown, Fr. Philip Wyles, Fr. Patrick Farrelly, Dcn. Joseph Patterson, Dcn. William Murphy.

The recently deceased: Bridget Linnane, Fr. Brian Boyle SCJ, Fr. Jacob Lewis, Samantha Wright, Diego Pita. **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.**



EPIPHANY 2024

**THEN, OPENING THEIR
TREASURES, THEY OFFERED
HIM GIFTS, GOLD,
FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH...**

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: The mysterious Magi come to offer Jesus symbolic gifts of gold (for a king), frankincense (for God) and myrrh (for death). These men may have been wise and rich but what are they doing? They set out on a long and hazardous journey because of a star. Nothing else: they have faith in its power to lead. They do not know quite where that journey will end nor who they will find. They seek help from the local king, Herod, who—full of murderous jealousy—gives them bad advice. They arrive, present the gifts and worship, and then—believing their dreams—have to deceive Herod and go the long way home. The journey of these men is not recorded for us just so we hear a pretty story. Every Christian is a traveller, a follower of Jesus. We follow by faith. Some would discourage us or give us misleading advice. God speaks to us by signs and wonders. And, if we persevere, at the end of the journey is Jesus who will expect not gold, frankincense, or myrrh but, as the carol has it, our hearts. None of us needs to arrive empty handed therefore, and none of needs worry that our best gift, that is ourselves, will ever be refused. **May God bless us all in this truly blessed Christmas time, Fr Stephen**

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



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: There are sheets and chinks at the back of church so that you may use the traditional Epiphany house blessing at home to ask God's blessing on your house, those who live there and will visit, and on the days of 2025. May they be marked by joy and hope!

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!**

CRIB OFFERINGS: Are this year support **Aid to the Church in Need** acnuk.org This is a Pontifical charity that supports the Church where there is discrimination, persecution, war or famine.

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. Come & Play will recommence on Tuesday 6th January.

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. **Now on Christmas break.**

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: every Friday 11am in the Davenport Room.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: start Sunday 12 January 2025 at Our Lady's.

SPAN – Supporting People Across the Nations: Thank you for your generosity with our Advent appeal. Our January meeting will be online on Monday 13, 7.30pm, contact paulhayden444@gmail.com for a link.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPRATION: 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.

WALKING TOGETHER: next meeting is on Thursday 16 Jan 7.30pm,

Our Lady's Church Hall. See parish website for more WT information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PETER'S There **will** be a children's liturgy at St Peter's to start in 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. Thank you to the volunteers.

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.

DISPOSING OF OLD MISSALS: It is an ancient Jewish custom that holy books and scrolls, if no longer usable, should be buried. Just as human bodies may reflect the glory and handiwork of God, so Scripture and books used for worship do the same. Therefore, the reverent placing of holy books in the ground, mirroring the reverent placing in the ground at burial of bodies and of ashes, is not simply a 'disposal' but a returning to the earth. Many older Jewish cemeteries have a particular place within them for the burial of books. This tradition, once also common in Christianity, has been neglected of late. So, the respectful burying of out of date or worn out holy books may be done may be done at home.

PARISH BUILDINGS: 2025 should be a year of decisions and actions for both our parishes. At St Peter's the way forward for the hall and the presbytery should become clear, once we have received recommendations and considered them as a parish. At Our Lady's, the costs of the roof repairs will be known and then how much more we can afford for other necessary improvements.

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 (15 DEC): SP 1st – £599.58, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £231.49, OL 1st—£155.86, 2nd (Church Roof Repairs) - £112.52. This weekend the Second collection is for **SP: Church Maintenance** and **OL: Church Roof Repairs. Thank you.**

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady's Sanctuary** candle burns: **In Memory of Susan Day RIP & St. Joseph Sanctuary** candle burns: **for a Private Intention.** If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete a 7-day candle envelope, at back of Church.

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DONATING TO THE PARISHES

As well as the collection bags, 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 RETURN IT TO THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR OTHERS TO SEE, OR TAKE IT HOME, OR BEST OF ALL GIVE IT TO ABSENT PARISHIONERS. Please don't leave in the pew! Information and evangelisation... Thank you.