

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

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Sunday 2nd February 2025: Holy Year of Jubilee



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 2nd February 2025 <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Candlemass</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Tony Sullivan RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Ann O'Donnell RIP Ahmed Musa's Recovery; Diego Pita RIP
Monday 3rd: Yr1, 4th week Ordinary Tim3 <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Blaise, Bp., M.</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash.
Tuesday 4th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash.
Wednesday 5th <i>Mem. of St. Agatha, Virgin, M.</i>	~	10am Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 6th <i>Mem. of St. Paul Miki, and Companions, M.</i>	10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
Friday 7th <i>Feria</i>	~ 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	10am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash.
Saturday 8th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Jerome Emiliani</i>	No morning events this week 4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~ ~	10am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash. Noel McGivern RIP; Ann Purfield RIP
SUNDAY 9th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Brigit McEvoy's Recovery Susan Day RIP

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Anthony Sullivan, Concepcion Bao, Bridget Hayes, Patrick O'Keeffe, Paul Daly, Carmel Fitzgerald, Kieran Long, John Croasdell, Maria Cunningham, Adele Cooke, Philip Morris, Mary Mortimer, Archbishop Keating, Mgr. Michael Williams, Mgr. John Heslin, Fr. Denis Clancy, Fr. Joseph Connelly, Fr. Thomas O'Carroll, Fr. John Watkins. **The recently deceased:** Nora Miller, Ray Murphy, Filippo Marsala, Ann Purfield, Peter Cronin, Sandra Hunt, Fr. Fred Sheldon, Dcn. Paul Hender, Bridget Lin nane. **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, 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, 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.**



SCAN TO SEE THE
MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE
After Sunday
Morning Masses in the
hall
All Welcome!



**MORE SERVERS
ALWAYS WELCOME**
Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

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FEBRUARY—MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families. *Pope St John Paul II*

WELCOME TO MASS, especially any visitors joining us to worship. **Please pick up a candle and drip guard before the start of Mass** for today we celebrate Christ as the light to enlighten the gentiles. To fulfill Jewish Law, Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple. Here is acclaimed first by Simeon and then by the aged prophetess Anna: He is the light of God's truth, the Christ, the Redeemer. But His future will not be easy and Mary herself will have her soul pierced by a sword. So today we celebrate these wondrous events (and if you don't remember it from last year it's because the feast didn't fall on a Sunday) with lighted candles and a procession.

Your Missal and Magnificat both have the Mass included.

We may draw a great deal from this feast: thanksgiving for a child; the final wonders that accompanied the birth of Jesus: the perception and wisdom of older people, the faith of Mary and Joseph and the unfolding of God's promises to send us His Son.

Alterations to the normal way of Sunday Mass are made not to catch us out, but to help draw out the many facets of the profound mystery of how we are saved through God's love and mercy. Formerly, the Christian season did not end in church until this feast had been celebrated, a tradition retained in keeping the crib figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph out until 2 February.

God bless us all, Fr Stephen

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!**

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.

ON-LINE PRAYER GROUP - Catholic Leamington Meets by Zoom **Tuesdays 7.30 to 8.30pm**. Reading, reflecting and sharing on the following Sunday's gospel. Everyone most welcome. Contact Margaret or Peter 01926 428399 or:-mandpdimambro@gmail.com

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!

SPAN – Supporting People Across the Nations: Save the date of our **Quiz Night on Friday 28 February**, raising funds for New Chapters, helping locally to fight addiction.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY BEGINNING AT ST PETER'S: This will start on **Sun 9 March**, first Sunday of Lent. Details soon.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Sat 24—Fri 30 May. Details on the diocesan website [here](#)

STUDENTS: You are very welcome! Have you signed up to get the weekly newsletter from Fr. Simon Baker the Catholic chaplain of the univ? If not you can email: Simon.Baker.2@warwick.ac.uk CathSoc meets on 3 February.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: A new leaflet summarising devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has now been produced. These are available in the leaflet stand on your way into St Peter's church next to the Fatima leaflet stand.

COULD YOU BE A SERVER?: Thank you to our servers at both churches. **We'd love a few more!** Old or young, male or female there is an opportunity for you to bring added dignity and reverence to our worship, and to learn a little more about what happens

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and why at the altar. See Bob at St Peter's or Adrian at Our Lady's.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: If you're within the age group (18-35 years) and would like to join or continue the group (we have a group chat) do get in contact with Rose on 07484 127253.

SOUND & MICROPHONES AT ST PETER'S: An Engineer attended last Friday (24 Jan) and has reset the sound system. Any problems, please do let either Fr. Stephen or the Parish Office know.

HEATING AT OUR LADY'S We are still awaiting the replacement parts for the heaters.

PARISH BUILDINGS: It is as certain as ever that we cannot continue to use our buildings in the same old way. **At St Peter's**, half of Savill's property review has been done: the hall has been considered but we await conclusions about the presbytery. The hall's financial health cannot be described as anything other than troubling and is **impossible to maintain indefinitely**. As we need to consider things in the whole and not piecemeal, we still wait for the presbytery report. **At Our Lady's**, the tenders for the roof repairs are due back with the architect in a week. Then will we know exactly what size bill we'll be facing. The sourcing of parts for the heating remains a challenge.

There should be much to talk about when the Finance Committee meets next and the Pastoral Council too.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st – £615.61, 2nd (Church Maintenance) – £283.35, OL 1st—£232.60, 2nd (Church Roof Repairs) – £181.77. This weekend the Second collection is for **SP: Church Maintenance** and **OL: Church Roof Repairs. Thank you.**

7 DAY CANDLES: Envelopes for these at the back of church.

TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL is seeking Foundation Governors. The role of School governor is both extremely important and very rewarding. Foundation Governors, appointed by the diocese, must be **practising** Catholics. If you are interested in taking on the role of governor or would like further information please email dsmith@gov.magnificat.org.uk

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON FACE BOOK PAGE Direct link [HERE](#)

DONATING TO THE PARISHES

As well as the collection bags, via standing order, you may give by using the credit card machine at the back of St Peter's or 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, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is needed.

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 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!

