

Catholic Leamington
Our Lady's with St Peter's, and St Joseph's
 St Peter Apostle, 3A Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA Tel: 01926 423824
 Our Lady's, Valley Road, Lillington CV32 7SJ (Administered by SP) 01926 423824
 St Joseph's, 47 Murcott Road East, Whitnash CV31 2JJ Tel : 01926 772712

Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Peter's; Dean, Warwick Deanery: Fr John Cross
 Assistant Priest Fr Noel Breslin; Deacon Rev David Palmer; Y4 Seminarian: Sean Gough

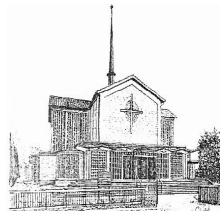
Parish Priest, St Joseph's: Fr Andrew Franklin

Retired Clergy: Fr Laurence Crowe, Fr Christopher Greaney

Emails: (St Peter's & Our Lady's): stpetersspa@hotmail.co.uk - St Joseph's: stjosephs47@outlook.com

Youth Ministry: Erin Doughty (erin@parishyouthministry.org.uk; tel 07548 272629)

Safeguarding representative John Armstrong Tel: 07977 002943.



*First Sunday of
Advent (Year B)*



*3rd
December
2017*



Saturday 2 December <i>Psalter Week 1</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Madeline, Daniel & Finbarr Looney Mary Beausang Noel McGivern	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 3 December First Sunday of Advent ** Migrants' Day **	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Eileen Bettles Babs Dunbar People of the Parish Gerry Quinn Billy & Patty Desay and Patricia Devshi	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 4 December <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Special Intention Jack Macleod & Terry Cooper	SJ 7pm Mass with Novena to Our Lady.
Tuesday 5 December <i>St Birinus</i>	Sch SJ SP SP SJ	9.15 am 9.30 am 12.30 pm 4.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mass: St Patrick's School Czes Mowinski Michael MacMahon Reception: Martin Quigley Reception: Mary Darby	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 6 December <i>St Nicholas</i>	SP Sch SJ OL SP	9.00 am 9.15 am 9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Trinity School Mass in Church Mass: St Anthony's School Requiem Mass: Mary Darby Mary Ahern Requiem Mass: Martin Quigley	Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	James Hannan For Vocations & People of the Parish	SJ: <i>Adoration Day for Vocations, 9.00 am 7.00 pm</i> Rosary: SP Noon Exposition: OL 2.00 -3.00pm
Friday 8 December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Requiem: Catherine Frances Lovell Connie Murphy Anita & Prudence Bunch	Rosary: SP: Noon Exposition: SP 11.00am OL: St Monica Prayer @ 6.00 pm
Saturday 9 December VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	David Harwar Frances Lovell Mary Bohan Eileen Tucker People of the Parish Brian McManus	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45am Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am
Sunday 10 December Second Sunday of Advent <i>Bible Sunday</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Patrick & Marion Moran & Family Keenan & Woods families Stuart Cameron Smith Fr O'Connor John & Patricia Robinson, 40th Wedding Anniversary & Marsh Family Intentions	Exposition & Rosary SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Collections last Weekend

First Collection: £1,145.74
 Second Collection: £777.76
 Catholic Youth Services
Thank you for your generous donations.

Second Collections

Today
 Church Maintenance Fund
Next Week
 Poor Parishes Fund

SPAN

Christmas Vouchers: £460.00.
 Gift Aid: £30.00.
 General - £245.96
 Crisis in Africa - £37.98

Thank you.

We pray for the sick and the housebound

who request our prayers during their time of illness and infirmity and whose names can be found on the noticeboard lists in the porch at St Peter's.

Lord Jesus watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless those who care for them. Amen.

Recently Deceased

Martin Wall, Fabrizio Ferrante, Mary Darby, Maureen Sapstead, Margaret Nally, Martin Quigley, Benito Vinciguerra, Frances Lovell and Michael Maguire.
May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.

Anniversaries

Thomas Jackson, William Desay, Derek Smith, Jan Iwanikiw, Patrick 'Paddy' Taylor, Paul Teclaff, Emma Ashby, Stuart Cameron Smith, Mary 'Marie' Connolly, Harry Hawkes, Bridget McNulty, Brigid Stokes.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Newsletter : newsletterstpeters@gmail.com [**Deadline 4.00 pm Wednesday**]

St Peter's Parish Centre : dormercentre@gmail.com

Website: www.catholicleamington.org.uk

Warwick Deanery: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk — Archdiocese : www.birminghamdiocese.org

Like us on Facebook : Our Lady's Church: www.facebook.com/ourladyslillington

St Peter's Church & Centre: www.facebook.com/stpetersspa

St Peter's Cleaning Team 2 this week.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent with the 'Walk With Me' booklets. There should be enough for one per family as well as some Calendars for children. The booklet has a reflection each day from Sunday until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on 8th January. The idea is to read the prayer inside the front cover, the short Bible text, the reflection, say one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. You might want this to be a Decade of the Rosary. There is also a space to write your prayer intention for the day. Since the 'Walk With Me' programme was introduced I think the booklets at Advent and Lent have helped many people to grow closer to the Lord and given an ideal structure to a set time for prayer and reflection, whether it is in the car, at home or while waiting for the doctor or dentist to see us.

Today is also Migrants Sunday. We remember that the Holy Family were themselves migrants who escaped the oppression and persecution of King Herod. Today's migrant is similar, they seek to live in freedom and peace. A recent programme on the TV showed us what happened when sizeable number of families and individuals found a haven in a country town in Ireland. Some welcomed them and helped, others were suspicious. In the end the kindness of those who gave as well as the appreciation of those who received showed us what it means to love our neighbour as much as we love ourselves.

During Advent while we are very busy with lots of preparations let us not lose sight of some of the things we can do to prepare our spiritual self for the coming of the Lord. The times of confession are on the newsletter for our 3 churches. We also plan to have either a penitential service or at St Peter's a Penitential Day when a whole string of clergy will spend an hour in the box. Hopefully by next weekend I shall have some dates for you. I will add an hour during the Holy Hour on Sunday afternoon at St Peter's except on 17th which is the day of the Christmas Dinner in the Hall and in the evening the Parish Carol Service.

Many thanks to parishioners Rafal and Magdalena for building a special place for the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. It is now situated in the Davenport Room which in days of old was the place where the Our Lady Prayer Group and the Legion of Mary used to meet. Thank you also to Peter Dimambro who organised and communicated the events for the Centenary Celebrations to the parish and the diocese. Many people have been greatly appreciative of this effort and perhaps prayer groups in the parish might like to ask to have this room when it is free for their meetings.

The season of Advent begins the new liturgical Year of the Church. So a very Happy New Year to you all!!
Every Blessing,
Fr John

BOOK NOW! Parish Christmas Lunch on **Sunday 17 December**. Traditional Dinner, Crackers, Pudding and more (vegetarian options available). Sign up lists in OL and SP (on top of heating vents by St Anthony's statue). A few helpers would be nice if you can spare some time. Call Giovanna 07780 543976.

Fr Laurence Tea Party: Next Sunday 10 December from 2.00-4.00 pm in OL church hall. A chance to say thank you to Fr Laurence for his devoted service to Our Lady's and his school chaplaincy; and farewell as he moves to his new flat in Harborne. If you would like to attend, there are sheets in both porches at Our Lady's, to give an idea of numbers for catering purposes. It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible!

SPAN Christmas Supermarket Voucher Scheme. Thank you so much for your generous donations so far.

We are very grateful for the amazing support shown. If you have not yet been able to donate, please consider doing so. The number of families needing additional financial support has almost doubled since last year and it would wonderful if we could raise enough funds to help those families.

Parish Toy Appeal - This is the final weekend for toys for 346 local children. Everyone welcome to unpack, sort and wrap from **Monday 4th** to **Wed 7th December** at Our Lady's Hall in Lillington. Any time you can spare from 10am - 4pm each day very much appreciated. Please call/text Jean on 07917 866 329 for more info.

CAFOD Fast Day Thanks: The parish of OL and SP raised **£1,605.57**.

The **St Peter's Choir Christmas concert** will be on **17th December** at 7.30pm in SP church. Free entry BUT there will be a retiring collection! The two charities to benefit this year are the Neonatal Baby Unit at Warwick Hospital and the Warwickshire Air Ambulance. Nibbles and drinks after the concert will be in the parish centre Main Hall.

At a recent meeting, **Kindaid**, thanks to your support, were able to make donations to Cord, Helping Hands, Emmaus, SPA and the Kiura Mission.

Fair Trade: Many thanks to all who supported the fair trade events recently - altogether we sold over £350 worth of goods. Do continue to look for ethical and fair trade presents, food and drink at this time - there are many and they make a difference to vulnerable lives at little cost to ourselves.

Our Fatima statue is now housed in the Davenport Room in SP Parish Centre. Fatima leaflets will continue to be available in the display stand opposite the piety shop on your way into church. There are now free 13th Day DVD's in the piety shop and postcards about the film.

Christmas Day Christmas Lunch at the Episode Hotel on Christmas Day, for any couple or person on their own. The cost is a nominal £15 and transport can be arranged. It is from 12-2.30. Please speak to Linda on 07789 003450.

Summit Prayer Group: Next meeting on Tues 5 Dec, 6.00 pm in the Davenport Room of SP church hall. Young people in Years 6 - 9 are invited to join this exciting new discipleship bootcamp!

Saturday 9 December: Our Lady & St Teresa's School Christmas Fair for more information please visit www.facebook.com/olstpta

Advent Day Retreat: Saturday 9th December Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Contact Margaret Simmons 01926 312084 and see poster in entrance.

Next **CTL walk** on **Sat 9th Dec** from Newbold Comyn followed by Christmas Lunch at The Windmill. Notice in porches.

Pillars: An evening (Mon 11th Dec) of praise and worship, games and silliness and a great talk at St Chad's Cathedral, the spiritual heart of our diocese. I would like to take a group on the train. Just email Erin to express your interest (address overleaf) and for more information on either Summit or Pillars.

Family Walk: Sat 16th Dec at 10.30am. Suggestions of venue for a walk welcome. All the family are invited (furry members too!) Come and meet some great people in the fresh air! Call Erin.

New Year's Eve Mass and Party: Sean is organising an evening of praise and worship, Mass and a party to follow. It is open to the whole parish and beyond. Young people must be accompanied by a guardian. A great way to see the New Year in! Starts at 10.30pm.

Eucharist and the Family: In Preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018 and the Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in September 2018, the Archdiocese is holding day events from November 2017 to February 2018. See Noticeboard for more details.

New Year Shared Supper - Saturday 13th January St Peter's Parish Centre after 5pm Mass and to include St. Peter's, Our Lady's and St Joseph's. For all parishioners and especially those who are new to the area. We hope that many groups and organisations will have a display. Bring food and drink to share. Entertainers, singers, musical instrumentalists, comedians, *magicians!*.... wanted. Contact Peter 01926 428399.

A Quick Journey through The Bible. Starting on **January 31st** - an opportunity to learn about the major people, places, events, & themes of the Bible with others in the Parish. We will meet on alternate Wednesdays at 28 Cubbington Road, Lillington, CV32 7AB between 1.10 - 2.45 pm. For more information please contact Caroline on Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk or 01926257123.

SP Hall Notice: From 1st September 2018, Parish groups who currently have a layout set up for them will be required to do this themselves. This is due to the time taken to carry out parishioner layouts. If for any reason you can not set up your own layout please contact Royce on dormercentre@gmail.com to discuss your options.

Gift Aid Notice: Have you considered giving more to the Church? If so it won't cost you a penny! If you are a Tax payer please complete a Gift Aid form which is located at the back of SP & OL churches and return them to St. Peter's Presbytery. With this form for every pound you give in the offertory collection we will receive 25p from the Government. **N.B.** You can also give via Standing Order, by filling out the right hand side of the Gift Aid form. Thank you.

Tales of the Unexpected: I am very pleased Advent has begun. So far I have enjoyed a few doggie choc drops from my calendar. This week I shall send my letter to Father Christmas. I asked the boss for a 1st class stamp and he threw a wobbly about the cost, so I decided to use two 2nd class stamps instead. The 'Santa Stop Here' sign is in the garden. Last time he stupidly parked in the road and received an unexpected Christmas gift from a traffic warden! Best woofs, Bertie. XXX

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday 24 December: Christmas Eve

St Peter's Church -
Christmas Vigil - 3.30 pm
St Joseph's Church -
Christmas Vigil - 5.30 pm
St Joseph's Church -
Midnight Mass - 9.00 pm
St Peter's Church -
Midnight Mass - 10.00 pm
Our Lady's Church -
Midnight Mass - 12.00 am

Monday 25 December: Christmas Day

St Peter's Church, 8.00 am
St Joseph's Church, 9.00 am
Our Lady's Church, 9.30 am
St Peter's Church, 11.30 am

Music at 11.30 Mass

Mass - The Heritage Mass
by R Alstott
Motet - Wait for the Lord, a
Taize chant

The Justice & Peace at St
Peter's Rosary intention for
December is:

*that the
people of
Zimbabwe can
now look
forward to a
future of peace
and stability.*



Bookings/enquiries for **The Dormer Conference Centre & St Peter's Parish Centre:**
email Royce McParland: dormercentre@gmail.com

The Parish Office is open for enquiries from Tuesday to Thursday. 10am - 4pm. We are not always able to answer the door so please make an appointment if you need to speak to a member of the clergy.