

Catholic Leamington
Our Lady's with St Peter's, and St Joseph's
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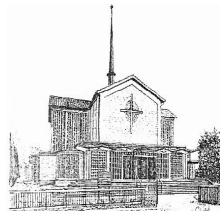
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*Second Sunday
of Advent
(Year B)*



*10th
December
2017*



Saturday 9 December <i>Psalter Week 2</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mary Bohan Eileen Tucker Brian McManus People of the Parish	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
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 & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 11 December <i>Advent feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Thomas McDonnell & Family Frances Lovell	SJ 7pm Mass with Novena to Our Lady.
Tuesday 12 December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	SJ SJ SP	9.30 am 10.15 am 12.30 pm	Sr. Angela's Intentions Funeral Service: Benito Mario Vinciguerra Martin Wall	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 13 December <i>St Lucy</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Babs Dunbar Thomas R. Jackson	Rosary SP Noon
Thursday 14 December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Jim Sheridan Martin Quigley	Rosary SP Noon
Friday 15 December <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Jerry Noonan Margaret Fitzmaurice Fr. Mariano Tarrosa	SJ 9.30am Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary SJ: 9.10am; SP: Noon Exposition: SP 11.00am SP: St Monica's Prayer Service 6.00pm
Saturday 16 December VIGIL	SJ SP SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Recovery Peter McLoughlin Wedding: Kate Flanagan & Tim McEwen Mary Bohan Frances Lovell Mrs Canavan People of the Parish	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45am Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am
Sunday 17 December Third Sunday of Advent	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Peter & Rosemary McGovern Mary Bridget Collins Joe & Rose McGreevy	Exposition & Rosary SP: 3.00-4.00pm

Collections last Weekend

First Collection: £1,467.93
 Second Collection: £752.85
 Church Maintenance Fund

Thank you for your generous donations.

Second Collections

Today
 Poor Parishes Fund
Next Week
 Church Christmas Flowers

SPAN

Christmas Vouchers: £534.00.
 Gift Aid: £20.00.
 General - £20.46.
 Crisis in Africa - £32.66.
 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, Martin Quigley, Benito Vinciguerra and Frances Lovell.

May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.

Anniversaries

James "Jim" Falvey, Mary "Bernie" Burns, Christina Clewes, Mary "Marie" Connolly, Steven Kavanagh.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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.



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

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

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.

Dear Parishioners,

At each Mass this weekend we will hear a Pastoral Letter from our Archbishop, Bernard Longley. A few copies of the letter will be available in the churches next weekend as well as on the Diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.

In this week's edition of 'Dear Parishioners' I need to catch up with my thanks and congratulations. Going back a few weeks there is a Congratulations to St Anthony's School which came 177th out over 16,500 primary schools throughout the country in The Sunday Times Best Schools List. See the noticeboards for a letter from St. Anthony's School Council. St Peter's also figured in a new category of small schools (those with less than 120 pupils), coming third. See noticeboards for the list with St. Peter's School on. Recently I learned that the Ofsted Inspection of St Patrick's School has revealed what we already knew — it is rated good in every category (see <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/125715>). Congratulations to all three schools to staff, pupils and governors for their hard work.

One of St Patrick's School Foundation Governors, Alfonso Pacitti, has laid down his clipboard and Minutes Book after 15 years in office. Well done Alfonso for this commitment to Catholic Education at St Patrick's School. If you would like to be a Foundation Governor to represent the Diocese and support good Catholic education please speak to Fr John (or email, see overleaf).

On the subject of young Catholics my thanks to Erin Doughty, our Youth Officer in Catholic Leamington for the energy and commitment she has brought to this important role in our community. Our Christ the King/Youth Sunday liturgies were transformed as the young people came to help at the Sunday Masses. They welcomed at the church entrances, read beautifully and spoke about the work of the Kenelm Youth Trust and their enormously positive experiences at different events they had attended. The music reflected and complemented Youth Sunday with Our Lady's Family Choir at the 9.30 am Mass and the staff and pupils of St Joseph's School for singing their hearts out at the 5.30pm Mass.

So many other events have taken place since then with the Summit Prayer Group (Tuesdays at 6.00pm, St Peter's Davenport Room) where a number of young people said the highlight of their week was the Youth Mass! Also the Advent Reflection for teachers which was held at St Joseph's. Many thanks for the support and guidance of Erin, the parents, catechists and teachers in all these initiatives.

Last Saturday the young people of the 3 St Peter's parish schools who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 26th February 2018 officially enrolled at a special Mass. The Confirmandi, gave their assurance to work hard in preparation for this special moment in their lives. Likewise their parents and sponsors promised to support their children and bring them to Mass. Thank you to Fr Noel and all those who participated in this event. Let us pray for all the children who will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit into their lives in 2018 that like Our Blessed Lady they may be open to the promptings of God.

Dormer Senior Citizens hosted a lovely Christmas Dinner last Saturday. The choir sang carols, the Mayor of Leamington was in attendance as were the clergy who can attest to the quality of the meal! Thank you to Father Christmas, the organisers, the helpers and to members of SPAN for the memorable afternoon.

Now a final thank you. This weekend we celebrate Fr Laurence's dedication to the community of Our Lady's in Lillington for 23 years. It's an opportunity to thank him for his love and care, and also to bid him a fond farewell as he moves into his new flat in Harborne, Birmingham. Fr Laurence will be close to a community of other retired clergy and I anticipate he'll soon have a full social calendar!

Every Blessing,

Fr John

PASTIMES: Sorry there will be **no session this Tuesday afternoon** of 12th December

Next week Pastimes Christmas Party is on Tuesday 19th December starting at 1 pm in the Main Hall.

U.C.M. Christmas Party this **Wednesday 13 December** in the Davenport Room of St Peter's Centre at 7.15 pm.

St Peter's School PTFA two film nights at Our Lady's Church Hall this week, **Friday 15 December** and **Saturday 16 December**. Book a place through Eventbrite visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-peters-international-kino-film-afternoon-star-wars-the-phantom-menace-tickets-41057806003?aff=erelpanelorg> to make a £5.00 donation and vote for one of the featured films.

Parish Christmas Lunch next Sunday 17 December at 1.00pm in St Peter's Main Hall. Traditional Dinner, Crackers, Pudding and more (vegetarian options available, call Giovanna for details on 07780 543976). Sign up lists in OL and SP (on top of heating vents by St Anthony's statue in SP). The more the merrier so do come and enjoy Giovanna's lovely food, good company and lots of craic! Pay on the day.

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.

200 Club draw winners: First prize Carmel Cleary £150.00; second prize Susie Chidzik £50.00; third prize C. Hayward £20.00. Congratulations to the winners! The 200 club committee wishes all members a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to your continued support in 2018.

The **St Peter's Choir Christmas concert** will be on **Sunday 17 December** at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church. **Free** entry BUT there will be a retiring collection! The 200 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 St Peter's Main Hall.

Christmas Day 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 12noon to 2.30 pm. Please speak to Linda on 07789 003450.

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. More details to follow.

New Year Shared Supper - Saturday 13 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 **Wednesday 31 January** — 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.

Tales of the Unexpected: I'm one of those dogs who just can not stay quiet when I hear a snail walking past the front door. The boss puts his finger to his lips and says "Shhh, Shhh Bertie. Enough! Desist! Be Quiet!"

But I like to make a drama out of a crisis!
Best woofs, Bertie xxx

Dormer Conference Centre Notice: From **1 January 2018**, All parish groups who use the Main Hall or Davenport Room will be required to set out and put away any chairs or tables used. If for any reason you cannot set up your layout please contact the Centre Manager on dormercentre@gmail.com to discuss.

Music at 11.30 Mass

Mass – Veni Sancte Spiritus by R. R. Terry
Motet – *Cantate Domino* by Pitoni

St Peter's Cleaning
Team 3 this week.

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, 10.00 am
Our Lady's Church, 9.30 am
St Peter's Church, 11.30 am

Youth

The group attending the **Pillars** event tomorrow evening at **St Chad's Cathedral** will be meeting at 5.30pm at Leamington Station to catch the train to Birmingham. Pillars is a free event offering an evening of praise and worship, games and an inspirational talk. There is still time to join Erin and her group. Call 07548 272629 as soon as possible.

Family Walk: Next weekend, **Saturday 16 December** at 10.30am.

Suggestions for a 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.

Summit Prayer Group:

The next meeting is **Tuesday 12 December**, 6.00 pm in the Davenport Room of St Peter's Church centre. Young people in Years 6 - 9 are invited to join this exciting new discipleship bootcamp!

Fearless: Alton Castle Retreat from 20 -22 April.

This weekend retreat is open to young people in school Years 5-9. A faith and fun filled weekend open to all young people in the parish. The cost is £69/person + transport. This retreat is a great opportunity to meet other young people from across the diocese at the incredible Alton Castle on the edge of the Peak District.

Summer Camp: July and August (dates TBC). This is a week that I have been involved with since it began 5 years ago and I cannot recommend this experience more highly. The dates should be confirmed within the next few weeks so you can look at potentially booking your Summer holidays around it.



Erin