

# Catholic Leamington: Our Lady's with St Peter's, and St Joseph's

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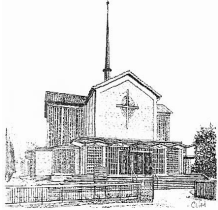
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Third Sunday of  
Advent  
(Year B)



17th  
December  
2017



<b>Saturday 16 December</b> <i>Psalter Week 2</i> <b>VIGIL</b>	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mary Bohan Frances Lovell Mrs Canavan	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>SP:</b> 4.15pm
<b>Sunday 17 December</b>  <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	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	<b>Exposition &amp; Holy Hour</b> <b>SP:</b> 3.00-4.00pm
<b>Monday 18 December</b> <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ SP	<b>9.00 am</b> 10.00 am	P. J. Stevenson's Intentions Requiem: Martin Wall	St Joseph's School Concert in Church @ 10.00 am & 6.30 pm
<b>Tuesday 19 December</b> <i>Advent feria</i>	SP SJ SP	<b>10.00 am</b> 9.30 am 12.30 pm	Day of Confessions until 8.00 pm Mary Darby John & Mary Smythe & Family	<b>Rosary:</b> <b>SJ</b> 9.10am; <b>SP</b> Noon
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b> <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Funeral Service: Margaret Hood Mrs Brown John Dawson & Fred Newton	St Peter's School Concert in Church @ 7.00 pm
<b>Thursday 21 December</b> <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ SP SP SJ	<b>9.30 am</b> 9.30 am 12.30 pm <b>7.00 pm</b>	<i>School Mass in Church:</i> Persecuted Christians <i>School Mass in Church</i> Mary McGivern's Intentions <i>Catholic Leamington Penitential Service for all three Churches</i>	
<b>Friday 22 December</b> <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Arthur Devanney J. & G. Goggins Richard Chidzik	<b>Exposition:</b> <b>SP</b> 11.00am <b>SJ:</b> St Monica's Prayer Service 6.00pm
<b>Saturday 23 December</b> <i>St John Kanty</i>  <b>VIGIL</b>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mary Darby Frances Lovell Arthur & Irene Leach James Daly	<b>Confessions:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.15am & 4.15pm; <b>SJ:</b> 10.00; <b>OL:</b> 11.45am <b>Exposition:</b> <b>SP:</b> 9.00; <b>SJ:</b> 10.00am
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>** CHRISTMAS EVE **</b>  <b>Christmas Vigil</b>  <b>Midnight Mass</b>	SJ OL SP SP SJ SJ SP OL	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 3.30 pm 5.30 pm 9.00 pm 10.00 pm 12.00 am	John & Teresa Skinner Mary Darby Maisie Buckley <i>Children's Christmas Mass:</i> Sarah O'Mullane Meg Lewis <i>Children's Christmas Mass</i> Kate Briddon <i>Children's Christmas Mass:</i> Heather Long Ian Wilshire People of the Parish People of the Parish Private Intention	

## Collections last Weekend

First Collection: £821.38

Second Collection: £534.95

Poor Parishes Fund

*Thank you for your generous donations.*

## Second Collections

Today

Church Christmas Flowers

Next Week

**Your Christmas Gift to the Clergy**

## SPAN

Gift Aid: £83.50

General: £44.19

Crisis in Africa: £7.18.

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, Fabrizioo Ferrante, Margaret Hood and Benito Vinciguerra *May they rest in peace & their loved ones be comforted. Amen.*

## Anniversaries

Peter Jackson, Jim Ballantine, Christina Clewes, Francis McCann, George Crawford, Agnus Slattery, Dominic Blake, Yvonne Charters. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

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

Website: www.catholicleamington.org.uk

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

Dear Parishioners,

Just one week to go between now and Christmas so I am going to get straight down to business.

Today at St Peter's Dormer Conference Centre Main Hall there will be our **Christmas Lunch**. Many thanks to Giovanna and her team of helpers who will prepare and serve this meal for us. If you wrote your name on the list we have purchased your meal. Please pay on the door. From 12.30 pm. **NB** the car park might be busy following the 11.30 am Mass. The best place to park is either the multi storey car park or the Irish Club car park in Adelaide Road. York Road is also free for 4 hours as is Archery Road.

The St Peter's Choir will be having their Annual Carol Concert including 'O Holy Night' and other Christmas pieces and short reflections this evening (Sunday) in the church starting at 7.30pm. Unlike nearly every other town centre concert this concert is completely free although there will be a retiring collection. Seasonal Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

**Confessions:** St Peter's Church Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am to 8pm. We have a different priest from the Deanery changing almost every hour. I know there are a couple of Christmas parties on at lunchtime so if you were thinking of attending them or coming to Mass why not pop in to the church and do the bizz. Confessions at usual time at Our Lady's on Saturday before Mass at 11.45 am to 12.15 pm. St Joseph's will host the Catholic Leamington **Penitential Service** on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm and there should be four priests in attendance. A list of all the Penitential Services in the Warwick Deanery which have not yet taken place is available on the Noticeboards.

When it snows or if the pavements are slippery due to ice and snow I do not expect the elderly and infirm to struggle to get to Sunday Mass or a Holy Day of Obligation. Last weekend it was great to see those who managed to make it to Church. It was a real adventure.

Giving at Christmas. The **Toy Appeal** Committee together with many helpers have, with your most generous help and support with toys and gifts, managed to provide Christmas presents to 356 children in Leamington, Whitnash and Lillington this year. It is an incredible achievement so I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this possible. The **Span Christmas Voucher Scheme** has relied on the generosity of parishioners to donate money to provide vouchers for those struggling to make ends meet. A very big thank you to all who have helped to support this initiative. **The Food Bank** has also received many generous donations. There is a Food bank collection box in each church of St Peter's, Our Lady's and St Joseph's and donations are gratefully received throughout the year. Many thanks to all who help to run this initiative.

The **Crib Collection** this year at St Peter's and Our Lady's was decided following an Appeal made by the **Friends of the Holy Land**. Eight Dioceses including Birmingham have responded. As a result of the policies of the Israeli Government the Christians in Palestine are a persecuted and oppressed minority who do not receive equal treatment. The fields where the shepherds watched their flocks have been confiscated. There is a wall not unlike the Berlin Wall which was built around the town of Bethlehem. Access for tourists is difficult but access for residents is extremely difficult and sometimes impossible. Check out the FHL Website for more information or better still as you visit the crib at either St Peter's or Our Lady's this year read or take a leaflet to see what you can do to help.

Seminarian Sean has arranged a New Year's Eve Mass and event for young people. Everyone who would like to come will be very welcome to come to Mass to begin the New Year. Much better than watching the TV!

On behalf of the clergy of St Peter's and Our Lady's and Fr Andy Franklin at St Joseph's in Whitnash, may I thank you for your cards and gifts, support, co-operation and most of all for your prayers.

**Every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year**

Fr John

**PASTIMES: Christmas Party** is on **Tuesday 19 December** starting at 1.00 pm in the **Main Hall**.

**Notice for Altar Servers:** All Altar Servers are invited to attend the Mass of the Feast of St. Stephen (Patron Saint of Altar Servers), at 10am on Tuesday 26th December 2017. Afterwards there will be a party in the Sacristy, so please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided.

**SPAN Christmas Supermarket Voucher Scheme:** Thanks to the kind generosity of parishioners at the three churches, we shall be in a position to give a gift of additional financial support to 149 local families this Christmas. We are very grateful to all those whose contributions have enabled this to be possible.

**St Monica's Prayer Service:** This is to a regular service held on Fridays at 6.00 pm between the three churches in Catholic Leamington. It is an opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for non-practising family members. Please check the newsletter each week for the venue.

**Christmas Leaflet:** If any of your local relatives or friends are non-churchgoing Catholics, please consider giving them our Christmas leaflet with details of our Christmas Masses and other services. The leaflets are in a display stand at the back of the churches.

**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 12 noon 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 10.30 pm. More details to follow.

**Pastimes Book Group** restarts on Tuesday 9 January in the Main Hall at 2.00 pm. Old and new readers are welcome. Please bring along a book you have enjoyed, and collect your first read of 2018.

**New Year Shared Supper:** For all parishioners from St. Peter's, Our Lady's and St Joseph's and especially those who are new to the area is being held on **Saturday 13 January**, St Peter's Parish Centre after 5.00 pm Mass. 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](mailto:caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk) or 01926 257123.

**Tales of the Unexpected:** Role reversal. Over the last few days because there has been so much compacted snow on the ground I have walked on the path and the boss has had to walk on the grass because he doesn't want to slip over. He said if it snows again he will buy me a dog sleigh. I thought that meant a sleigh he uses to tow me around but when I googled it I discovered to my horror that the one he was looking at would be for me to pull him!!! By the time I finished barking my annoyance at the plan I felt a little husky! A big Christmas woof to my loyal readers.  
Best woofs, Bertie

**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 [dormer-centre@gmail.com](mailto:dormer-centre@gmail.com) to discuss.

## 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

### Summit Prayer Group:

The next meeting is  
**Tuesday 19 December**,  
6.00 pm in the Flint Room of  
St Peter's Parish centre.  
Young people in Years 6 - 9  
are invited to join this  
exciting new discipleship  
bootcamp! *The group will  
not be meeting on Tuesday  
26 December* but will re-  
start on **Tuesday 2  
January**.

**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



### Music at 11.30 Mass

**Mass** The German Mass by  
Schubert  
**Motet** – Gaudete by Piaie  
Cantones

St Peter's Cleaning  
Team 4 this week.

### Tripadvisor and Google

**Maps:** Sean is putting the  
churches on these sites. St  
Peter's entry is already  
there so he's asking you to  
visit it and leave a positive  
review!