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Sunday 24 November 2019

**Solemnity of Christ the King
Year C**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SAT 23 NOV <i>Psalter Week 2</i> VIGIL MASSES	OL SP	12.30 5.00	Marie Kelly Barbara Kozela Mary Houston
SUN 24 NOV	SJ	9.00	The Intentions of Bro. John Dawson S.C.J
CHRIST THE KING <i>Youth Day</i>	OL SP SJ	10.00 11.00 5.30	Doris Hall Costa Salvatore & Morici Angela Martin Wall Michael MacMahon Marie Kelly RIP
MON 25 NOV <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 7.00	Mary Morgan Tim Ryan Jnr RIP
TUE 26 NOV <i>Feria</i>	Sch SJ SP	9.00 9.30 12.30	St Patrick's School Mass Mary Behan RIP Kate Briddon
WED 27 NOV <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	10.00 12.30	Holy Souls Maureen Fallon Hood Intentions
THU 28 NOV <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	12.30 7.00	Kitty Ryan Paddy O'Malley (Ireland)
FRI 29 NOV <i>Feria</i>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 9.30 10.00 12.30	Marie Kelly RIP St Peter's Sch. Mass in church Mary Boyle <u>Requiem:</u> Donna Mancini
SAT 30 NOV <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 10.00 12.30 5.00	Brian Dobson Anniversary Roy Smith Joseph, Bridie, Eileen, Neville & Thomas Cummings Christine Horbert Glyn & Rose Clark Patrick McKeown
SUN 1 DEC	SJ	9.00	James Drumgoole Birthday Anniv. Repose of the soul of Donald Forbes
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)	OL SP SJ	10.00 11.00 5.30	Denis & Margaret Fitzmaurice Sicilia de Rozari Denis O'Riordan Danny Kelly

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON 25			CONFESSIONS Sat. SP: 9.15; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45; SP: 4.15 EXPOSITION Sun. SP: 3.00; Mon. SJ 6.30; Fri. SJ: 8.30; OL: 10.30; SP: 11.00; Sat. SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00 ROSARY Mon. (Novena to Our Lady) SJ: 6.30; Tues. & Fri. SJ: 9.10; Tues.-Fri. SP: Noon MORNING PRAYER Wed. & Fri. OL: 9.40; Sat. SJ: 9.15; SP: 9.40
9.30 SJ 7.30 SP	Mother & Toddler Group Justice & Peace meeting, Davenport Room		
TUES 26			
1.00 SP	Pastimes social group, Main Hall		
WED 27			
9.30 SJ	Art Group		
5.00 SJ	UNITE youth club for those in school years 5 to 11 (until 6.30)		
FRI 29			
9.30 SP 10.10 SJ 11.00 SJ	Play on the Rock toddler group Lectio Divina , SJ Presbytery Stitch, Socialise & Craft: Free taster session in SJ Hall, 11.00 am to 12.30 pm. The sessions will start Friday 10 January 2020. To book a place contact zara tel 07717 371668.		
SAT 30			
10.30 SP Vigil Masses at OL/SP	Advent Quiet Day (see overleaf) Readers' Recommissioning at Masses across Catholic Leamington		
SUN 1 DEC			
All churches 4.00 OL SJ	Readers' Recommissioning at Masses across Catholic Leamington Evening Prayer for the start of the Year of the Word (see overleaf) Missio red box holders <u>deadline</u> please hand in your boxes for emptying by today. Give them to Lennie or June or leave in the sacristy.		Anniversaries: Brian McCann, Jason Young, William Markham, Margaret Hood, David Carr, David Kidd, Bridget Kennedy, Patrick Clarke, Rita Pantry, Ann-Marie Dell, Elizabeth Brown, Leonard Buxton, Sandra Mattingley, Denis Cranny, Kitty Lowe, Kathryn Smith. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Recently deceased

Carmel West, Lynn Parker, Dorothy Bates, Donna Mancini, Anne Manton, Marie Kelly.



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Safeguarding: St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. The Archdiocese Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday (week 34) of the year in the liturgy of the Church. We tie together the threads of our year of Masses and special celebrations which point to the Kingship of Christ Jesus, the Lord of heaven and earth, our Saviour and Redeemer. Today is

a Day of Prayer for our young Catholics. They are the future leaders and members of our Church. We give thanks for a year in which Emma Rayment has been working as our Youth Leader in the three churches which make up Catholic Leamington. She has worked with the support of helpers to make our Faith meaningful through youth focussed events of prayer, Mass, reflection, team games, fun activities, Bible study, visits to diocesan events run by the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and local area initiatives run by our ecumenical partners. Thank you to those parishioners who have supported this initiative though their financial contributions – we could not run this initiative without you.

As a Christian family our praise, worship and thanksgiving of God's abundant grace is professed in our Sunday and weekday Mass as well as occasions of Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confession, Confirmation, Marriages, Anointing and visiting the Sick. Today is also a day of thanksgiving for all the Church helpers – you are too numerous to name but without your generosity we would be unable to fulfil our Christian mission. It is the faith we profess which marks us out as members of the Body of Christ. We are one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church and Christ Jesus is our priest, prophet and King. Through the sacrifice of his body Jesus unites heaven and earth, through the word of the Lord we hear the message of truth and in his Kingship Jesus welcomes, nourishes and fills us with the grace we need to become his faithful disciples.

Every blessing, Fr John.

Catholic Leamington

Next Saturday, 30 November, Archbishop Bernard Longley will

celebrate the 4.30 pm Mass in St Chad's Cathedral. It is the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent and marks the beginning of The Year of the Word – 'The God Who Speaks'. There is an open invitation to all who wish to attend.

Toy Appeal 2019: You will hopefully have seen the collection boxes in our Parish Churches to collect toys. They will be in place until **Fri 6 Dec**. This year presents will be distributed directly to families in need via the local Foodbanks. Please give generously to make sure that every child in our area has something to open on Christmas Day. If you have time to help with the appeal call 07866 255 699.

SPAN: Green Christmas Vouchers envelopes are in our church entrances. Return via the collection bags or SPAN boxes until **Sunday 8 December**. This is an Appeal for needy families – suggested by family support officers, our schools and via our clergy. **Weekly collections:** £128.00 (including £48 for Christmas vouchers); General £72.32; Crisis in Africa: £8.06; Christmas vouchers (green envelopes): £293.00. Thank you.

Our Lady's & St Peter's

Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed or supported

last Saturday's bazaar which raised over £1,500. Join our Facebook page, Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church, Parish of Leamington Spa to find out more about what's going on at Our Lady's.

Advent Quiet Day: In the busy-ness of the run up to Christmas, come and take some time out to reflect on the true importance of the season. Open to all, the Advent Quiet Day is on **Saturday 30 November** in St Peter's Centre. To book a place please email kate.tennyson@googlemail.com

Evening Prayer for the Year of the Word – 'The God Who Speaks'. The Bishops' Conference has dedicated 2020 as a year of focus on

The Parish Christmas Dinner will take place on **Sunday 15 December**. Three-course traditional meal (including a drink) £12.00 pp (£6.00 under 12s). Family ticket £40.00. Vegetarian/vegan options available **but please book this in advance** on 07780 543976. Sign up sheets in all the churches now.

Encounter is designed to give young people the opportunity to make friends, to build-up their faith and to take time to encounter Jesus personally. The next Encounter evening will take place on **Friday 6 December**, 6.30 – 9.00 pm, in SP Main Hall. For more information please contact Emma at catholicyouth7@gmail.com

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale afternoon last week – a total of £660.00 was taken for Traidcraft and the Kings Table in 2 hours! A great effort. Traidcraft will be at Our Lady's on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

Save the date! Burns Night, Saturday 25 January 2020. Tickets £14.00. You will be piped in by the Piper, enjoy a three-course meal, the traditional toasts & poetry recital. Numbers are limited to 70 so reserve a place now. Email stpetersspa@hotmail.co.uk

The Justice & Peace Rosary Intention for November: *We pray for all those suffering the effects of trafficking.*

Holy Scripture. To mark the start of this year, there will be Evening Prayer at Our Lady's at 4.00 pm on **Sunday 1 December**.

Raffle gifts are required for the Dorner Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on Saturday 7 December – please pass gifts to Sheila Larkin after Tuesday 12.30 pm Mass at St Peter's or to Jenny Hayden after Sunday 10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's.

Mass setting, SP 11.00am: *The Gathering Mass* by Paul Inwood. The Motet is *Cantate Domino*.

We pray for George Patrick & Charlie Christopher Cronin who are being baptised at St Peter's today. May the Lord keep them in His care always. Amen.

Tales of the unexpected: Happiness is ... when the boss and me snuggle up on a cold night. Best woofs, Bertie :-)) xx

Attendance: 583 **Offertory:** SP £908.51 / OL £302.70 **Second Collection:** SP £452.11 / OL £122.16 **Church Maintenance Second Collection today:** Catholic Youth Service **Second Collection next week:** Church Maintenance **SP Cleaning Team 1**

St Joseph's

Fr Andy is away Monday-Friday visiting friends in Ireland. Thank you to Fr Ramunas for celebrating the weekday Masses for us.

Lectio Divina this **Fri, 29 November**, in the Presbytery at 10.10 am.

Hall Bathrooms: We are hoping to have new flooring fitted in the bathrooms in the new year. This will complete the refurbishment.

Latin Plainchant: During Advent we will sing the simple Latin Plainchant version of the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei*. This will help us reflect on the change in Liturgical Season. We shall return to the more joyful St Luke's Mass on Christmas Day.

Age UK – as part of its campaign to reduce loneliness for older people – is holding a free Christmas social event in the Parish Hall on **Tues 3 Dec** from 1.00–3.00 pm. Places are limited. Book your place with Amy on 01926 458113 by this coming Tues 26 November.

Ladies Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre, on **Sat 7 Dec** at 2.00 pm. No charge, tea & coffee provided but bring a plate of food to share. A pre-Christmas treat of music, fun & laughter with friends.

The Leprosy Mission welcomes your contribution of used stamps. Save your Christmas stamps & place in the basket in the Narthex.

Prize donations for Christmas Raffle Please leave them in the basket in the Narthex over the next two weeks.

Monty's Christmas Party: A morning of fun on **Sun 15 Dec** from 10.00 am in the Hall. £4.00 per child incl squash, cookie, party games & a small gift. Drinks and cakes on sale, small toy stall, jewellery stall along with raffle & the opportunity to buy personalised baubles. You could also win a huge cuddly Santa – if you can guess his favourite number! Come & support us fundraise for the Building Fund. Please let either the school or church office know how many children you are bringing.

We pray for Arthur Attwood who is being baptised at St Joseph's today. May the Lord keep him in His care always. Amen.



At St Joseph's this week, Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **Michael & Bridget Conlon Anniversary**

Attendance: 295 **Offertory:** £738.87 Thank you. **Second Collection last week:** None **Second Collection today:** Catholic Youth Service **Second Collection next week:** Parish Maintenance **Counters:** M & S (1st)