

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

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**Retired Clergy:** Fr Christopher Greaney

**Sunday 1 December 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent: Year A**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>SAT 30 NOV</b> <i>Psalter Week 1</i> <b>VIGIL MASSES</b>	OL	12.30	Joseph, Bridie, Eileen, Neville & Thomas Cummings Christine Horbert
	SP	5.00	Glyn & Rose Clark Patrick McKeown
<b>SUN 1 DEC</b>	SJ	9.00	James Drumgoole RIP Anniversary Repose of the soul of Ronald Forbes
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)</b>	OL	10.00	Denis & Margaret Fitzmaurice
	SP	11.00	Sicilia de Rozari
	SJ	5.30	Denis O'Riordan Danny Kelly
<b>MON 2 DEC</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	SP	10.00	Robert Hansowitz Intentions Mary O'Mullane
	SP	12.30	<b>Funeral Service:</b> Dorothy Bates
	SJ	7.00	Senan Lynch Birthday Memorial
<b>TUE 3 DEC</b> <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	SJ	9.30	Marie Kelly RIP
	SP	12.30	Noel McGivern
<b>WED 4 DEC</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	OL	10.00	Doris Hall
	SP	12.30	K. M. & Family
<b>THU 5 DEC</b> <i>St Birinus</i>	SP	12.30	Tara Fitzpatrick
	SJ	7.00	Dan O'Malley RIP
<b>FRI 6 DEC</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	Sch.	9.30	St Peter's School Mass in church
	SJ	9.30	Madge Richardson RIP
	OL	10.00	Peter Kennedy Intentions
	SP	12.30	Christopher Daly
<b>SAT 7 DEC</b> <i>St Ambrose</i>	SJ	9.30	Jimmy Greaney – Get Well
	SP	10.00	Thanksgiving Lucy & Brad
	OL	12.30	Deceased Looney Family & Mary Beausang
	SP	5.00	John Wheeler Monica McVeigh
<b>SUN 8 DEC</b>	SJ	9.00	Rod Tranter RIP Parents & Brothers RIP (EM)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)</b>	OL	10.00	The People of the Parish
	SP	11.00	Derek Smith
	SJ	5.30	Stuart Cameron Smith Marie Kelly RIP

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>MON 2</b>		
9.30 SJ	<b>Mother &amp; Toddler Group, Hall</b>	
<b>TUES 3</b>		
1.00 SP	<b>Pastimes Christmas Party, Main Hall</b>	
<b>WED 4</b>		
9.30 SJ	<b>Art Group, Hall</b>	
5.00 SJ	<b>UNITE youth club</b> for those in school years 5 to 11 (until 6.30)	
<b>THU 5</b>		
7.00 SP	<b>Hand in Hand group, Main Hall</b> (Details overleaf)	
<b>FRI 6</b>		
	<b>TOY APPEAL DEADLINE!</b>	
9.30 SP	<b>Play on the Rock toddler group</b>	
10.10 SJ	<b>Lectio Divina, SJ Presbytery</b>	
1.00	<b>Friday Luncheon Club</b> Christmas Party, Simon's Place (Details overleaf)	
6.00 SP	<b>Encounter youth session, Main Hall</b> (Details overleaf)	
8.00 SJ	<b>Irish traditional music evening</b> (Details overleaf)	
<b>SAT 7</b>		
2.00 SJ	<b>Ladies Afternoon Tea, Hall</b>	
2.00 SP	<b>Dormer Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, Main Hall</b>	
<b>SUN 8</b>		
	<b>CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS DEADLINE!</b>	
After Mass, SJ	200 Club Christmas Draw	

### 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

### Anniversaries:

Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Rev. Liam Macfarlane, Rev. Horace Relph, Rev Michael Knight, Madeleine Looney, Harry Hawkes, Bridget McNulty, Brigid Stokes, Thomas Jackson, Derek Smith, Jan Iwanikiw, Paddy Taylor, Paul Teclaff, Emma Ashby, Stuart Smith, Rowland Swain, Roland O'Donnell, Michael Faherty, Michael Lisowiec, Jim Byrne, Laura Delia, Bridget Walsh, Doris Jennings, John Farrell, Mary O'Driscoll, Jack Macleod/Fisher. **May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.**

### Recently deceased

Billie Hoare, 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](mailto: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

The next few weeks are for most of us the busiest of the year. Only the politicians could have thought to put a General Election in the middle of it. However perhaps there is method in their madness because it means we won't have to endure the usual diet of Christmas repeats on the TV! We are hoping the 'B' word will miraculously sort itself out between now and the end of January. I would imagine the household of the Holy Family was also extremely busy. They too were thinking about a 'B' word – the birth of their son. The Birth of Jesus is for all of us a time of preparation and reflection. He is the Word made flesh through the mystery of the divine incarnation. This is to be the theme of the coming year: *The Word – the God who speaks*. God's word is for us all the message of hope. In these dark days of Advent let us prepare for the Word made flesh as it brings life and light into our world. Please take a copy of the Advent *Walk With Me* booklet this weekend. There are calendars for the children too. Every blessing, Fr John.

## Catholic Leamington

The Christmas edition of Newsletter EXTRA is available this weekend. Make sure to take your copy.

The Hand in Hand group meets on Thursday at 7.00 pm in St. Peter's Church Hall. An opportunity for adults with learning disabilities to join a social evening & a lovely short prayer session. If you know of any one who you think might like to come along, contact Mary on 01926 420025.

Encounter: following the success of the first session another Encounter evening for young people is on Friday from 6.30 in SP Main Hall. Contact Emma at [catholicyouth7@gmail.com](mailto:catholicyouth7@gmail.com)

The Parish Christmas Lunch is on Sunday 15 December: a traditional 3-course meal (incl. a drink) £12.00 pp (£6.00 under 14s). Vegetarian/vegan options available but please book this in advance on 07780 543976. Giovanna needs more helpers to serve/clear on

## CHRISTMAS APPEALS

We have until this Friday to put our TOY contributions into the special Toy Appeal collection boxes in our churches. This year Toy Appeal 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. If you can offer practical help please call 07866 255 699.

We have until next Sunday to put our CASH donations (in the special green SPAN envelopes) in the collection bags. These go towards Christmas Vouchers for needy families. These are also given *directly* to needy families whose names have been forwarded by our clergy, Family Support Workers and schools.

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SPAN donations last week: Gift Aid £50.00 (including £30.00 for Christmas Vouchers); General £62.39; Crisis in Africa: £35.50; Christmas Vouchers £386.00. Thank you.

Justice & Peace December Rosary Intention: We pray that our political actions will help to build a better world.

the day (in return for a free meal! Sign up sheets can be found in each church.

General Election: As Catholics, Pope Francis reminds us that we have a shared responsibility for our neighbours and our world. Ensure the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth is heard. You will find copies of a briefing produced by CAFOD and CSAN (Catholic Social Action Network) in all

## Our Lady's & St Peter's

Congratulations to Pastimes who put on a wonderful Christmas

Fayre last week. Thank you to everyone who supported it. The Fayre raised nearly £1,500. This sum has been kindly donated by Pastimes to St Peter's. The group's fundraising helps greatly with the running of the Hall for example, buying the dishwasher. Thank you very much.

Pastimes Christmas Party takes place this Tuesday at 1.00 pm in the Main Hall. Everyone who attends or supports Pastimes in any way is freely invited as a way of thanking them.

Thank you Fair Trade supporters: at OL last week we took £111.00 making a total for the Christmas sales of £413.00. Fantastic support for the work of Traidcraft around the world.

St Peter's Choir Christmas concert is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas, with scriptural readings and carols old and new. Join us on Sun 15 Dec at 7.30 pm in the church and sing with us! Free entry. Retiring collection for Helping Hands and Warwickshire Air Ambulance. Wine and nibbles in the hall afterwards.

Friday Luncheon Club: Christmas 'do' 1.00 pm at Simon's Place, Station Approach. Sign-up sheet in the outer porch at St Peter's.

Mass setting, SP 11.00am: Veni Sancte Spiritus by R. R. Terry. The Motet is Wait for the Lord, a Taizé chant.

We pray for Cassius Leon & Pearl Suzanna Jennifer Dorgan-Alexander 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 ... thinking the 'B' word is about me! Best woofs, Bertie :-)) xx

Attendance: 567 Offertory: SP £902.70 / OL £233.81 Second Collection: SP £405.39 / OL £162.11 Catholic Youth Service Second Collection today: Church Maintenance Second Collection next week: Poor Parishes Fund SP Cleaning Team 2

## St Joseph's

"Walk with Me" Advent calendars & booklets are now available in the Narthex.

The Archdiocese magazine "The Sower" is available in the Narthex.

The Our Lady's 7 Day Candle booking sheet is now available in the church for the first six months of 2020. Please remember to fill in the sheet as well as an envelope.

Cake donations: I'm on the lookout for cake donations for Monty's Christmas Party. These can be left in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you in advance :-)

Christmas Raffle: Raffle tickets (in aid of the Building Fund) will be on sale from this weekend after Mass. Also available to buy after Mass, family Christmas baubles. Any support greatly appreciated.

Lectio Divina is this Friday, 6 December, in the Presbytery at 10.10 am.

Irish traditional music session will be taking place in the hall this Friday from 8.00 pm. All very welcome to either join in or listen. Refreshments provided. This particular session will be preceded by a Christmas party for the children in the music class, at 7.00 pm. Hopefully some of the children will stay on to play for the first hour of the session.

Ladies Afternoon Tea in the Hall on Saturday at 2.00 pm. Free, tea & coffee provided but bring a plate of food to share. A pre-

Christmas treat of music, fun & laughter with friends.

200 Club: next collection & draw on Sunday 8 December. There will be an extra Christmas prize of £25.00. To join please speak to Anne or Carol about taking out a number for £1.00 per month. All profits go to the Church's Building Fund.

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

Monty's Christmas Party: A morning of fun on Sunday 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 a raffle & the opportunity to buy personalised baubles.

You could also win a huge cuddly Santa – if you can guess his favourite number! All proceeds to the Building Fund. Please let either the school or church office know how many children you are bringing.

After Monty's party, make your way to St Peter's for the Parish Christmas Lunch. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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 James Hannan

Attendance: 337 Offertory: £661.63 Thank you. Second Collection last week: £255.10 Catholic Youth Service Second Collection today: Parish Maintenance Second Collection next week: Poor Parishes Fund Counters: A & J (8<sup>th</sup>)