

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: First Sunday of Advent (B)

Sunday 29th November 2020

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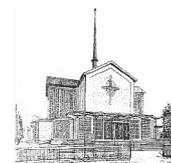
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St Peter's & Our Lady's -Live Stream Only

Saturday 28th November Vigil

SP: 5:00: Rose Dwyer

Sunday 29th

1st Sunday of Advent (Yr. B.)

SP 11:00: Marie Veronique Tcheng;
Irene Dias & Maria Alice Spencer

Monday 30th

SP: 8:00am: Eileen, Neville, Thomas, Joseph & Bridie Cunningham;
Margaret and Ann Shanahan

Tuesday 1st December

SP 11:00: Christa-Maria Cross

Wednesday 2nd

SP: 12:00: Jill Kubiak

Thursday 3rd

SP 11:00: William Greene;
Kathleen McCarthy

Friday 4th

SP 12:00: *Requiem Mass: Rosalie Dwyer*

Saturday 5th Vigil (Open Masses Resume)

SP: 9:30: The Benefactors of St. Peter's

OL 12:30: People of the Parish

SP: 5:00: Eduvigues Esguerra

Sunday 6th

2nd Sunday of Advent

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1st Sunday of Advent

9:00: James Drumgoole RIP;

Chris Hogan RIP;

Filippo Castrolfilipo

Monday 30th

7:00: Anna Chako RIP;

Anna Jelonek's Intentions

Tuesday 1st December

9:30: Private Intention (MG)

Rodger Ferguson

Thursday 3rd

1:00: *Requiem Mass: James McNally*

7:00: Senan Lynch RIP (Open Masses Resume)

Friday 4th

9:30: Pauline Kelly RIP;

Una Leach RIP

Saturday 5th

9:30: Deceased Members of the Murphy & Wynne Families

Sunday 6th

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00: The Moran & Horan Families

5:30: June Arran RIP

Saints of the week

Monday 30th November:

Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Tuesday 1st December

Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

Thursday 3rd December

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Friday 4th December

Opt. Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Saturday 5th December

Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop

Confessions:

At **St Joseph's** : On Request

At **St. Peter's**: Monday - Saturday: When the Church is open for Private Prayer.

The Hour of Encounter:

At St. Peter's: Mondays and Fridays 7pm - 8pm

A time of guided prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction.

Private Prayer: Church Opening Times at St. Peter's and Our Lady's Please find below the opening times:

Mondays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Tuesdays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Wednesdays: SP - 10:00- 11:00; **OL** - 2:00 - 3:00

Thursdays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Fridays: SP - 9:30 - 10:30

Saturdays: SP - 3:30 - 4:30

Private Prayer at St. Joseph's

Monday - Wednesday: 10:00 - 11:00

The recently deceased of our churches:

Edith Durkin, June Arran, Rosalie Dwyer, Teresa McAndrew, Michael Nolan James McNally, Christa Maria Cross, Jill Kubiak
May they rest in peace.

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick : Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Clare Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.
Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candle burns for **Those working during the Pandemic**

The Main Altar candle burns for **The Holy Souls**

The Our Lady Altar candle burns for **Jack & Kitty Ryan RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

The First Sunday of Advent is for the Church the starting point of our new year. The year begins with a time of preparation before the celebration of Christmastide. I know many of us feel drawn into the secular celebration of Christmas as if it has begun especially with work and group parties but maybe we should say let's do this over Christmastide ie the 12 days after Christmas and not the 12 days before. Worth thinking about. Our secular world likes to pick and choose from the religious calendar, but we need to show them how to do it properly. Advent allows four weeks to prepare and pray for the coming of Jesus. In practice what does this mean? It means reading our **Walk with Me Booklet** which helps us to spend a time each day in prayer, for children it means looking at our **Walk with me Advent Calendar**, in church we shall light a candle each week on the Advent wreath. The **Sacrament of Confession** will be available along with a live stream **Penitential Service**.

Post Lockdown 2 finds us on the verge of re-opening for Mass. Our first open Mass will be on Saturday at 9.30 am. On Friday the number is restricted to 30. I shall open up the Masses gradually depending on the need. We will continue to follow the measures we had in place for Mass. Masks, sanitiser, track and trace or QR code are still required. If you have a sniffle or just a cold, please keep it to yourself and don't bring your germs to Church. Masks need to be worn over the nose and mouth.

Check out the schedule for Mass Times. Please note we will not be returning to the pre-Lockdown 2 schedule at St Peters or Our Lady's on Saturday and Sunday unless the Masses are full. St Peter's and St Joseph's have been short of space on Sunday morning. St Joseph's can accommodate the overflow in their hall, but we cannot do this at St Peter's.

Many people have asked:

Q .Will there be a Penitential Service and extra Confessions this year?

A. Yes. There will be a Penitential Service at St Peter's on Tuesday 15th December at 7 pm. individual Confessions will be available before Mass Tuesday to Saturday at Our Lady's and St Peter's.

Q. What will the Christmas Mass Times be?

A. St Peter's 24th December Christmas Eve : 1pm, 3.30pm, 5pm, 10pm

25th December Christmas Day : 8am, 9am, 11 am

St Joseph's 24th December Christmas Eve : 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.30 pm

25th December Christmas Day : 9 am.

Our Lady's 24th December Christmas Eve : 11 pm

25th December Christmas Day : 10 am

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St Joseph's

Church Re-Opening: The Church will re-open from Thursday 3rd December, there will also now be two Masses on Sundays.

The Church will continue to be open for Private Prayer on Monday 30th November until Wednesday 2nd December, 10:00am - 11:00am daily.

Confessions will be heard on request.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

We are very grateful to our Stewards and Cleaners as without their help we would be unable to open the Church to the Public at any times.

Christmas Cards: There is a selection of Christmas cards & gifts in the Narthex, please put the money in the Piety box on the wall.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 31st January onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

New Email Addresses: Please remember to use the new email addresses at the top of the Newsletter as the old ones are no longer in use.

Foodbank: Many thanks for your support for the Foodbank during these difficult times. While access to the church is limited, please remember that donated goods can still be left at 4 Peto Grove, Warwick Gates, CV34 6GT. The items most needed at present are: Instant Mash, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Chocolate, Jams, Small Jars of Coffee, Washing-up Liquid, Washing Powder Tablets, Shampoo, Shower Gel and Deodorants (Male and Female). Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you.

There will be a **Second Collection** next weekend (6 December) for the **Poor Parishes**.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
The Thomas Family

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: David Kidd, Michael Faherty, Laura Delia, Jack MacLeod, Doris Jennings, Bridget Kennedy, Jim Byrne, Michael Lisowiec, Breda Walsh, Patrick Clarke, Rita Pantry, Leonard Buxton, Denis Cranny, Ann Marie Dell, Elizabeth Brown, Madeline Looney, Thomas Jackson, Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Fr. Edward Neary, Fr. Joseph du Moulin Browne CO, Fr. Reginald Anwyl, Fr. Norman Millard, Fr. Peter Rogers, Fr. Liam MacFarlane. **May they rest in peace.**

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.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

First Holy Communion Programme 2021 for children who attend non Catholic Schools: Parents of children who are now in Year 3 or above who attend non Catholic Schools please contact the parish office stpteraposle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk marked First Holy Communion 2021 to register your child for this programme.

The Course will be run via Zoom. It will begin at 2.30 pm on Saturday afternoon and each session will last for approximately half an hour. It is 20 sessions in total, excluding all school holidays. Parents will receive a package via email each week before the session with everything they will need ie prayers, home task, etc.

The Enrolment Mass for new candidates will be on Saturday 9th January. Reconciliation Service and First Confession on 6th March. First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 19th June.

Dear Parishioners continued: Each Church has its own limit for the maximum number of people who can attend.

We ask Parishioners to book a place at each Mass. We shall take your contact details and names will be ticked off the list as you arrive and you will be allocated a place to sit. Booking for places at St Peter's and Our Lady's for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be by telephone only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3pm to 5pm on Tel: 01926 423 824

We shall need contact details. The capacity at Our Lady's is 76 and St Peter's is 100.

There will be an advertisement in The Leamington Courier before Christmas so Parishioners have the first call on places.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

Private Masses this Week: The Clergy will be celebrating private Masses this week for **the Repose of the Soul of Ann Sayce, Jill Kubiak, William Bates and Winn Brown and The Holy Souls of the Parish.**

Hour of Encounter: You are invited to join in a guided Holy Hour every Monday and Friday evening - 7pm -8pm. This time of Eucharistic Adoration will involve readings from Scripture and a short homily, all focused on the Season of Advent. The time of Prayer will conclude with Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction. Come and encounter to the Lord who loved you so much that He became man. Join on Live Stream and **from Friday, the Church will also be open during this time.**

200 Club November Draw - 1st - #64 - £50 - Mary Cashman, 2nd - #105 - £20 - Zachary Coleman and 3rd - #107 - £10 - Andrea Holmes
Congratulations to the winners!

The Christian Life Community invites you: to our Virtual Information Evening by ZOOM on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. We are a world-wide organisation for lay people, who meet in small groups, currently virtually, for helping them with prayer, sharing their faith with others and exploring how to live their lives on a daily basis in the spirit of the gospel and for mutual support. We would like to offer the opportunity to Christians to experience this way of life by setting up new virtual groups by Zoom for the area. For more information, or for the Zoom link, contact:- Peter Dimambro, mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk 01926 428399.

Friday Luncheon Club: If enough parishioners are interested, we might hold our usual Christmas get together on Friday 4th December at 1-0 pm. at Simons Place. This has now been taken over and has new owners, and the venue is big enough for us to spread out. If you are interested, please phone Carmel on 01926 859303, and leave a message, and I will get back to you. This, of course, depends entirely whether we are in lockdown or not.

Evening Prayer for Advent: on Sunday 29th November at 5pm, Evening Prayer to mark the start of Advent will take place via Zoom. All are warmly invited to take up this opportunity to pray together. Please email: maryrouse@rocketmail.com for the Zoom invitation, and you will be sent a service booklet so that you can join in with the prayers and singing (that will have to be on mute, of course!). The virtual choir will provide some of the music, and there will be live soloists and readers. We hope you are able to join us for this opportunity to pray together as we wait in joyful hope.

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: please can you help spread some cheer and hope? Before the Pandemic, Catholic Leamington sent over 100 signed cards every year to those who are bravely standing up against injustice world wide. Would you consider looking using the list supplied by Action by Christians Against Torture? Unfortunately it is not yet on their website www.acatuk.org.uk but we have put a copy on our own J&P page of the parish website <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/justice-and-peace.html> (or email cl.jandp@gmail.com for a copy) and select one or two cases to receive a card and show the persecuted are not forgotten? It will take a few minutes and postage of £1.70 to shine some light in the darkness. Please note the majority of prisoners on the list would be endangered by receiving religious cards. Please read carefully as only 8 Individuals from a list of over 20 will be safe to receive cards with a religious message or imagery.

The Sower Magazine: Is now available for advent at the back of Church or alternatively go to: www.birminghamdoicese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine

CHRISTMAS VOUCHER APPEAL: SPAN really needs your help to make sure that those in need in the parish and the schools get some support from their community. We will send grocery vouchers to those who we hear of through the parish and the schools. This year will be difficult to collect cash before the end of lockdown and most of the collection will have to be online -so PLEASE HELP as much as you can. The options are - using our NEW Justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanxmasvouchers> this is very easy to use and can collect gift aid too or via your bank to Sort code 40-27-06. Account 21324004 with reference "Vouchers" or dropping a cheque to SPAN to Michael Barker 77, Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa CV32 7DS. Ref 'donation for Christmas vouchers' on the back of the cheque michaelbarker77@sky.com or print one from our webpage <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span.html> Any queries to Paul Hayden paulhayden@ntlworld.com

Update regarding works to Our Lady's

This week I want to update you on what has been happening with our various buildings at Our Lady's over lockdown!

As you know we have in train a grand plan to add in new toilets and kitchen to the upper hall with ramps and covered ways for disabled access (on the other side of the church going up to the hall).

We have a Feasibility Study underway which will help us to see and understand our needs and equally as important to see if we can get some funding. I was pleasantly surprised when the hall was surveyed recently that structurally it is in good condition and that it is a building which could be easily adapted to a variety of needs. It would be better and more cost effective to "retrofit" the hall we have because we don't want to waste materials and money especially with climate change and the current tough economic climate.

I am setting my hopes on making us a "greener" parish with better insulation to be energy efficient, keeping us cooler in summer and warmer in winter. I'd like to get double glazed windows and open the hall up on the side facing the church with glass doors so we can have an open barn like space and enjoy that bit of garden when it's suitable to do so. Lastly there's the option (at a cost) of lifting the upper hall ceiling and insulating the roof to make it feel more airy. These are all ideas I'd love your feedback on. We imagine the toilets would go at the end near the Presbytery and the kitchen could go that end as well (mainly because the plumbing is nearer that end of the space). The piece de resistance would be solar panels and infra-red radiators (like we have in the Lady Chapel) so that we can generate our own electricity and get rid of the gas heaters altogether (they're noisy, dusty, temperamental and expensive to maintain). However this is all for the longer term future. I imagine it could take 24 months to organise the funding and plans.

In the short term however, particularly as the Unite Catholic Youth Group is going to be coming to OL for their weekly meetings I have made arrangements simply to improve the upper hall in small but effective ways so that it feels fresher and more inviting, until we get the funding for the structural ideas mentioned above.

As one or two of you may have noticed, as the Church has been put back to original according to the architect's plans, so too the lower hall which we have been unable to use during Lockdown has also undergone a clean-up with brighter colours, reorganisation: some new window treatments, second hand but period specific furniture and the kitchen had to be refitted as the old one was actually rotten and not at all fit for public use. Little things to keep it nice for us and potentially lettable in case anyone has plans for a party and wants a room to hire once Covid recedes! Sixties buildings and decor are very "in" right now so I'm told!

So, I hope you take heart that Our Lady's is entering a new era, and we are even to be featured in a book of Churches by a Professor of Architecture and Design from Warwick University. This is a unique and beautiful building and people should come and see it. The final touch will be a clearer sign by the road pointing out that we are here and welcoming people in. We want to be here for Lillington and the community. Sharing our resources to support whoever we can.

Don't feel left out this week St Peters, there plans afoot for you too. Why not come and visit Our Lady's in the meantime, it's a little gem. Both parishes are trying to Live Simply for the planet so remember to buy less plastic and more organic and biodegradable items especially over Christmas!