

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 4th Sunday of Advent (B)

## Sunday 20th December 2020

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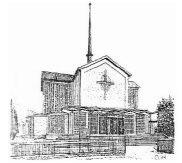
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### St Joseph's

#### Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

**9:00:** Kathleen McCarthy RIP;  
Sean Doyle RIP

**5:30:** Joe & Rose McGreevy

#### Monday 21st

**11:00 Requiem Mass: Pat Murphy RIP**

**7:00:** Bill Dunphy RIP;  
Teresa McAndrew

#### Tuesday 22nd

**9:30:** Maureen's Wellbeing  
The Marsh Family

#### Thursday 24th Christmas Eve

**2:30:** For the Deceased of the Parish

**5:30:** Ian Wilshire RIP

**8:30:** June Arran RIP

#### Friday 25th Christmas Day

**9:00:** People of the Parish

**11:00:** Bro Michael Richards RIP

#### Saturday 26th Vigil

**9:30:** For the Intentions of our Altar Servers & their families

#### Sunday 27th

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

**9:00:** John and Teresa Skinner  
Aidan & Anna Boyle

**5:30:** Matthew Ouseph RIP  
Mary McGarvey RIP

#### Saint of the week

#### **Monday 21st December**

**Commemoration of St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

#### **Wednesday 23rd December**

**Commemoration of St. John of Kanty, Priest**

#### **Saturday 26th December**

**Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr**

### St Peter's & Our Lady's

#### Saturday 19th December Vigil

**OL 12:30:** Jack & Kitty Ryan;  
Bob Habgood

**SP 5:00:** Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;  
Nancy, Paddy, John and Patrick Murphy  
Patrick Kelly

#### Sunday 20th 4th Sunday of Advent

**SP 11:00:** Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;  
Mary and Tom Beirne  
John Dawson

#### Monday 21st

**SP: 8:00am:** Winifred Kelly

#### Tuesday 22nd

**SP 11:00:** Patrick, Sarah & Mary O'Mullane:  
Richard Chidzik  
Malcolm Unitt

#### Wednesday 23rd

**OL 11:00:** James Daly

#### Thursday 24th Christmas Eve

**SP 10:00:** For those Ordained in the Diocese in 2020.

**SP 1:00:** Clergy of the Parish

**SP 3:30:** Meg Lewis & Kate Briddon

**SP 5:00:** The Sick and Housebound of the Parish

**SP 10:00:** People of the Parish

**OL 11:00:** In loving Memory of Friends Departed

#### Friday 25th Christmas Day

**SP 8:00:** Jack & Hannah Daly;  
Jack & Mary Gaughan

**SP 9:00:** Benefactors of the Parish

**OL: 10:00:** For expectant Mothers

**SP: 11:00:** Alison Cook

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**OL 12:30:** For the Intentions of our Altar Servers & their families

#### Sunday 27th

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

**SP 11:00:** Eamon, Sean, Thomas & Kathleen Prior;  
Maureen, Harry, Anthony, Jonathan Willis & Anne Alexander  
Marek Gal

#### St. Peter's and Our Lady's Private Prayer

The Churches will be open at the following times for Private Prayer:

Monday SP - 7pm - 8pm:

This is the only date when Private Prayer will commence.

#### Confessions:

There will be no confessions on Christmas Eve, Day or Boxing Day.

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to [stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk)  
Or St Joseph's [stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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 candles burns for **The Hughes Family**

The Our Lady Altar candle burns for **In Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother**

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Christ but also in our world today it means so much more. Having a "Happy Christmas" is the intention of our cards and messages and spending Christmas as a family is or was a high priority. A "Merry" Christmas is another word for happiness although to me it has connotations of letting one's guard down and enjoying a couple of glasses of good cheer. Sometimes we are wished or wish others a "peaceful" Christmas but this is reserved for grown up families.

Perhaps it is the way of things with everyone glued to their computers, mobile phones, or pods which to the uninitiated are those things that look as if the person "wearing" them has cotton wool in their ears. This year we are more conscience than ever of having a more "green" Christmas to avoid plastics as far as possible, to think about recycling as opposed to single use items. A green Christmas is to be a friend of the environment. Some people will seek a Vegetarian or Vegan Christmas.

I suppose this year we shall all have a Covid-19 Christmas in that we shall be extra careful to avoid close contact, isolating if needs must, wearing our masks, washing our hands, keeping our distance.

For many this will mean opting to spend Christmas alone. Whatever our Christmas is this year I wonder how many of us would opt for sitting in a draughty stable with cattle - oxen, sheep, goats, horses? With straw and copious amounts of urine and faeces, cold and draughty, smelly and earthy.

This is probably not our idea of a Happy Christmas and yet this was how our Saviour Jesus chose to enter the world. As our Christmas unfolds may our vision of Christ Jesus be the light in us which glows in the darkness of the world and shows us the way to Heaven.

On behalf of the Parish Clergy may I wish you every Blessing this Christmastide.

Fr. John

#### Christmas Mass Availability

| St Peter's    | St. Peter's   | Our Lady's    |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Christmas Eve | Christmas Day | Christmas Eve |
| 1pm           | 8am           | 11pm          |
| 3.30pm        | 9am           | Christmas Day |
| 5pm           | 11am          | 10am          |
| 10pm          |               |               |

**If you would like to book please telephone or email the office at St. Peter's. Please provide the names and telephone names and numbers of those attending and if you have any mobility issues.**

### St Joseph's

#### Christmas Masses:

**Christmas Eve: Now fully booked**

**Christmas Day: 9am & 11am there are some spaces left however numbers are limited and therefore it is essential that you book in advance to attend these Masses, by emailing or telephoning the Parish Office.**

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.

**Message from Fr. Noel:** May I take this opportunity to wish you & your families a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

**Christmas Offerings:** These are your Traditional Gifts to the Clergy of the Parish. Envelopes are now available at the back of Church, these may then be placed in the collection baskets or through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle  
burns for  
**Jessie Francis RIP**

**Christmas Cards:** There is still a small selection of Christmas cards & gifts left 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 3 February onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

#### The recently deceased of our churches:

Teresa Halikowska-Smith, Patrick Murphy, Josephine Williams, Edith Durkin, June Arran  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Arthur Devanney, Michaela Hogan, Betty Curham, Heather Long, Marianne Malyon, Patrick Murphy, James and Elizabeth Falvey, Mary Waters, Mary Daniels, Olga Kelly, John Murray, Patricia Devshi, John Toye, Cornelius Griffin, Cynthia McCarthy, Margaret Burns, Eleanor Hastings, Thomas Hayes, Eileen Hawkes, James Daly, Doris Simpson, Yvonne Charters, Frederick Philpott, Sarah O'Mullane, Michael Dollard, John Flanagan, Helena McMahan, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr. Canon William Flint, Mgr. Canon Thomas Gavin, Mgr. Patrick O'Mahony, Fr. Edmund Motherway, Fr. Patrick Wall, Fr. Anthony Ireland, Fr. Thomas N. Meagher, Fr. Denis Murphy, Fr. Colum McCabe, Fr. James McInerney **May they rest in peace.**

## St Peter's & Our Lady's

**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's Kate Tennyson email [safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com), 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.

**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 [stpteraposte.leafington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stpteraposte.leafington@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.

**Christmas Collection:** There will only be one Christmas Collection for the Clergy. If you are away over Christmas, please don't forget your home Parish Clergy. Thank you.

**Hour of Encounter:** You are invited to join in the last session of 2020 for a guided Holy Hour on Monday 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. **The Hour of Encounter will restart in the New Year.**

**Thank you from St. Patricks Catholic School:** All the children and staff at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to our Christmas Fundraising Appeal. We have already raised over £1,000. Thanks to everyone's generous donations we are well on the way to being able to provide every child with a breakfast bagel every day for a year. There is still time to donate. Please visit our crowdfunding page at:

<https://www.rocketfund.org/magic-breakfast-no-child-too-hungry-to-learn>

We know that children learn better when they are not hungry and that food is the fuel for learning. Can you help us reach our target amount of £1300?

If you would like further information or you can provide help and support in other ways, please contact us on 01926 425958.

**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](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk) 01926 428399.

**The Sower Magazine:** Is now available for advent at the back of Church or alternatively go to: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine)

**St. Peter's Piety Shop:** The Piety shop is open and located under the Choir loft. In stock are all your Christmas needs including Christmas Cards, Mass Bouquet Cards, Christmas Candles, Walk With Me Booklets and much more. Please do have a look when entering or exiting the Church.

**Walk With Me Booklets:** The Walk With Me booklets are now available from the Piety shop under the Choir Loft. Please could we ask that you pay £1 for them. Please place the money in the Piety box. They are usually given out for free, however we can not cover the cost this year. Thank you.

**Advent Service:** There will be a Zoom Advent Service on Sunday, 20 December at 5 pm. This is a real collaboration, with music from the Virtual Choir and the Youth Band, and young and old(er) readers. All are very welcome, especially families. It will be wonderful to come together for a further time of preparation and prayer before Christmas. Please email [maryrouse@rocketmail.com](mailto:maryrouse@rocketmail.com) for the Zoom invitation and service booklet. If any children or young people would like to make a drawing or painting of the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary, please send a photo of this to Mary Rouse by email and we'll try and include these during the service. We will need them by Thursday, 17 December, please.

**Carol Concert:** This year's virtual concert is available to download from the parish website. Both St. Peter's and Our Lady's choirs have been working on this since September. It includes both new and well loved carols and some readings. Donations can be made on the go fund event page, and will be shared between SPAN and Kindaid."

**The Catholic Leafington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for December is:** 'We pray for the lonely at this time of family gatherings: may we remember that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family.'

**CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas:** It's not too late! If you don't know what to buy someone for Christmas, you can quickly choose a World Gift for Christmas and ask for a card to be sent to them at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> Ideal for those last minute gifts. And if you are asked what you want for Christmas, suggest a CAFOD World Gift too. World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will

**EXTRA NEWSLETTER** The December edition is now available on the NEWSLETTER page of the website at [catholicleafington.org.uk/newsletter](http://catholicleafington.org.uk/newsletter) Content includes Youth and Young Adults, Advent Prayer, St Peter's Choir/Our Lady's Singers, SPAN, Evangelisation, Prisoners in Lockdown, Kindaid news, DVD for over 60s, A commitment to act, Youth 2000, Nuclear Weapons, Food Bank and last but not least, Christmas greetings to everyone.