

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 28th November 2021

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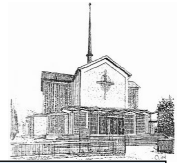
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St Joseph's

Sunday 28th November

First Sunday of Advent

9:00: James Drumgoole RIP Anniversary

5:30: Holy Souls

Monday 29th

7:00: Joe Marsh & Beatrice Neilsen Marsh

Tuesday 30th

9:30: Sheila Griffin RIP;
Martin Streeter RIP

Thursday 2nd December

7:00: People of the Parish (50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Oakley)

Friday 3rd

9:30: John & Louie Ruby;
Thomas & Family

Saturday 4th

9:30: Marie Kelly RIP;
Anna-Marie Kelly RIP

Sunday 5th

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00: Paul Keigher;
John & Alice Marsh

5:30: Eugene McGarrell RIP;
Sheila & Peter Waller RIP

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 27th November

SP 9:30: Alfreda McHale

OL: 5:00: People of the Parish & Holy Souls

Sunday 28th

First Sunday in Advent

SP 9:00: Christa Marie Cross RIP

SP 11:00: Carlota Sa

SP: 1:00: Baptism: Kian-John & Meabh-Rose Kelly

SP: 3:00: Baptism: Leo Ficarra-Wright

Monday 29th

SP: 9:30: Deceased members of the Wall Family & Holy Souls

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 30th

SP 11:00: Kitty Ryan RIP & Holy Souls

Wednesday 1st December

OL:10:00—Coffee Morning but no Mass Today

SP: 11:00: Requiem Mass: Laurence Treacy RIP

Thursday 2nd

SP: 11:00: George Fackerell

Friday 3rd

SP: 11:00: Edmund Piper RIP

Saturday 4th

SP 9:30: David Lander

OL: 5:00: Mary & Paddy Beausang

Sunday 5th

Second Sunday in Advent

SP 9:00: Mary & Noel McGivern

SP 11:00: Irene Costa

The recently deceased of our Churches:

John Tilley, Annie Gleeson, Laurence Treacy, Mary O'Connor.
May they rest in peace.

Saints of the week

Tuesday 30th November

Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Wednesday 1st December

Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

Friday 3rd

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Saturday 4th

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

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 10:00 - 10:30

Our Lady's: After Mass if a priest is available.

St Joseph's: On Request

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Jason Young, Patrick Murphy, Bridget Kennedy, Jim Byrne, Michael Lisowiec, Breda Walsh, Margaret Hood, David Kidd, Michael Faherty, Laura Delia, Jack MacLeod, Sandra Mattingley, Patrick Clarke, Patrick Murphy, Rita Pantry, Leonard Buxton, Denis Cranny, Ann-Marie Dell, Elizabeth Brown, Madeleine Looney, Thomas Jackson, Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Fr. Edward Neary, Fr. Reginald Anwyl, Fr. Norman Millard, Fr. Peter Rogers, Fr. Liam MacFarlane. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.**

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: Margaret Smith, Peter Simmons, Sheila Ireland, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, Denis O'Halloran, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, Bridie Daly, John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Eileen Hiorns, 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, 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: **Anthony Coyne RIP**

The Main Altar Candle burns for: **Theresa Coyne & Family**

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

Dear Parishioners,

I don't believe it! Advent is upon us and this weekend we light the first candle on the Advent Wreath in our countdown to Christmas. These few weeks we are all very busy but even so using the Walk With Me booklets and calendars we can prepare in a Spiritual way for the coming of Christmas. We did not order so many booklets this year. They cost £1. The calendars are free.

Last weekend the Bishops of England and Wales issued a statement to the Church called "Honouring Sunday". The full text is available on the website. The Statement praises all Catholics who during the Pandemic drew on their Faith, ingenuity and technology to access the Mass via Live-Stream, Zoom, digital radio, telephone, or text to follow the Sundays of the Year. Also many were supported by a small army of helpers both in Church and through delivering the newsletter and helping. In adversity the generosity of our Parishioners to their neighbours was much appreciated. This is effectively what our Society of St. Vincent de Paul do during "Peacetime", together with the Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers and many other volunteers. However, the practice of attending Mass in person and on Sunday is important for the Church as a Community of Believers. It is the "Source and Summit of our Spiritual and Pastoral Life" where we praise and thank God. The Sunday Obligation has to be understood for what it is and the Bishops recognise that some people may not be able to attend Mass in person however, where we can we should. I recall a line from the Simple Prayer Book published by CTS which states that Catholics are bound to attend Mass on Sunday and on weekdays when they are free to do so. Without the Sunday Obligation many of us have attended the weekday Mass because there is more space. I would recommend those who feel they are not ready to return to Mass on Sunday to gain confidence by attending a weekday Mass.

Very many congratulations to St. Joseph's Church which on Sunday 21st November celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its opening. There will be a Special Mass on Thursday at 7pm and Bishop David Oakley, a former curate at St. Peter's and former Parish Priest of St. Joseph's will be the chief Celebrant.

It is good to welcome Fr. Benedict who returns to us following a time of recuperation. He will be returning to light duties. This means what it says.

Advent is a time for us to think about going to Confession. Please note the times when the Clergy are available. At St. Peter's we are using the confessional box and ask penitents to hand sanitize, wear a mask and use the tear off cloth to wipe any touched surfaces e.g. door handle, chair.

I will be re-opening the Tower entrance at St. Peter's this weekend. At Our Lady's we await the electricians to fix the lights over the front entrance. Arrive by front door, leave by side door.

Please note the printed newsletter is for those who don't have access to a computer.

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St Joseph's

The Church now is open to the Public for all Masses

All Masses will be Live Streamed

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: The candle is now fully booked for this year, dates are available for 2022 from 30th January, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

Gift Aid Envelopes: If there is anyone who is a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows us to claim back 25% tax on donations you make, please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711 346 405

Appeal For Volunteers: For general church cleaning. Since COVID the team has disbanded due to age and family circumstances. So we need to form a new team; age no problem if you can spare the time, 1 or 2 hours every couple of weeks will keep the church sparkling.

If you think you can help in any way contact Margaret tel. 07909 584847 or see Fr. Noel.

Missio Red Boxes: Empty Missio boxes are now available to collect from the Narthex.

Art Group: The Art Group has restarted in St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Wednesdays at 9:30am, all welcome so do come along.

Friday Coffee Morning: These have now restarted in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome so please come along.

Chair Yoga: The benefits of an active lifestyle are well known and documented. It's often said that "exercise is the best medicine". Luckily, chair yoga is an effective and assessable form of exercise for everyone. Using your chair for seated poses or balancing poses, you can take advantage of the many benefits yoga provides, such as increased circulation; feelings of well-being; decreases in blood pressure, anxiety, inflammation and chronic pain. Classes for all beginners are at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Wednesdays, 1—1:45pm. Contact Ildiko for details on 07933 951794 or email ildiko@salsaukdancers.co.uk

Second Collection: There will be a second Collection at St. Joseph's today for SVP, there will be a collection next week at all Churches for the Poor Parishes Fund

Music Group: Can you play the Organ, Keyboard or Guitar or do you like to sing? If so, the music group at St. Joseph's needs you to help and support the singing at Mass. For more information, please contact Brian Malone on 07724 845801 or email brijen1@hotmail.co.uk

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary: This has now started at 8:30am on Saturday mornings.

Walk With Me: The Advent booklets are now available in the Narthex.

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

The Sower Magazine: The Advent copy containing many interesting articles from around the Diocese is now available in the Narthex.

Synodality: If anyone from St. Joseph's would like to join the Catholic Leamington Parish Peering Group on Synodality, please contact Paul Hayden at paulhayden444@gmail.com



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for:
**Noreen Cassidy RIP
Birthday Memorial**

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk, Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

Christmas Flower Collection: There will be a 2nd Collection next week for the Christmas Flowers in the Church. Alternatively, if you wish to sponsor the flowers for Christmas please speak to Fr. John.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: **On Sunday 19th December at 7.30. JOY TO THE WORLD.** St Peter's choir would like to invite you to a family evening of joyful Christmas Music. Carols and Readings. **Free Entry** with a retiring collection for **Zoe's Place Baby Hospice** and **Papyrus prevention of young suicide.**

Dear Parishioners Continued: The Dormer Conference Centre and Our Lady's Hall are available for Hire. The income we receive from the hire of the Halls help to maintain them for the future.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

**** The Sparrows**** - We returned to our nest after a week's break on the banks of Rutland Water. We had a great time, however, We discovered that we have a new neighbour who has set up home in between ourselves and the Rabbits. Our new neighbour is always speeding past us. Thankfully he hasn't stopped to say Hello because he is a predator! Best Tweets, Sparrow.

Fr. Benedict's Advent Homilies: you can listen to Fr Benedict's homilies online <https://frbenedict.blog/blog-2/>

Parish Lunch: 19th December 2021 a Christmas Sunday Lunch in the Main Hall at St. Peter's after the 11am Mass. The cost is £20 per person which includes a 3 course meal and glass of wine. Sign up sheet at the back of the Church Now Available. Please place your money into an envelope with your name and Christmas Parish Lunch written clearly on the front and post through the Presbytery letterbox.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2022: We would like to invite all the Children who are in Year 3 and attend a non-Catholic School to register with the Parish Office at stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk for First Holy Communion in 2022. The deadline to register is 6th January 2022.

Something Greater: Please see Newsletter Extra for current news. Prayer bookmarks are available at the back of church

Parish Update: - **for all parishioners of St Peter's and Our Lady's.** Please complete and return the Catholic Leamington Parish Update form available at the back of St Peter's and Our Lady's. Take one form for each household and return as soon as possible either in the boxes at the back of St Peter's or Our Lady's or to St Peter's presbytery. It is also available on the parish website if you would rather complete it online. This is a vital way to continue the rebuilding of our Catholic community and update our parish records at the same time.

Friday Luncheon Club: If enough parishioners are interested, we might hold our usual Christmas get together on Friday 4th December at 1pm. 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.

Young Adults Group (18-30): We're so excited to be able to bring in 2022 together at NEW. This will be a retreat filled with friendship, community, fun, prayer & learning as we enter into a NEW year from the 31st December - 2nd January at Trinity Catholic High School in Woodford Green, London. Book NOW! youth2000.churchsuite.co.uk/events/vxjhconq

SPAN: Our meeting agreed to send £ 250 for appeals from: the Orchid Project - female genital cutting (FGC) is practiced in 90 countries in Africa, Asia and Middle East, OP work with communities to change this not religious but cultural practice; Tanzania Development Trust enabling water access through using hand drills and water pumps; Children of the Dump helping neglected children in Manila, Philippines, an International Refugee Trust project supporting the "Italian Hospitals" in Karak and Amman, Jordan, run by the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation and the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

SPAN's Christmas Supermarket Voucher Appeal: see Nov EXTRA for details. A Just Giving donation page is available www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanxmasappeal21 you can also Gift Aid this donation at the same time.

Christmas Cards: sending a warm message to isolated parishioners: Last Christmas the SVP, SPAN and Kindaid sent cards to housebound parishioners, those in Nursing Homes, or those effectively isolating, and it would be good to do the same this year. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a religious card, please let us know, in confidence, their name and address. Please contact Peter May on 01926 421785 (SVP) or Jeanette Davison on 01926 424529 (SPAN).

Synodality: Ten parishioners are now part of the Parish Steering Group and others are helping in different ways. Our Parish website www.CatholicLeamington.org.uk now has a page about the Synod, please take a look at it. Any queries can be sent to the Steering Group coordinator paulhayden444@gmail.com. Pope Francis has asked all Catholics in the world to take some part in Walking Together. The steps you can take to participate will be described in the December EXTRA. There will be Parish meetings in the New Year. Paul has submitted an article for the Leamington Courier newspaper's 'I Believe' column, to be published soon, to encourage a wider community involvement.

CAFOD World Gifts: World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will help transform the lives of families living in poverty. If you are asked what you would like for Christmas you can say, "A World Gift from CAFOD please". Or you might like to give them to others and they will delight the people you give them to. Please see the range and order online at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk as there only a limited number of

EXTRA: Deadline for the December EXTRA is Tuesday 30th November. Please limit contributions to 250 words and send to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com. And we need someone to help with emails and preparation in Word.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace: Rosary intention for November is: 'We pray that as individuals, parishes and a diocese, we may play our part in furthering the aims of COP26

WEBSITE UPDATE: Please note that the Bishop's letter about the Sunday Obligation is available on THE CHURCH BLOG <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/the-church-blog> The CAFOD Page has been updated: <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod.html> And there is now a new page devoted to the SYNOD: <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod.html> . Also we will have a donation button on the website shortly. Link to follow.

The Sower Magazine: The newest copy of the Diocesan Magazine: The Sower is now available at the Back of St. Peter's & Our Lady's.

St Joseph's

St. Joseph 50 Year's Anniversary: On 21st November 1971, The Feast of Christ the King, the first Mass was offered in this Church, so this year marks our 50th Anniversary. With the difficulties and restrictions experience since March 2020 it was a problem as to how we would celebrate this milestone. However, I have a date for your diary, on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7pm we will have a Concelebrated Mass with the main celebrant a former Parish Priest and now the Bishop of Northampton, Rt. Rev. David Oakley followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. **We would be grateful for any donations of cakes & biscuits, either homemade or shop bought.**

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2022: By Air from €315 per person sharing for 7 nights B&B. If you are interested contact 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com for more details.

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