

**Double Edition**  
**CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Feast of the Holy Family**  
**Sunday 26th December 2021**

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**St Joseph's**

**St Peter's & Our Lady's**

**Sunday 26th December**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**9.00:** John & Teresa Skinner;  
Kathleen O'Shea

**5:30:** Mary McGarvey RIP

**Monday 27th \*Bank Holiday\***

**9:30:** Matthew O RIP

**Tuesday 28th \*Bank Holiday\***

**9:30:** Leonard & Olive Geoghegan;  
Olive Frogley

**Thursday 30th**

**9:30:** Deceased members of the Keenan & Woods  
Families

**Friday 31st**

**9:30:** Madgie Callaghan

**Saturday 1st January 2022**

**9:30:** People of the Parish

**Sunday 2nd**

**2nd Sunday after Christmas**

**9.00:** Michael Gallagher RIP;  
Christine Hughes RIP  
**5:30:** Raymond Boyle

**Friday 24th**

**SP: 9:30:** Sarah O'Mullane

**SP: 3.30:** John Coombes RIP

**SP: 9.00:** Benito Anzalone RIP **\*Midnight Mass Liturgy\***

**OL: Midnight:** Pro Populo

**Saturday 25th December**

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

**SP 9:00:** Maureen, Harry, Anthony, Jonathan Willis & Ann  
Alexander

**OL: 10:00:** Frank McEvoy **\*Family Mass\***

**SP: 11:00:** People of the Parish

**Sunday 26th**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**SP: 9:00:** Andrea La Barbera

**OL: 10:00:** Joanne Worrall

**SP: 11:00:** Maria Alice Spencer

**Monday 27th**

**SP: 9:30:** Jessica Anne

**SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass and Holy Hour**

**Tuesday 28th**

**SP 11:00:** Charlie Cullen

**Wednesday 29th**

**OL:10:00—Coffee Morning before Mass and Holy Hour**

**OL: 12:00:** Teresa Whittle

**Thursday 30th**

**SP: 11:00:** Anne Carter RIP

**Friday 31st**

**SP: 11:00:** Sheila Collins

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Mary)

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**SP 9:00:** Pietro & Serafina Nigliazzo

**OL: 10:00:** Jackie Ingram RIP

**SP 11.00:** Vito La Barbera

**Confessions:**

**St. Peter's:** Saturdays: 9:15—9:45

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

**St Joseph's :** On Request

**\*\*Please Note: St. Peter's Parish Office will be closed  
from 24th December until Wednesday 5th January \*\***

**Saints of the week**

**Monday 27th December**

**Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**

**Tuesday 28th**

**Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**Wednesday 29th**

**Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr**

**The recently deceased of our Churches:**

Marian Dowd, Dian O'Brien, Bridie Daly, Betty Henn,  
Pasquale Santilli, Anne Carter, John Tilley.

**May they rest in peace.**

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:** Patrick Campbell, Margaret Smith, Peter Simmons, Sheila Ireland, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, Denis O'Halloran, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, 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-Claire 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

Dear Parishioners,

Two thousand years is a long time. It is into this time period that history provides us with the story of our Faith. At the beginning of this era it is marked by the birth of Jesus. At the end of this era it is marked by ourselves and how we understand it. We soon realise that the Christian story is more than the sum of the years between the birth of Christ and our own time because it was foretold by the Prophets in the millennia before the birth of Jesus.

Each and every one of us is part of this same story and our lives are what they are through the moment when God's Gift entered our world. The gift of Jesus is God's gift to us and at Christmas we stop to appreciate and give thanks for this wonderful gift of love.

Even with the compromises we have to make this Christmas may our appreciation for what we have received reignite that sense of joy which has been dimmed by the difficulties of this present time.

May I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Thank you to all who have helped to make our Christmas special in the Parish this year. To those who have given their time and effort in preparing and decorating our Churches for this special celebration. Thank you to Mary who gave St. Peter's it's new Crib. This is a wonderful and most generous gift to the people of the parish and all who visit the Church.

Thank you to our Parish groups who offer charitable support to people in need throughout the year and especially at Christmas time.

Thank you for your cards and gifts to the Clergy. The collection today by contactless card machine, via the website or by cash is your gift to the Clergy.

Thank you finally to you who are reading this now.

Christmas Blessings,

Fr. John, Fr. Benedict & Fr. Christopher.

**P.S.** Please note Mass times after Christmas on Page 1.

**The Seven Day Candles:** are a great way to provide a devotion to a loved one or for your own intention. The 7 day candles are designed to display the presence of God in the Church. If you would like to book a 7 day candle for your intentions please collect an envelope at the back of Church, suggested donation is £10.00 and return it, either in the collection or via St. Peter's Presbytery door. Thank you.

## St Joseph's

**Fire at St. Joseph's:** Due to the recent fire in the Church and until further notice, all Masses will be held in the Parish Centre at the following times:  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:30am, Sundays at 9am & 5:30pm



This week  
Our Lady's  
Seven Day  
Candle  
burns this  
week for:

**Doreen & Graham  
Burford**  
Next week for: **The  
Blair and Watts  
Families**

**Live Streaming will not be available.**

Confessions will be heard on request.

**Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022:** Dates are available from 20th February 2022, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

**Message from Fr. Noel:** May I wish you all a healthy, happy and blessed 2022 on behalf of all the clergy of our three churches and thank everyone for their kind wishes and gifts over the Christmas Season. Fr. Noel.

**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

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

**Crib Offerings:** The Offerings this year will be for Fr. Hudson's Society .

**200 Club:** Congratulations to Maria McGrath and Dawn Herbert who won the 1st and 2nd prizes in December's 200 Club draw, plus Claudia Jeffrey who won the Christmas prize of £25. January's 200 Club collection and draw will take place on Sunday, 2nd January. New joiners welcome and all profits go to the Church Building Fund.

**Missio Calendars:** These are available in the Narthex at no charge, please feel free to take one.

**Synodality:** If anyone from St. Joseph's would like to join the Catholic Leamington Parish Steering Group on Synodality, please contact Paul Hayden at [paulhayden444@gmail.com](mailto:paulhayden444@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) for First Holy Communion in 2022. The deadline to register is 10th January 2022.

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Christine Hughes RIP

5:30: Raymond Boyle

**Monday 3rd \* Bank Holiday\***

9:30: Jim & Marian RIP

**Tuesday 4th**

9:30: Zena Godwin RIP

**Thursday 6th**

9:30: Rosie Tansey

**Friday 7th**

9:30: Patsy Breslin RIP

**Saturday 8th**

9:30: Mick, Paddy & John Clancy RIP

**Sunday 9th**

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

9.00: People of the Parish

5:30: Aiden & Anna Boyle

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*May they rest in peace.*

**Saints of the week**

**Saturday 1st January**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Monday 3rd**

**Opt. Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**Wednesday 5th**

**Opt. Memorial of St. Charles of St. Andrew**

**Thursday 6th**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Friday 7th**

**Opt. Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

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**SP 11:00:** Kate Mayne

**Wednesday 5th**

**OL:10:00—Coffee Morning before Mass and Holy Hour**

**OL: 12:00:** Beryl Hartnett RIP

**Thursday 6th \*Holy Day of Obligation\***

**SP: 9:30:** Keisa Fatima Amando Labato

**OL: 12:00:** Pam Allerton

**SP: 7:30:** Susan Day RIP

**Friday 7th**

**SP: 11:00** Peter Dixon RIP

**Saturday 8th**

**SP: 10:00:** John Harbison RIP

**SP: 5:00:** Peter Webb

**Sunday 9th**

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**SP 9:00:** Anthony Coyne RIP

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

**SP 11.00:** Mary Bridget Collins

**The December EXTRA** is online featuring The Synod, SPAN, SVP, The Choir, Pastimes, LiveSimply, COP29 and Laudato Si', Something Greater, World Gifts and an Advent Poem. This can be viewed at [www.catholicleamington.org.uk](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk) and scroll down and will be sent out with the regular newsletter.

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**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email [sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Patrick Moran, Bernard Lanning, Peter McSweeney, Michael Dorgan, Peter Johnson, Patrick Daly, Giuseppe Urso, Janis Berganis, John McMahon, Don Mason, Katherine Underhill, John Ruby, Eva Irvine, Salvatore Viviani, Margaret Brown, John Toye, Cornelius Griffin, Willy Buttigieg, Herbert Nagel, George Harris, Bob Rego, James Falvey, Elizabeth Falvey, Patrick Murphy, Mary Waters, May Crowley, John Murphy, Glennis Burton, John Flanagan, Helena McMahon, Gordon Nicholls, Ethel Nicholls, John Hulme, Maisie Buckley, Denise Avery, Ernest Mander, Maureen Deasy, Antonio Bastos, Allan MacKay, Eileen Williams, John Cleary, Elizabeth Ball, Felix Kelly, Paul Barlow, Owen Treanor, Margaret Savage, Rosaline Quinn, Florence Lindon, David Wingate, Joan Binks, Richard Fairley, Josephine Hand, Patrick Byrne, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr. Canon Thomas Gavin, Mgr. Patrick O'Mahoney, Canon Martin Power, Fr. Anthony Ireland, Fr. Thomas Meagher, Fr. Denis Murphy, Fr. Colum McCabe, Fr. James McInerney, Fr. David Callaghan, Fr. Francis Etherington CO, Fr. Cyril Evans, Fr. Patrick Lynch, Fr. Martin Cassidy, Fr. Philip Garrett, Fr. Francis Dwyer, Fr. Philip Smith, Fr. John Davis, Fr. Brian Harding, Fr. John Bentley, Fr. Charles Becker, Deacon Peter Mason. ***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.***

**Bishops Statement on COVID:** With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That people wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.

**\*\* The Sparrows\*\*** - We young sparrows are tired of being ordered around by the older birds. They think they have a right to be first at dinner time and then first in the bird bath. We have the same rights as our elders. We plan to knock them off their perch! Best Tweets, Sparrows.

**Fr. Benedict's Advent Homilies:** you can listen to Fr Benedict's homilies online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC32ambzqLEqP58Z0fT6qAew>

**Young Adults Group (18-30):** Young Adults Synodality Meeting (16-30yrs) 18:00 - 19:30 (approx) on 10th January on zoom.

We'll discuss and listen to everyone's thoughts on these questions: Has our participation in church been affected by the pandemic? How can participation be strengthened for the future? How do we partake in the life of the parish/ Catholic church? What are our God-given gifts? How do we practise social outreach? And what do we dream for the future of our Church? All young adults and opinions welcome. As we are the future of the church and we are the ones that shall be living with the outcomes of the Synodal process, it is important that we contribute to it. Contact Rose on email [rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pauling@btinternet.com) or Facebook messenger for zoom link to the event.

**Young Adults Group (18-30):** Aged between 16-24? Claiming Universal Credit? Looking for a job in Leamington? Fiat Fertility Care Ltd are recruiting for a Marketing and Admin Support person. Details here: <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/details/7572708?fbclid=IwAR1g27kDsnh6b5WJhBuvKQ7Sz9vTZTOOgUzIEn1VHsE-cLmEganrOq67cwo>

**Walking Together:** Last weekend we gave out Synod Forms at the end of each mass containing questions for you to think about with the help of the Holy Spirit and answer. We now have a box in each of our three churches, where you can return the form. Extra forms will be available, and the boxes will stay in place, until the end of January. So please make sure you give a form to every member of your family and friend who might want to fill one in, so that their voice is heard as well as yours. Every response is confidential. So, if they want you to put the form in the box for them, and would rather not let you read what they have said, please give them an envelope they can put their completed form in and seal it. In the New Year we shall be having parish meetings to share and discuss our thoughts on these matters."