

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 20th November 2022

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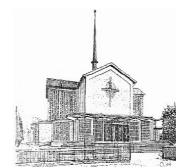
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Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
Saturday 19th <i>Opt. Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.00am Exposition 9.15-9.45 Confession 10.00am Mass 4.15-4.45 pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Holy Souls Murphy & Travers Families
SUNDAY 20th Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	(with Children's Lit.) Fr Laurence Crowe RIP Martin Wall
Monday 21st <i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30am Mass	~	Domenico Beatrice RIP
Tuesday 22nd <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	11am Mass	~	Frank Garvey RIP
Wednesday 23rd <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr</i>	~	12 noon Mass	Betty & Frank Rowley
Thursday 24th <i>Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>	11am Mass	~	Nora Elizabeth Hughes
Friday 25th <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	11am Mass	~	Stanley & Zena Godwin RIP
Saturday 26th <i>Opt. Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.00am Exposition 9.15-9.45 Confession 10.00am Mass 4.15-4.45 pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Deceased members of the Bl. De Rosari Family Anne Reilly RIP; Julie Simajuno RIP
SUNDAY 27th 1st Sunday of Advent	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	(with Children's Lit.) Thomas Ryan Antonin Bretelle & Murdo Fraser; Mary & Tom Beirne RIP

Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash. Details on the website stjoseph47.org.uk

Sunday 10am & 5:30pm, Monday 9:30am, Tuesday 9:30am, Thursday 7pm, Friday 9:30am and Saturday 9:30am

St Joseph's parish newsletter is available on its website

The recently deceased of our Churches: Bridget Vera Hughes. *May she rest in peace*

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Brendan Leathem, Michael O'Leary, Hanora Kennedy, Fabrizio Ferrante, William Connolly, Eileen Murphy, Michael Hall, Mary Tully, Peter Wall, John Tilley, Mary O'Connor, Kathleen Lowe, Katheryn Smith, Teresa Halikowska-Smith, Patrick O'Mahony, Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Canon Maurice Woulfe, Canon Augustine Emery, Fr. Thomas Havekin, Fr. Francis Lockett, Fr. Gerry Jackson, Fr. David Higham, Fr. Michael Connolly, Deacon Pat Linthwaite. **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.**

Our Lord Christ the King of the Universe marks the final Sunday of the liturgical year, and, as we prepare in Advent to proclaim the birth of Christ, we first declare His rule over all things. Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, after the horrors of WWI and the rise of atheistic Communism. He wrote 'Christ must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God'.

Youth Sunday: Today, we pray for young people and the Church's ministry to them. The second collection is for the Youth Service and we shall hear something about its work.

St Patrick's School Confirmation candidates mark the beginning of their preparation for receiving this sacrament at the 11.15am Mass today. Let us pray for them and their families that the Holy Spirit may be alive and active in them.

Tapas Night: Due to low numbers enquiring this event is now cancelled.

Seven Day Candles: The **Our Lady Altar** candle burns: For the Taylor family.

The **St. Joseph Altar** candle burns: For the Wilson Family

Career Guidance Workshop- Are you looking for a new job or looking to make a career change? **The Catenian Association:** is hosting a workshop on how to get the best out of your CV and useful tips on handling interviews. Tuesday 22 November 7-8.30pm in the Parish Conference Centre. Contact Toni for more details - 07807 990 102.

Advent Meditation: Catholic Leamington is having an advent meditation suitable for families with children on Saturday 26th November. Come to St Peter Apostle church anytime between 2pm and 4:45pm and discover Mary's journey from annunciation to Bethlehem.

Advent begins on Sunday 27th November.

Our Lady's Sung Evening Prayer: Sunday, 27 November at 4.30 pm. An opportunity to begin Advent in prayer together. All are very welcome. There will be refreshments in the hall afterward.

Fr John Cross Writes 'I would like to invite the parishioners of Our Lady's Church and St Peter's Church to my Induction as Parish Priest at Mass at St George & St Teresa Church in Dorridge on Tue 29th Nov 7pm and afterwards in the parish hall for refreshments'. **Please sign up on the list** if you'd like to share transport to support Fr John in person and then we can then book a coach. Please pray for him in his new parish.

Catholic Leamington First Holy Communion Preparation 2023: please contact jennyhayden444@gmail.com by Novem-

ber 30th at the latest please. For children NOT at Catholic schools

Confirmation Preparation: for those not at a Catholic School. This will begin in the New Year. Please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com if you have a child who may wish to be confirmed next year.

Children's Liturgy at Our Lady's during the 9.15am Mass.

Churches together in Leamington: Christmas Gift Wrapping will be happening from 6—8pm on the 15th & 22nd December. If you are interested in helping at this ecumenical event, please contact Anne Elson on 01926 882 654.

Christmas Stamps: Please remember to ask for Christmas Stamps at the post office during Advent and Christmas.

November EXTRA: is available on the Catholic Leamington website - information about Christmas appeals and events

Justice and Peace Prayer Intention: 'We pray for all those who are suffering physically or mentally because of the increased cost of living'.

Escorted Pilgrimage: to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. More information contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Trinity Catholic School is looking to recruit foundation governors to its Local Governing Body. This can be a rewarding way of working with staff to help drive a successful school. Don't worry if you have no experience in education or governance as there is plenty of training and support available. Governors meet once every half term and are encouraged to attend activities and events during the school day where their other commitments allow. If you would like to be considered for this role, please contact the Chair of Governors, Daniel Graham on dgraham@gov.magnificat.org.uk or 07590 351623. Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics.

The St Vincent de Paul Society: is organising the Christmas Hampers project for 2022. We aim to make up and distribute Christmas hampers to needy families as well as to individuals across Leamington.

We are asking for your support. We appeal for donations of non-perishable food items such as tinned, packeted and dried food, bottled and tinned soft drinks, chocolates, snacks, biscuits and most importantly, Christmas items such as mince pies, puddings, selection boxes and Christmas crackers. Games and jigsaws are also welcome.

The cut-off date for donations is the weekend of 4th December to enable time for the preparation and distribution of the hampers. Donation boxes are available at the box at the back of each church. The SVP would like to thank you for all your help and support. Contact David Burton on 07713 246987 for further details if needed.

Thank You, Pastimes. A great Jumble Sale made over £1000!

CAFOD World Gifts. Catalogues are in the churches.

Servers and Serving Thank you to our servers at both churches. ***We'd love a few more!*** See Fr Stephen or Bob



The QR code for this Sunday's readings. Please feel free to follow the readings during the Mass. Simply scan the box and your smartphone or tablet will take you to the readings. This works for any day, not just Sundays.

Last Week's Plate Collections

6th November 2022

1st Collection: SP: £529.12

2nd Collection: Johnson Fund: SP: £313.99

This week - 2nd Coll.: SP & OL: Catholic Youth Service

Thank you for your generosity

SPAN: At our November meeting we agreed to give a boot to the Community Pantry in Lillington £ 500 towards Warm packs and food parcels over Christmas, a further £ 200 to the Zambian Food programme, £ 300 for the CAFOD World Food Crisis appeal, £ 100 to CAFOD's work in Darfur, £300 to sustainable projects across Africa and £ 350 for a gas cooker for a local family in need. Minutes are at

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span Green envelopes for your donation to the SPAN Christmas voucher appeal are available in our churches. We are currently ordering our first batch of vouchers and are starting to identify families in our community who would really appreciate this gift. If you know of anyone who should receive one or would like a Christmas card from our churches, please get in touch. Any queries can go through paulhayden444@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation: It would be great to have parishioners involved in this. Please consider helping. Please see Fr Stephen. At the moment we have many enquiries about baptism and having lay parishioners help is a good way of introducing

parents to the parishes. For some, this will be their first contact with a parish—a possible moment of grace for them and us.

Pastimes Christmas Fayre: Saturday 26th November from 1pm. Support is needed to help raise funds for the Church heating. We would appreciate: Cakes, Bottles for the Tombola, Customers.

Eucharistic Ministers Please let Fr Stephen know the details of the sick and housebound you visit. It would be good if a visit by a priest could be arranged before Christmas. You can give the details either by email or written and handed in or put through the presbytery letterbox.

This Newsletter We are looking at ways of changing the layout in order to maximise the useable space over a single sheet. We have been able to keep to a single sheet in recent weeks but not this week—so have put on as much as possible to justify the extra page. It is obviously more work and more expensive to go over a single sheet.

Dear Parishioners,

The liturgical year ends with a bang as we celebrate Christ as our King, the perfect and universal King. We place ourselves totally at the service of this great King, for Christ calls us to follow Him with a love that is total—with all our hearts, all our minds, all our strength. As we move towards Advent, we are reminded that our King was born a helpless baby, reigned from the Cross and is now risen in glory.

Now, the ruthlessly practical. A very helpful meeting about heating in both our churches happened this week. We got an expert from the diocese to come to visit both buildings.

First, St Peter's. Our boilers are sixty years old and we need to look to replacing them. Both replacement parts and engineers experienced in this kind of machinery are now hard to come by. We currently face large bills and long waits every time they go wrong. In the meantime, a simple but highly skilled job of welding by an expert might be enough to bring the boilers safely back to life. This would get us through this winter while we look at options for replacements next year. Efforts are being made to find such a welder. To help right now, we have bought two gas-bottle fuelled space heaters to provide some heat before Mass. These are large and noisy, alas, but are the best and cheapest short term option. (It has cost less to buy them than to hire them for two weeks..!). **Thank you** to everyone who has been supporting the boiler fund. Having budgeted for over £25,000 simply to repair what we have, we have funds available to look at other options.

Secondly, Our Lady's. The chief weakness in the system is its controls. There is no reason not to fit modern timing controls which, coupled with a thorough service of the entire system, (boiler and heaters in church) should improve matters. The boiler is about 25 years old. It should perform better than it currently does and in the longer term will need replacing, but it still has a few years left meaning there is no rush.

This is good news and although it doesn't immediately solve our problems, we now have ways forward that are likely not to cost an unexpected fortune and will meet longer term needs. I'll keep you posted.

And speaking of posted, we've been looking at noticeboards for both churches. In a week or two St Peter's should be having a new and up to date replacement of the current well-weathered maroon board by the side door. At Our Lady's, we are looking at a new board just inside the grounds near the pavement. More complicated than fixing to a wall, so this might take a bit longer.

At the meeting about Lillington's new health centre, to be built next to Our Lady's, it was confirmed that the nearby car park will be out of action for a year once construction starts. Once finished it will have lighting on the church side: this may well help illuminate the drive. In the meantime, parking will be less easier but of course improved once the building is finished next autumn.

May God bless us all, *Fr Stephen*

Our prayers for the Sick: Zainab Lawless, Sean Bell, Philip Morris, Mary Yapp, Norma Byrne, Wilfrid Feely, Fr. Tony Rohan, Ahmed Musa, Fina Monastero, Patrick Campbell, Margaret Smith, Peter Simmons, Sheila Ireland, Joe Graham, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Fraser, Peter Curran, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Marie-Clare Banner, Patricia Robinson, 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. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them**

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