

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Nativity of the Lord

## Sunday 25th December 2022

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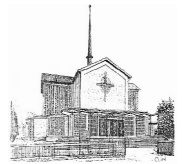
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### Mass Schedule

| DAY  | ST PETER'S  | OUR LADY'S         | INTENTION  |
|--|---|--------------------|--|
| Saturday 24th<br><i>Advent Feria</i>   | 9.15-9.45 Confession <i>in church</i><br>10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i><br><b>3:30pm Vigil Mass</b><br><b>9.00pm Mass</b>      | <b>12am Mass</b>   | Sarah O'Mullane RIP<br>Kate Briddon & Meg Lewis RIP<br>John Coombes and Anne Edwards;<br>Paola Urso RIP<br>Dr. Anthony Noble RIP |
| <b>SUNDAY 25th</b><br><b>Nativity of the Lord</b>  | <b>11.15am Mass</b>   | <b>9.15am Mass</b> | Fr. Stephen's Intentions<br>Fr. Brendan McGuinness S.D.B. RIP;<br>Florence & Terrence Kennan RIP                                 |
| Monday 26th<br><i>Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr</i><br><b>*Mass in Hall*</b>              | 9:30am Mass <i>in hall</i>  | ~                  | Claire Marie Amphlett  |
| Tuesday 27th<br><i>Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist</i><br><b>*Mass in Hall*</b>             | 11am Mass <i>in Hall</i>  | ~                  | Timothy Steiner  |
| Wednesday 28th<br><i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>   | ~   | 12:00 noon         | Alan Dodd  |
| Thursday 29th<br><i>Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr</i><br><b>*Mass in Hall*</b>        | 11am Mass <i>in Hall</i>  | ~                  | Stan Godwin RIP  |
| Friday 30th<br><i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i><br><b>*Mass in Hall*</b> | 11am Mass <i>in hall</i>  | ~                  | Patrick Mullan   |
| Saturday 31st<br><i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Sylvester I, Pope</i>                                | 9.15-9.45 Confession <i>in church</i><br>10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i><br>4.15-4.45 pm Confession<br><b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b> | ~                  | E.C. Kuriakose & Family's Intentions<br>Antonio Costa  |
| <b>SUNDAY 1st January 2023</b><br><b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.</b>                | <b>11.15am Mass</b>   | <b>9.15am Mass</b> | Holy Souls<br>Vito LaBarbera RIP;<br>McGivern & McHugh Family  |

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Agnes Slattery, James Ballantine, Janina Rorynska, Margaret Moore, John Flanagan, Eugene Murphy, Margaret Astell, Peter McGovern, Concetta Scinaldi, Sheila Collins, John Cleary, Maisie Buckley, Reginald Burge, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr. Canon William Flint, Mgr. Canon Thomas Gavin, Mgr. Patrick O'Mahoney, Fr. Patrick Wall, Fr. Anthony Ireland, Fr. Thomas Meagher, Fr. Denis Murphy, Fr. Colum McCabe, Fr. James McInerney, Fr. David O'Callaghan, Fr. Francis Etherington CO, Fr. Patrick Lynch, 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.***

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| Monday 2nd<br><i>Memorial of St. Basil the Great &amp; St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i> | 9:30am Mass <i>in hall</i>  | ~                  | Con Forde RIP  |
| Tuesday 3rd<br><i>Opt. Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>   | 11am Mass <i>in Hall</i>  | ~                  | Steiner Family;<br>Mary Healy RIP  |
| Wednesday 4th<br><i>Christmas Feria</i>  | ~   | 12:00 noon         | Holy Souls   |
| Thursday 5th<br><i>Opt. Memorial of St. Charles of St. Andrew</i>  | 11am Mass <i>in Hall</i>  | ~                  | Stan Godwin RIP  |
| Friday 6th<br><b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>   | <b>11am Mass with School</b><br><b>7pm Mass</b>   | <b>1pm Mass</b>    | The schools of the two parishes<br>The People of the Parish<br>Joseph Nolan RIP          |
| Saturday 7th<br><i>Opt. Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i>   | 9.15-9.45 Confession <i>in church</i><br>10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i><br>4.15-4.45 pm Confession<br><b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b> | ~                  | Thanksgiving<br><br>Geoffrey Lawson RIP  |
| <b>SUNDAY 8th</b><br><b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>   | <b>11.15am Mass</b>   | <b>9.15am Mass</b> | (with Children's Lit.) Holy Souls<br><br>Katie Hannan RIP                                |

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

**Sunday 10am & 5:30pm,** Weekday Masses are currently suspended until further notice.

*St Joseph's parish newsletter is available on its website*

**The recently deceased of our Churches:** Bernadette Lawlor, Helen Unitt, Giovanni Adamo, Anne Fraser.  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** John Cleary, Maisie Buckley, Reginald Burge, Kenneth Mulroney, Patricia Ash, Florence Lindon, Mary Healy, Mary Shakesheff, David Wingate, Joan Binks, Catherine Burdett, Patrick Gleeson, Natalina Piazzon, Johanna O'Neill, Luigi Bossi, Josephine Hand, Fr. Martin Cassidy, Fr. Philip Garrett, Fr. Francis Dwyer, Fr. Philip Smith, Fr. John Davis, Fr. Brian Harding, Fr. John Bentley. **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.**

### **A HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!**

May the new born Christ bring blessings to you, you homes and your loved ones this Christmas Season.

The Christmas Offering is in support of the parish priest. Thank you for your good wishes, cards and gifts, and for your offering.

**Thank You** to everyone who has contributed to the celebration of Christmas in both our churches—flower arrangers, singers, musicians, servers, readers, cleaners, setters-up and putters-away. And of course to everyone who comes to worship and pray.

**St Stephen's Day Mass** will be **in church at 11am** and is a celebration of the talents and commitment of our servers, young or old, male or female. St Stephen is a patron saint of servers and we shall be admitting a new member of the Guild of St Stephen (the servers' association) at that Mass. We would love to see more servers—please speak to Fr Stephen or Bob at St Peter's if you'd like to volunteer for this important ministry. At Our Lady's, see Fr Stephen or Gill Parker.

**Christmas Post box:** The Christmas Post Box at St. Peter's has been wee-used. Please check to see if you have any cards there. And it's definitely last posting day for Christmas!

**Catholic Leamington Justice and Peace Prayer Intention:** For December is 'We pray for all those who are persecuted for their beliefs'

**Children's Liturgy:** at Our Lady's is on a break until 8th January

**Pastimes:** (Tuesdays 11 – 3 in St Peter's Hall) are hoping to start a weekly bridge four, probably from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Would any social bridge player who'd like to join please drop in on a Tuesday and let Mary Curran know?

**Basecamp Youth Weekend Away:** For young people in Years 7 -13. All the content, worship, teaching, activities, and admin for the whole weekend is organised. There will be Christian Bible teaching and individual group discussion time between those from your church, Catholic Leamington, which is where intentional Catholics chats would happen. Rose is going with the Thrive team and Niall has offered to book on as Youth Leader. For more information visit [www.borntothrive.org.uk](http://www.borntothrive.org.uk).

**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.

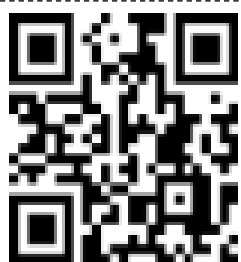
**Servers and Serving:** Thank you to our servers at both churches. ***We'd love a few more!*** See Fr Stephen at Our Lady's or St Peter's or Bob the Master of Ceremonies at St Peter's.

**Baptism Preparation:** It would be great to have parishioners involved in this. Please consider helping. Please see Fr Stephen. 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. We are looking at making use of lay help in the new year.

**Mass Intentions:** Please be aware there is currently a large amount of Mass Intentions to be said. Therefore the earliest availability will be from the start of March onwards, if you have submitted a Mass Intention and it has yet to be said please rest assured it will be said as soon as possible.

**Church Heating** The Christmas break means no more news about our boilers let alone any actual work. St Peter's was supposed to have been contacted by our engineers last week, but despite our reminding them no engineer phoned. At Our Lady's, we await the engineer's visit. The sudden change last week from sub-zero temperatures to plus 13 degrees brought condensation problems as the warm, damp air met the cold walls or our churches. St Peter's now has dehumidifiers running, and of course, gas heaters create water vapour as they work... The grey runs on the church walls simply remind us that the interior has been in need of redecoration for a while, but we must concentrate on the heating first. It seems other churches in Leamington have heating problems too this winter, whether Catholic or not. The presbytery has had frozen pipes, but, thank goodness, they were caught before any damaging burst created a torrent. Onwards and up wards!

**The New Year** Another year of God's grace to come! Much to do to look after our buildings and much to do to continue building the Kingdom of God in Leamington and Lillington. Thank you for your support of the parishes, their priest and the mission of the Church! God bless you in 2023



**The QR code** for today'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**

#### **11th December 2022**

1st Collection: **SP:** £349.81 & **OL:** £185.80

2nd Coll.: Church Maintenance **SP:** £219.88 & **OL:** £95.45

This weekend - Your Christmas Gift to the Clergy

***Thank you for your generosity***

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Clare Banner, Edward Behan, John Bell, Sean Bell, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Patrick Campbell, Mary Craig, Peter Curran, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sheila Ireland, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Zainab Lawless, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Philip Morris, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Caleb O'Neill, Fr. Malcolm Prince, Patricia Robinson, Fr. Tony Rohan, Cyril Sheard, Peter Simmons, Marjorie Smedley, Margaret Smith, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright, Mary Yapp & 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***

**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.

Dear Parishioners

As we celebrate Christmas we rejoice in what is both a simple story of love and yet an event that changes everything. A husband and wife welcome into their lives a Child, a Child whom both have been told through the message of an angel, is the Saviour of the world, God the Son. The love of Mary and Joseph, as husband and wife, is a human reflection of the infinite love that God has for His people. This love is shown by that Child, coming to earth as one of us. He lives, dies and rises again that we who live and die may too rise again. This is the news of great joy that the angels sing of, the shepherds go to see and the Magi arrive to worship.

Over the past few Sundays, the figures of Mary and Joseph have been moving through the church towards the stable. The journey of the expectant Mary and her husband Joseph is mirrored in our own expectant journey through Advent. The ox and ass have been in the stable all along, unaware of the imminent arrival of so great a Guest. The shepherds huddle on the hillside: the arrival of the angels with the joyful news of the Christ's birth will draw them to the stable. Like all these, we have watched and waited. But we know the story of Christmas and what happens because of it. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and may our expectant journey of faith, hope and love mean that we find in Him all that Mary and Joseph knew, the shepherds gazed on, and the Magi worshipped.

A very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas to you all!

May the infant Christ bless us all,

Fr Stephen



**A VERY HAPPY AND A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS YOU ALL.**

May the infant Christ bring blessings to our hearts and homes, our families and friends,  
and to all who are in need this Christmas.

*Fr Stephen and everyone at the Presbytery*

**THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US**