

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 19th November 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 19th November <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:</i> <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Murphy & Travers Families RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Hilary Barry RIP; Holy Souls Teresa Sharp RIP; Eileen O'Toole RIP
Monday 20th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Geoffrey Lawson
Tuesday 21st <i>Mem. of the Presentation of the BVM</i>	~	10am Mass	Mary & Cyril Pepper RIP
Wednesday 22nd <i>Mem. of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr.</i>	9am Funeral Mass	~	Requiem: Peter Curran RIP
Thursday 23rd Opt. Mem. of St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr.	10am Mass	~	Michael James Murphy RIP
Friday 24th <i>Mem. of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr., & Companions, Martyrs</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy 7-8pm Holy Hour	~	Lily Lucey's Birthday Ints.
Saturday 25th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	Confession 9.15am 10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 26th Solemnity of Christ the King <i>National Youth Day</i>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Margaret & Denis Fitzmaurice Joe & Maureen Martin; Martin Wall

Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash: 10am & 5:30pm. Details on their website: stjoseph47.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Claire Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sandra Hunt, Sheila Ireland, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Philip Morris, Michael Mulcahy, Jo Murphy, Andrew Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Fr. Malcolm Prince, Fr. Tony Rohan, Margaret Smith, John & Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Margaret Thornton, 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, help of the sick, pray for them.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Margaret Grayling, 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, Kathryn Smith, Teresa Halikowska-Smith, Patrick O'Mahony, Archbishop McIntyre, Cn. Philip Coyne, Fr. Bernard Boulton, Fr. Gerry Jackson, Fr. David Higham, Fr. Michael Connolly, Dcn. Pat. Linthwaite. **The recently deceased:** Paul Turley, Kathleen McNally, David Grayling, Alice Waterfield, Peter Curran, Betty Cheverton, Robert Bailey, Monica Gaffney. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.**

SAFEGUARDING The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Our Lady's** Claire Walsh email sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **The Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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St Joseph's: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswhitnash>



NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

'We must empty purgatory with our prayers'. St Padre Pio

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WELCOME TO MASS We gather as the Church, called and nourished by Jesus Christ.

Wisdom—as last Sunday—is discussed in the readings today. Whatever the attributes of a good wife, it is her wisdom that is to be praised most of all. To show wisdom, she must of course have the freedom to act and to decide. This is no docile, silent woman!

And what is the wise thing to do with what God has given us? Use it! The final servant who simply buries the money the master gave him to trade with, is harshly punished. But the master is also capable of great generosity to those who show the wisdom to use what they had been given. Not to engage with loving God and our neighbour with the gifts we possess and the resources we have, is simply to ignore them. And ignorance isn't wisdom.

God bless, *Fr Stephen*

TODAY IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: when we are reminded that keeping everyone safe—young or old—is everyone's responsibility. We thank our safeguarding reps for their voluntary work helping to make church a safe place. Their details are on the front page of this sheet.

THE QR CODE FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Simply scan on your smart phone. This works for every day.



STUDENTS: Welcome! We are blessed to have you with us.

ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM: is on YouTube click here—[St Peter's Leamington Spa - YouTube](#)

HOLY COMMUNION: If you are not a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, or an Orthodox unable to attend an Orthodox Liturgy, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of *unity in the faith*. Communion is not bread and wine, but the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son. Let us pray for true unity among all Christians, as God wills. As for Catholics, we need always to remember the truth of the Blessed Sacrament and receive Jesus with care, attention and reverence. *Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!*

BLESSING OF GRAVES: The annual Blessing of Graves at Leamington Cemetery will be on **TODAY at 2.30pm.**

SPAN: Today we launch our Christmas Voucher appeal, see www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span for details. In Nov we sent £200 to CAFOD for Darfur, £500 to Children of the Dump in the Philippines and £500 to World Medical Fund for mobile clinics in Malawi. We were very impressed hearing about the work of 'Young People First' in South Leamington - see minutes.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The SVP needs help again to provide Christmas Hampers for needy families in the area. Boxes are at the back of church for donations of non-perishable food items e.g. tinned, packeted, dried food, bottled and tinned soft drinks, chocolates, snacks, biscuits, mince pies, puddings, crackers. Games and jigsaws also. The deadline is **10 Dec.**

THE DIOCESAN VISION There will be a local meeting to begin to implement the Vision in the Warwick area on **Mon 20 Nov 7pm** at **St Joseph's, Whitnash.** Each parish has official representatives but the meeting is open to all.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: A warm place to meet for company, refreshments (including soup and rolls), and a variety of activities - Tuesdays 12-3pm. A warm welcome in a warm place. Do come!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: We are praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet with intercessions at the Foot of the Cross every Friday from 3—3.30pm in St. Peter's. Heavenly Father, for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Please join us.

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: Next Sat 1 - 4 pm. Donations of goods can be brought to the hall during Pastimes, Tues 12-3pm. We currently need bottles for the tombola and for the Water or Wine stall.

Draw tickets now available £5 a book—prizes of £100, £50 and £25.

HOLY HOUR LED BY THE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: is on **Fri 24 Nov, 7-8pm** at **St. Peter' Church.** There will be Adoration, Hymns, Confession, Bible Readings, and Benediction. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall. All Parishioners are welcome!

ST PETER'S BOILERS: ONLY TWO MORE SUNDAYS WITHOUT HEATING! Installation has been confirmed as this Thursday and it should dall be up and running in the week starting 4 Dec22 Nov. Donations may be made via the QR code, through the website , your own la-

belled envelope or via —<https://gofund.me/d4561fac> or in the occasional second collections for church maintenance. We have now raised just over £52,484.75. *Thank you very much indeed.*

ST PETER'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP: In aid of school funds on 4 Dec. Details [here](#) if you are reading this online, or ask at school in person.

FRIDAY LUCHEON CLUB: Fri 8 Dec 1pm, Christmas lunch, at Whittles, Binswood Av, Leamington. See notice in porch for details and to sign up, which must be done by 1 Dec.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY: 9 Dec in St. Peter's hall **IS CANCELLED.**

OUR LADY'S 100 CLUB In January we are starting a 100 club in aid of the church maintenance fund. Sue Sugars will be in the church hall each Sunday after Mass or you can contact me on 07950144450. £12 per year for each number, 2 prizes each month; 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15. Draws will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month starting Jan 28. The more numbers you have the better chance of winning!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *First Communion* classes will begin in January. *Confirmation* Classes will begin in April. These will take place at Our Lady's and be led by our team of catechists. Please contact Mary Rouse for full details and to enroll your child - maryrouse@rocketmail.com

DEANERY VISITATION: Our Visitation (both Our Lady's and St Peter's) will be on **27 & 28 Jan 2024.**

WALKING TOGETHER 'DEEPENING FAITH' GROUP: propose to start in the new year a weekly series of 3/4-hour meetings to study and reflect on the readings of the following Sunday's mass. If interested, please contact Jonathan Holden (jaholden@virginmedia.com or 01926 420045) to explore the day and time preferred.

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** to volunteer

PARKING AT OUR LADY'S: While the health centre is being constructed next to Our Lady's Church, *parking is very limited.* Please park without giving local residents any reason to complain. The closure if the church drive for 2 weeks complicates things further. *Thank you.*

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: St. Peter's - 1st: £427.90, 2nd (Church Boilers) £279.23, Our Lady's - 1st: £248.78, 2nd (Church Maintenance) £231.66. 2nd Collection this weekend for SP: Church Boilers, OL: Church Maintenance *Thank you!*

DONATING TO ST PETER'S: You may give online via the website OR by simply scanning this QR code on your smart phone. You can also pay at the piety stall by smart phone.



Thank you

ST PETER'S HALL The hall is *open for hire* by groups and people who are not connected to the parish. *We need bookings* as currently the hall loses us money every week. Hourly rate £40, discount for all day bookings. Email hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk

NOTE: parish organisations are *not* subject to this rate.

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON WEBSITE: Could *you* look after it? Help is needed to maintain the site. Please volunteer to Fr Stephen

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LORD GOD, your Son Jesus Christ took flesh and trod the soil of His homeland. We pray for all who live on that same soil today that hatred and violence may be replaced by justice and peace. Turn savage hearts from the way of death and let Your message of peace and life be heard once again as it was on the hills of Bethlehem at Jesus's birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr Stephen is necessary so that the canonical and civil processes can be explained and correctly followed. Couples need to give at least six months' notice.

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Stephen *in person* at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few simple facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.