

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

Solemnity of Christ the King: Sunday 26th November 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 26th November <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</i> <i>National Youth Day</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	The People of the Parish
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Margaret & Denis Fitzmaurice; Holy Souls Joe & Maureen Martin; Martin Wall
Monday 27th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Lily Lucey's Birthday Intentions; Lucy Pietersz' Birthday Ints.;
Tuesday 28th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	<u>Mass at St. Joseph's— 9:30am</u>
Wednesday 29th <i>Feria.</i>	10am Mass	~	Deceased Members of the Cummings Family
Thursday 30th <i>Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	11am Mass	~	<i>Requiem: Alice Waterfield RIP</i>
Friday 1st December <i>Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Pr., Martyr</i>	11am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy	~	Sicilia Bl. De Rozari's Intentions; Kitty & Jack Ryan RIP
Saturday 2nd <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	Confession 9.15am 10am Mass Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~ ~	Holy Souls Mary & Tom Beirne RIP; Eileen Lawless RIP
SUNDAY 3rd <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Holy Souls Jay Kathan RIP; Ancy Kattady

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: Brian Hughes, Kathleen Lowe, Kathryn Smith, Teresa Halikowska-Smith, Patrick O'Mahony, Anne Carter, Ann-Marie Dell, Patrick Mulvey, Giovanni Adamo, Archbishop Masterson, Archbishop Ilsley, Canon Augustine Emery, Fr. Edward Nary, Fr. Reginald Anwyl, Fr. Norman Miller, Fr. Peter Rogers. **The recently deceased:** Fr. Sean Turley, Paul Turley, Kathleen McNally, David Grayling, Alice Waterfield, Peter Curran. **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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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, to thank God for His mercy shown to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Both the mercy and love of God and the power and glory of God are revealed in today's gospel. There is much going on here: a reminder of the Day of Judgement when Christ will come again in glory and a reminder of how we should see in Jesus our brothers and sisters in need. We cannot love Him and ignore them. In His love and humility Christ identifies Himself with the needy. And finally, let us not forget our own need of Christ our King—a need He gladly fills if we but strive to be His faithful subjects, revelling in His loving and merciful kingship.

God bless, *Fr Stephen*

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



STUDENTS: *You are very welcome!* Do say hello and ask if you need anything.

ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM: —[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!*

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, AND YOUTH SUNDAY We celebrate Jesus as the King of the Universe that we may be His loving and faithful subjects, building His kingdom of love, justice and peace. It is also Youth Sunday, a day to pray for the young people of the Church.

YOUTH WORK IN LEAMINGTON AND WARWICK: The three local priests have met Maria Bracken, diocesan youth worker, to discuss what we might do in the area. We have created a *'Come and See'* evening in the New Year to help develop youth ministry in Leamington and Warwick. If you are interested in parish youth provision, join us on Feb 1 to find out what could be possible! St Mary Immaculate, Warwick. 7.30- 8.30pm

ADVENT "SPRING" CLEAN: Can you spare just an hour after 9.15 am Mass at OL today to help spruce up the Church ready for Advent? Whether you'd prefer to help tidy up the external grounds or with cleaning inside, please gather in the Lower Hall after Mass. If you can bring gardening or cleaning equipment with you, please do. Refreshments provided before we get started!

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 Fri from 3—3.30 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 BOILERS: ONLY ONE MORE SUNDAY WITHOUT HEATING!

Installation began last Wednesday and it should all be up and running within ten days. Donations may be made by the QR code, the website, your own labelled envelope or via — <https://gofund.me/d4561fac> or in the occasional second collections for church maintenance. We have now raised almost £55,000. *Thank you very much indeed.*



CURRY NIGHT: A huge Thank you to all those involved in the recent Curry Night, which took place at St. Peter's Hall. A grand total of £1,550 was raised for the Church Boilers.

ADVENT REFLECTION: A 'journey' of preparation in St Peter's Church. Arrive any time 2nd December between 2.30pm and 4.45pm.

OUR LADY'S ADVENT CRAFTS: Come along between 2.30pm and 5.30pm 2nd December for 'hands on' making and doing.

NEXT SUNDAY: is **Advent Sunday**. The Church's year turns and reminds us of God's promised fulfilled in God's good time as we reflect on the promise of Christ's first coming and the certainty of His second.

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 this Friday.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: will be as last year. 3.30pm Vigil Mass SP, 9pm SP, Midnight OL, 9.15am OL, 11.15am SP

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. Drawn on the fourth Sunday of the month from Jan 28.

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.

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: Thank you to all who worked so hard to organise this, and to all who supported it.

THE CURRY NIGHT: A big *thank you* to Toni and the Indian community for hosting a great night! *Thank you* to all who came and enjoyed it. £1550 was raised for the boiler fund!

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 of the church drive for another week complicates things further. *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. **Note:** parish organisations are *not* subject to this rate. Email hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk

CAFOD: The wonderful World Gifts Catalogue are available in church. Buy a chicken, medical care or a range of other practical gifts for those struggling in developing countries.

SPAN: Christmas Supermarket Voucher Appeal please use the green envelopes which can be Gift Aided or our JustGiving page <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanappealchristmas23>

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 and games and jigsaws also, by **10 Dec**.

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: St. Peter's - 1st: £451.85, 2nd (Church Boilers) £314.60, Our Lady's - 1st: £234.70, 2nd (Church Maintenance) £195.57 2nd Collection this weekend at both Churches for: Catholic Youth Service *Thank you!*

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.