

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Sunday 6th December 2020

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St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 5th December Vigil (Open Masses Resume)

SP: 5:00: Eduvignes Esguerra

Sunday 6th

2nd Sunday of Advent (Yr. B.)

SP 11:00: Olimpio Brito Silva
Mary & Noel McGivern

Monday 7th

SP: 8:00am: Sheila Skidmore

Tuesday 8th

SP 11:00: Christa-Marie Cross

Wednesday 9th

SP: 12:00: Ted & Lucie Gavan

Thursday 10th

SP 11:00: Margaret Healy

Friday 11th

SP 12:00: Joe & Maureen Martin

Saturday 12th Vigil

SP: 9:30: People of the Parish

OL 12:30: Simon and Kevin Daly

SP: 5:00: Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;
Mary Bridget Collins

Sunday 13th Gaudete Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent

SP 11:00: Peter & Bridget Woods and James & Marguerite Keegan;
Eithne Dunne

St Joseph's

Sunday 6th December

2nd Sunday of Advent (Yr B)

9:00: The Moran & Horan Families

5:30: June Arran RIP

Monday 7th

7:00: Hughie Gallagher;

Hugh Pollock RIP

Tuesday 8th

9:30: Mary McCaul

Olwyn Walker

Thursday 10th

7:00: Ann Maher RIP;

June Arran RIP

Friday 11th

9:30: Elaine Murphy RIP;

Esme Potter RIP Birthday Memories

Saturday 12th

9:30: Eric Craig RIP;

Mary Bridget Collins

Sunday 13th Gaudete Sunday

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9:00: The Intentions of the Lean Family

5:30: Fred Cowell

Saints of the week

Monday 7th December:

Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 8th December

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 9th December

Opt. Memorial of St. John Diego Cuahltlatotzin

Thursday 10th December

Opt. Memorial of St. Edmund Jennings, Priest, Martyr

Friday 11th December

Opt. Memorial of St. Damascus I, Pope

Saturday 12th December

Opt. Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Confessions:

At **St Joseph's** : On Request

At **St. Peter's**: At call after Mass

The Hour of Encounter:

At St. Peter's: Mondays and Fridays 7pm - 8pm

Open to Parishioners. A time of guided prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction.

Christmas Mass Times

St Peter's 24th December Christmas Eve : 1pm, 3.30pm, 5pm, 10pm

25th December Christmas Day 8am, 9am, 11 am

St Joseph's 24th December Christmas Eve : 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.30 pm

25th December Christmas Day : 9 am.

Our Lady's 24th December Christmas Eve : 11 pm

25th December Christmas Day : 10 am

Please Note there is no need to book Weekend Masses

The recently deceased of our churches:

Patrick Murphy, Josephine Williams, Harry & Margaret Holland, Edith Durkin, June Arran, Rosalie Dwyer, Teresa McAndrew, Michael Nolan, James McNally

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick : Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Clare Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Luke Sweeney, 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

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candles burns for **Mrs Mary Bridget Collins RIP**
The Our Lady Altar candle burns for **Mrs Mary Bridget Collins RIP**

Dear Parishioners,

One of my favourite Marian prayers is the eleventh century hymn 'Alma Redemptoris Mater' (Loving Mother of our Saviour). It was written for the season of advent, reflecting the deep truth that this holy season is Mary's season.

During these four weeks of advent we enter into the final period of Our Lady's waiting. She is the "Mother of Him who thee from nothing made," who we unite ourselves with during the final month of her pregnancy. We journey with Mary, together waiting to celebrate the joy of our Saviours birth.

Our Lady would have surely experienced a mixture of emotions during those nine months. She never expected to conceive a child, let alone be chosen to be the Mother of God. It must have been daunting for her to tell her spouse St Joseph what had happened. She must at times have been worried about the wellbeing of her baby and carried all the concerns mothers carry for their children.

But what about her joy? My favourite line of the Alma Redemptoris Mater is when it describes that joy Mary experienced, that joy which Gabriel brought her. Advent is for us also a time of joyful expectation if we journey through it alongside Our Lady.

I have included this beautiful hymn below for your prayer. I hope you are all having a blessed advent.

With my prayers,
Fr Benedict

*Mother of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and Portal of the sky!
Mother of Him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.*

Christmas Mass Availability

St Peter's	St. Peter's	Our Lady's
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Christmas Eve
1pm: 91 Spaces	8am: 97 Spaces	11pm: 97 Spaces
3.30pm: 91 Spaces	9am: 98 Spaces	Christmas Day
5pm: 91 Spaces	11am: 92 Spaces	10am: 96 Spaces
10pm: 89 Spaces		

St Joseph's

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: 2:30pm, 5:30pm & 8:30pm

Christmas Day: 9am & 11am

Numbers are limited and therefore it is essential that you book in advance to attend these Masses, by emailing or telephoning the Parish Office.

Confessions will be heard on request.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.

We are very grateful to our Stewards and Cleaners as without their help we would be unable to open the Church to the Public at any times.

Christmas Cards: There is a selection of Christmas cards & gifts in the Narthex, please put the money in the Piety box on the wall.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 31st January onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
**James Hannan ,
Birthday Memories**

New Email Addresses: Please remember to use the new email addresses at the top of the Newsletter as the old ones are no longer in use.

There will be a **Second Collection** this weekend (6 December) for the **Poor Parishes**.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Harry Hawkes, Bridget McNulty, Brigid Stokes, Derek Smith, Jan Iwanikiw, William Desay, Gerard Parker, Patrick Meade, Margaret Bell, Maria De Sousa-Monteiro, Ruth Paget, Mary Collins, John Farrell, David Scannell, Maria Venuto, Michael Daly, Cornelius Cullinane, Mary O'Driscoll, Patty Desay, James Curtin, Betty Ward, Eric Craig, Mgr. Canon Francis Drinkwater, Canon Joseph Walsh, Fr. Liam MacFarlane, Fr. Horace Relph, Fr. Michael Knight, Fr. William Warner, Fr. Anthony Kane, Fr. George Rafferty, Fr. Thomas McMorrough, Fr. Jerome O'Flynn, Fr. Hugh Molloy, Fr. Vincent Lucas, Fr. George Gallacher, Fr. William Browne. **May they rest in peace.**

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's & Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

First Holy Communion Programme 2021 for children who attend non Catholic Schools: Parents of children who are now in Year 3 or above who attend non Catholic Schools please contact the parish office stperaposle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk marked First Holy Communion 2021 to register your child for this programme.

The Course will be run via Zoom. It will begin at 2.30 pm on Saturday afternoon and each session will last for approximately half an hour. It is 20 sessions in total, excluding all school holidays. Parents will receive a package via email each week before the session with everything they will need ie prayers, home task, etc.

The Enrolment Mass for new candidates will be on Saturday 9th January. Reconciliation Service and First Confession on 6th March. First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 19th June.

Second Collection: There will be a Second Collection today for the Church Christmas Flowers, please place money either in the Collection box marked Christmas Flowers or Post through the Presbytery letterbox. There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Apostleship of the Sea Thank you.

Hour of Encounter: You are invited to join in a guided Holy Hour every Monday and Friday evening - 7pm -8pm. This time of Eucharistic Adoration will involve readings from Scripture and a short homily, all focused on the Season of Advent. The time of Prayer will conclude with Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction. Come and encounter to the Lord who loved you so much that He became man. Join on Live Stream and **from Friday, the Church will also be open during this time.**

St. Patricks Catholic School Christmas Appeal: This week at St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School we have launched our Christmas Fundraising Appeal to raise £1,300-00 so that we can continue to provide a bagel to each child every day for the next year. For the past year our children have been provided with a hot buttered bagel as they walk through the school gates each morning. Funding has been provided by the National School Breakfast Programme, delivered in partnership with two charities, Family Action and Magic Breakfast and was funded by the DFE. Unfortunately, that funding will end at Christmas. This means that we will no longer be able to provide our children with bagels. We know that children learn better when they are not hungry and that food is the fuel for learning. Are you able to help us continue to provide bagels for the next year? There have been lots of requests this year for funds and we would appreciate any donation you are able to make, no matter how small. To make a donation please visit our Crowdfunding page at www.rocketfund.org/magic-breakfast-no-child-too-hungry-to-learn

Young Adult's 'Christmas Quiz and Festive Fun': (for those aged 16-30yrs) at 5pm on 14th December - the feast day of Saint John of the Cross. Please check out the Facebook group on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/949489832168594>. Message Rose for meeting deets.

200 Club December Draw: 1st - #188 - £150 - Pat Walsh, 2nd - #180 - £50 - Philomena Watts, 3rd - #268 - £20 - Carol Bowler and 4th - #70 - £10 - J. Lampitt. Congratulations to the winners!

The Christian Life Community invites you: to our Virtual Information Evening by ZOOM on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. We are a world-wide organisation for lay people, who meet in small groups, currently virtually, for helping them with prayer, sharing their faith with others and exploring how to live their lives on a daily basis in the spirit of the gospel and for mutual support. We would like to offer the opportunity to Christians to experience this way of life by setting up new virtual groups by Zoom for the area. For more information, or for the Zoom link, contact:- Peter Dimambro, mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk 01926 428399.

ACTA: A number of Parishioners in Catholic Leamington are members of ACTA and have attended meetings of the Birmingham Archdiocese branch over the years. Now that we have moved to virtual sessions every month or two, it is easier for members and any others interested to attend them. The next Zoom meeting is on Sunday 13th December at 1:45pm for a 2pm start, when the theme will be Fratelli Tutti, the latest papal encyclical. David McLoughlin (Emeritus Fellow in Christian Theology at Newman University) will speak on "Pope Francis' vision of the roles of faith and politics in maintaining a Peaceful shared planet." Existing members and any others interested are welcome to register for this online conference by emailing actabhm@gmail.com and they will be sent the Zoom link.

The Sower Magazine: Is now available for advent at the back of Church or alternatively go to: www.birminghamdoocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine

Toy Appeal 2020: Despite a number of restrictions we managed to gather toys and wrapping paper for distribution to local children via the FoodBank again this year. In order to abide by lockdown rules we focused our request for donations on local companies Calor, Kantor, Godiva and hairdressers Nashwhite as well as Trinity School. All gave generously for which we are amazingly grateful. The appeal is now ended.

SPAN Christmas Voucher Appeal: SPAN say a big THANK YOU for helping us surpass last year's fund raising target. Well done Catholic Leamington. See the December EXTRA for details about giving.

St. Peter's Piety Shop: The Piety shop is open and located under the Choir loft. In stock are all your Christmas needs including Christmas Cards, Mass Bouquet Cards, Christmas Candles, Walk With Me Booklets and much more. Please do have a look when entering or exiting the Church.

Walk With Me Booklets: The Walk With Me booklets are now available from the Piety shop under the Choir Loft when the Church is open for Private Prayer. Please could we ask that you pay £1 for them please place the money in the Piety basket. They are usually given out for free, however we can not cover the cost this year. Thank you.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Rosary intention for December is: 'We pray for the lonely at this time of family gatherings: may we remember that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family.'

EXTRA NEWSLETTER The December edition is now available on the NEWSLETTER page of the website at catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter Content includes Youth and Young Adults, Advent Prayer, St Peter's Choir/Our Lady's Singers, SPAN, Evangelisation, Prisoners in Lockdown, Kindaid news, DVD for over 60s, A commitment to act, Youth 2000, Nuclear Weapons, Food Bank and last but not least, Christmas greetings to everyone.