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Sunday 8 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent: Year A

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SAT 7 DEC <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	OL	12.30	Deceased Looney Family & Mary Beausang
VIGIL MASSES	SP	5.00	John Wheeler Monica McVeigh
SUN 8 DEC	SJ	9.00	Rod Tranter RIP Parents & Brothers RIP (EH)
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)	OL	10.00	The People of the Parish
	SP	11.00	Derek Smith Stuart Cameron Smith
	SJ	5.30	Marie Kelly RIP
MON 9 DEC <i>The Immaculate Conception of Mary</i>	SP	10.00	Thanksgiving
	SJ	7.00	Marie Kelly RIP
TUE 10 DEC <i>Advent Feria</i>	Sch.	9.15	St. Patrick's School Mass
	SJ	9.30	Justin Whelehan RIP
	SP	12.30	Noreen Murphy
WED 11 DEC <i>Advent Feria</i>	OL	10.00	Mary Morgan
	SP	12.30	Patrick Hughes
THU 12 DEC <i>Advent Feria</i>	SP	12.30	<u>Requiem:</u> Carmel West
	SP	5.00	<u>Reception:</u> Lynn Parker
	SJ	7.00	Kathleen Stanley Fr Arul Samy's Intentions
FRI 13 DEC <i>St Lucy</i>	SJ	9.30	Rod Tranter RIP
	OL	10.00	Mary Keeney's Intentions
	SP	12.30	<u>Requiem:</u> Lynn Parker
SAT 14 DEC <i>St John of the Cross</i>	SJ	9.30	Special Intentions
	SP	10.00	John Earl
	OL	12.30	David Dunbar Simon Kevin Daly
	SP	5.00	Maria Alice Spencer João Vaz
SUN 15 DEC	SJ	9.00	Ernestine D'Souza RIP Paddy O'Malley RIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)	OL	10.00	Eithne Dunne Peter & Rosemary McGovern
	SP	11.00	Richard Chidzik Tony Sullivan
		5.30	Robin Harris RIP

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON 9	
9.30 SJ	Mother & Toddler Group, Hall
TUES 10	
1.00 SP	NO Pastimes this week. St Peter's is hosting the Deanery Christmas Lunch.
WED 11	
9.30 SJ	Art Group, Hall
5.00 SJ	UNITE youth club for those in school years 5 to 11 (until 6.30)
FRI 13	
9.30 SP	Play on the Rock toddler group
10.00 SJ	Coffee & Cake, Hall
10.10 SJ	Lectio Divina, SJ Presbytery
SUN 15	
10.00 SJ	Monty's Christmas Party
1.00 SP	Parish Christmas Lunch

CONFESSIONS
Sat. SP: 9.15; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45; SP: 4.15

EXPOSITION
Sun. SP: 3.00; Mon. SJ 6.30; Fri. SJ: 8.30; OL: 10.30; SP: 11.00; Sat. SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00

ROSARY
Mon. (Novena to Our Lady) SJ: 6.30; Tues. & Fri. SJ: 9.10; Tues.-Fri. SP: Noon

MORNING PRAYER
Wed. & Fri. OL: 9.40; Sat. SJ: 9.15; SP: 9.40

KEY:

OL – Our Lady's, Lillington;

SJ – St Joseph's, Whitnash;

SP – St Peter's, Leamington

We pray for **Gaspard de Truchis de Varennes** who is being baptised at St Peter's today. May the Lord keep him in His care always. Amen.



Recently deceased

Mary St. John, Billie Hoare, Carmel West and Lynn Parker.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Anniversaries: Annette Jarolyn, Margaret Burns, Cynthia McCarthy, George Crawford, Christina Clewes, David Scannell, Patty Desay, Maria Venuto, James Curtin, Michael Daly, Betty Ward, Cornelius Cullinane, Eric Craig, Stephen Rogerson, Stephen Mason, Rev Thomas McMorro, Rev Jerome O'Flynn, Rev Hugh Molloy, Canon Joseph Walsh, Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Drinkwater, Rev George Gallacher, Rev William Browne, Rev Cyril Barlow, Rev John Griffith, Rev Joseph Rowland, Rev Denis Ryan.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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.

Dear Parishioners

Dear Parishioners, I hope the Advent season is going well and that the *Walk with Me* booklets and *The God Who Speaks* resources are proving to be spiritually beneficial. I would imagine this week we will in some ways be distracted from our Advent journey by Thursday's General Election. At the presbytery here in Whitnash I have been visited by canvassers campaigning for various candidates, each promoting the good of their chosen party and why it is in my best interests to vote for them. I am sure you also have had one or two callers. This canvassing reminded me of a time in the Church when the priest would visit families in the Parish on a regular basis, canvassing for Christ as it were!! I am also reminded of the great work that societies such as the SVP and Legion of Mary do in visiting people in our parishes up and down the country. Maybe in this important week for our country we can just remember the season of Advent and remember that each one of us is a canvasser for Christ. Every blessing Fr Andy.

Catholic Leamington

The Parish Christmas Lunch is next **Sunday 15 December**: a traditional 3-course meal (incl. a drink) £12.00 pp (£6.00 under 14s). Vegetarian/vegan options available **but please book this in advance** on 07780 543976.

Giovanna needs **more helpers** to serve/clear on the day (in return for a free meal! Sign up sheets can be found in each church.

General Election: As Catholics, Pope Francis reminds us that we have a shared responsibility for our neighbours and our world. Ensure the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth is heard. You will find copies of a briefing produced by CAFOD and CSAN (*Catholic Social Action Network*) in all our churches. Or visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/2019-general-election-statement-and-bishops-plenary/>

SPAN donations last week: Gift Aid £610.00 (including £550.00 for Christmas Vouchers); General £54.07; Crisis in Africa: £42.18; Christmas Vouchers £210.00. Thank you.

For family and friends who are ill, please remember to add their names to the Parish Sick List if they so wish. This gives the parish

The Christmas edition of Newsletter EXTRA is now available. Make sure to take your copy.

However there is a BIG ERROR ...

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIME AT ST JOSEPH'S: 9.00, not 10.00 am.

Apologies for this slip-up on the part of the editorial team.

community a chance to add its prayers to your own. Green consent forms are available in churches.

Confession and First Holy Communion Preparation for our children across Catholic Leamington who

are not in Catholic schools will start next term. Please register candidates this term by emailing marygrayling@gmail.com. Sessions start after the Christmas holiday (**Saturday 11 January**) after 12.30pm Mass at Our Lady's Church.

Job Opportunity for Church & Community Missioner. See the Church noticeboards for details

Confirmation preparation for those not in Catholic schools will start in the New Year. Registration will open after Christmas. Please look out for further notices or contact Mary Rouse on maryrouse@rocketmail.com

Justice & Peace December Rosary Intention: We pray that our political actions will help to build a better world.

Our Lady's & St Peter's

St Peter's Choir Christmas concert is a wonderful

way to prepare for Christmas, with scriptural readings and carols old and new. Join us on **Sunday 15 December** at 7.30 pm in the church and sing with us! Free entry. Retiring collection for Helping Hands and Warwickshire Air Ambulance. Wine and nibbles in the hall afterwards.

200 club December Draw: 1st prize £150.00 Brian Austin; 2nd prize £50.00 Clare Curran; 3rd prize £20.00 Ciara Healy; 4th prize £10.00 R. Cotter. Congratulations to the winners!

Mass setting, SP 11.00am: *Mass of Christ the Saviour*. The Motet is *Ave Verum Corpus*, by Byrd.

There is NO Pastimes this week as St Peter's is hosting the Warwick Deanery Clergy Meeting and Lunch.

Pastimes Book Group takes a break over the Christmas period and will next meet on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 2.00 pm in St Peter's Main Hall. New readers always welcome.

APF Red Box Appeal: It is now time to drop in your Red Boxes either at St. Peter's in the Piety Shop or please give to the priest after Mass at Our Lady's. The last date for dropping off is Sunday 22nd December 2019. Many thanks for your continued support.

Tales of the unexpected: Happiness is ... having my back massaged by the Boss' feet, he wishes that I could do the same for him. Best woofs, Bertie :-)) xx

Attendance: 650 **Offertory**: SP £906.84 / OL £328.50 **Second Collection**: SP £413.95 / OL £152.35 **Church Maintenance** **Second Collection today**: Poor Parishes Fund **Second Collection next week**: Church Maintenance **SP Cleaning Team 3**

St Joseph's

Thank you to all who helped to sponsor Conor who is going to the Euro Scouting Jamboree. The Pattison family is very grateful.

Mass on Monday the 16th will be at 9:30 am as the School Carol Concert is in the evening. The Mass is followed by the full dress rehearsal for the concert and the school extends a warm invitation to parishioners to come along and watch our talented children.

Readers and ministers everyone should have collected their rotas by now. Any problems please see Jan.

Volunteer Sheets are in the Narthex for the Christmas Masses. Please volunteer where possible. Thank you.

This Sunday afternoon the parish is delighted to host the Midland Region of Comhaltas Ceolteóirí Éireann who are holding their AGM in the Parish Hall. We welcome these visitors from across the country. For details on Irish music classes locally, please email irishtadmusic4all@gmail.com

Cake donations: I'm on the lookout for cake donations for Monty's Christmas Party. These can be left in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you in advance :-)

Christmas Raffle: Raffle tickets (in aid of the Building Fund) are on sale **after Mass**. Family Christmas baubles are also available to buy after Mass. Any support greatly appreciated.

Lectio Divina is this **Friday, 20 December**, in the Presbytery at 10.10 am.

200 Club: next collection & draw is today. There will be an extra Christmas prize of £25.00. To join please speak to Anne or Carol about taking out a number for £1.00 per month. All profits go to the Church's Building Fund.

The Leprosy Mission welcomes your contribution of used stamps. Save your Christmas stamps & place in the basket in the Narthex.

Monty's Christmas Party: A morning of fun on **Sunday 15 Dec** from 10.00 am in the Hall. £4.00 per child incl. squash, cookie, party games & a small gift. Drinks and cakes on sale, small toy stall, jewellery stall along with a raffle & the opportunity to buy personalised baubles. You could also win a huge cuddly Santa – if you can guess his favourite number!

All proceeds to the Building Fund. Please let either the school or church office know how many children you are bringing.

After Monty's party, make your way to St Peter's for the **Parish Christmas Lunch**. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

There are letters on the board in Narthex from Fr Hudson's and CAFOD thanking us for our donations.



At St Joseph's
this week, Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **Brendan O'Connell & Jennifer Fennell**

Attendance: 337 **Offertory**: £674.12 Thank you. **Second Collection last week**: £289.59 **Parish Maintenance** **Second Collection today**: Poor Parishes Fund **Second Collection next week**: None **Counters**: C & K (15th)