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Sunday 15 December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent: Year A

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SAT 14 DEC <i>Psalter Week 3</i> VIGIL MASSES	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
	SJ	5.30	Robin Harris RIP
MON 16 DEC <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ	9.30	Marie Kelly RIP
	SP	10.15*	For Faith <i>Trinity School Mass in Church</i>
TUE 17 DEC <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ	9.30	Deceased members of the McSharry & McGarrell Families
	SP	12.30	Lynn Parker
WED 18 DEC <i>Advent feria</i>	SP	9.30	<i>St Peter's School Mass in Church</i>
	OL	10.00	Tom & Family
	SP	12.30	Patrick O'Malley
THU 19 DEC <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ	9.30	<i>St Joseph's School Mass in Church:</i> Persecuted Christians
	SP	12.30	Nora Burns' Intentions
	SP	5.00	Reception: Mary St. John
	SJ	7.00	Intentions of Jill & Cyril Sheard and Sheila & Michael McGreevy
FRI 20 DEC <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ	9.30	Rosaleen Maguire RIP
	OL	10.00	Carmel West
	SP	12.30	Requiem: Mary St. John
	OL	2.00	<i>Our Lady & St Teresa's School Mass in Church</i>
SAT 21 DEC <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ	9.30	Marie Kelly RIP
	SP	10.00	Christine Gibson
VIGIL MASSES	OL	12.30	John McCann Jack & Hannah Daly
	SP	5.00	Kate & Kenneth Briddon Sarah & Mary O'Mullane
SUN 22 DEC	SJ	9.00	Margaret & Charles Buckley RIP Paddy Buckley RIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)	OL	10.00	Peter & Bridget Woods James & Marguerite Keenan
	SP	11.00	Mary & Tom Beirne Winifred Kelly
	SJ	5.30	Joe & Rose McGreevy

Christmas Masses 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY	
3.30 pm St Peter's	8.00 am	St Peter's
5.30 pm St Joseph's	9.00 am	St Joseph's
9.00 pm St Joseph's	10.00 am	Our Lady's
10.00 pm St Peter's	11.00 am	St Peter's
Midnight Our Lady's		

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON 16		CONFESSIONS
9.30 SJ	Mother & Toddler Group , Hall (last session before Christmas; resumes Monday 6 January)	Sat. SP: 9.15; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45; SP: 4.15
TUES 17		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
9.00 SP	Advent Penitential Day in St Peter's Church until 9.00pm	ROSARY Mon. (Novena to Our Lady) SJ: 6.30; Tues. & Fri. SJ: 9.10; Tues.-Fri. SP: Noon
1.00 SP	Pastimes , Hall	MORNING PRAYER Wed. & Fri. OL: 9.40; Sat. SJ: 9.15; SP: 9.40
5.00	St Peter's School Nativity	
WED 18		
9.30 SJ	Art Group , Hall	
9.30	St Anthony's School Christmas Carol Service	
2.00	St Patrick's School Carol Concert	
5.00 SJ	UNITE youth club for those in school years 5 to 11 (until 6.30)	
6.00	St Peter's School Carol Concert	
FRI 20		
9.30 SP	Play on the Rock toddler group (last session before Christmas; resumes Friday 10 January)	
10.00 SJ	Coffee & Cake , Hall	
10.10 SJ	Lectio Divina , SJ Presbytery	

Recently deceased 
Patrick Malvey, Mary St. John, Carmel West and Lynn Parker.
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.

Dear Parishioners

Advent week 3 begins with the Sunday we call Gaudete or Joy to remind us that we have tipped the half way marker and are on the home straight. I am sure we are all busy making plans and ticking off our to do lists? At this busy time of year let us not forget our spiritual 'to do' list and remember to make time to go to confession. St. John the Baptist reminded us last week "Repent for the Kingdom of God is close at hand." True repentance brings joy as we approach the day of The Lord with anticipation. Our day of confession is on **Tuesday 17th December (9am to 9pm)** at St. Peter's Church. The Priests from Warwick Deanery will be on hand to hear confessions. Also this weekend at St Peter's Church, the choir will perform their Christmas concert on Sunday evening at 7.30pm. The choir along with supporting voices tell the story of the nativity through carols, advent hymns, and readings. This event is FREE and is a great way to enter into the spirit of Christmas. We warmly invite our Catholic Leamington Parishioners, friends and families to join us. We look forward to welcoming you all. Every blessing, Fr John.

Catholic Leamington

Sign up now! Burns Night, Saturday 25 January 2020.

This traditional evening celebrating the life and works of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns. Tickets £14.00. You will be entertained by the Piper on arrival, enjoy a three-course meal – including the 'piping in of the haggis' – traditional toasts plus a poetry recital, live music and singing. Numbers are limited to 70 so **reserve a place now** by signing up on the sheets in each of the churches.

Nurturing The Seed is a series of seven sessions, which help us to deepen our experience of God's presence through different ways of praying and also sharing with each other in small groups. It may be that you have experienced ALPHA, a retreat, or simply wish to explore further your prayer life – whatever your reason you are most welcome. It is an ideal start to 2020 – 'The Year of the Word' – which is an invitation to deepen your love of scripture and to discover new ways of hearing the 'God Who Speaks' in your life. The sessions are on Wednesdays (starting 8 January until 19 February) from 7.30–9.00 pm, Davenport Room, St Peter's Hall.

Our Lady's & St Peter's

All altar servers are invited to attend the Mass of the Feast of St Stephen

(Patron Saint of altar servers) on Thurs 26 December and afterwards for a party in the Sacristy. Please bring a plate of food to share.

The Missionary Society of St Columban has written to thank Our Lady's and St Peter's parishioners for their generous contributions to the Society's recent appeal. You gave a total of £809.11.

Pastimes is back this week in the usual place at the usual time! St Peter's Main Hall from 1.00 pm. All welcome to pop in for a quick cuppa or stay and enjoy the friendly company.

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.

More information from Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 or email mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

SPAN donations last week: Gift Aid £50.00; General £274.51; Crisis in Africa: £43.62; Christmas Vouchers £643.00. 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 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.

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.

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 next Sunday, 22 December. Many thanks for your continued support.

On 5th January at 10am: there will be a Mass at Our Lady's for the Altar Servers at which The Guild of St. Stephen medals will be awarded. There will be a small party in the Hall afterwards.

Tales of the unexpected: I've been leaving little hints for Father Christmas and his wife Mary. I also sent them a letter to remind them where I live. It is not a begging letter. The boss says it is an "aide memoire!" He's a bit clever like that. Best woofs, Bertie :-)) xx

We pray for **Mollie Moran** who is being baptised at St Peter's on Sunday 22nd December.

May the Lord keep her in His care always. Amen.



Attendance: 614 **Offertory:** SP £961.28 / OL £203.92 **Second Collection:** SP £458.50 / OL £182.88 **Poor Parishes Fund**
Second Collection today: Christmas Flowers **Second Collection next week:** Church Maintenance **SP Cleaning Team 4**

St Joseph's

Monty's Christmas Party is today in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass. Come along and

enjoy the fun, lots of stalls & games. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for the Christmas Raffle and it's also your last chance to order your Personalised Christmas Bauble. All winners of the Christmas Raffle will be notified after 16 December.

SVP Society: Many thanks to the SVP for all their hard work in preparing festive hampers for the local community.

Ministries at Christmas: There are still one or two gaps for reading and Eucharistic ministry at Christmas. Please do sign up to ensure the smooth running of the Masses.

The **Our Lady's 7 Day Candle** booking sheet is now available in the church for the first 6 months of 2020. Please remember to fill in the sheet as well as an envelope.

Change of Mass Times: Monday 16 December Mass will be at 9.30 due to the School Carol Concert in Church in the evening. **Thursday 19 December** School End of Term Mass will be at 9.30 am. This will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with the evening Mass at 7.00 pm, for St Joseph's Day of Prayer &

Adoration for Vocations.

Methodist Church Car Park: Can I kindly ask that we do not use the Methodist Church Car park on Sundays. Our Methodist friends have a service and they require the spaces for their own congregation. We are very grateful to Rev. Greenwood and the Methodist community for allowing us the use of their car park on Christmas Eve for the Children's Mass & on Christmas Day for the Morning Mass.

Altar Servers: The sign up sheet is in the Sacristy for the Christmas Masses. On St Stephen's Day we will have Mass at 11.00 am and will be enrolling a good number of servers in the Guild of St Stephen.

Welcome: On Friday 27 December we welcome my friend Fr Ralph Duwell from the Diocese of Orlando, Florida, USA. Fr Ralph is the Parish Priest of St Charles Borromeo Church in Orlando. We have been friends for many years and this is his first visit to St Joseph's. I am sure you will make him very welcome. He will be staying for just over two weeks.



At **St Joseph's** this week, Our Lady's Seven Day Candle burns for **Marian Moran**.

Attendance: 327 **Offertory:** £725.60 Thank you. **Second Collection last week:** £373.37 **Poor Parishes Fund**
Second Collection today: None **Second Collection next week:** None **Counters:** A & K 22nd

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, Mgr Bernard Navin, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara, Rev Edmund Motherway.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.