

## CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

# EXTRA

## DECEMBER 2023

## A WARM WELCOME THIS CHRISTMAS in CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

COME AND JOIN US –  
EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

ST PETER APOSTLE: Dormer Place, Leamington, CV32 5AA

OUR LADY'S: Valley Road, Lillington, CV32 7SJ

ST JOSEPH'S: 47 Murcott Road East, Whitnash, CV31 2JJ

### Christmas concert

7pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December at St Peter's—  
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### Christmas mass times

Christmas Eve: Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> December

3:30pm: Vigil Mass at St Peter's

5:30pm: Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

9:00pm: Solemn Vigil Mass at St Peter's with  
choir

10:00pm: Mass of Christmas Night at St Joseph's

Midnight: Midnight Mass at Our Lady's preceded  
by readings and carols at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am: Mass at Our Lady's

10am: Mass at St Joseph's

11.15am: Mass at St Peter's with choir

St Stephen's Day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am: Mass at St Joseph's followed by  
refreshments

11am: Mass at St Peter's

Father Stephen



### Advent at St Joseph's

Advent *Walk with Me* booklets now available, £1  
each please, if you have it

Monday Mass time change: we will try 7pm for the  
season of Advent

Advent Bible Study: in person Monday evenings  
7.30pm after Mass, in the Presbytery

Reintroducing the chalice at Sunday Mass from Advent  
— idea from the first of two meetings for Extraordinary  
mins and Readers, who next Sunday will be  
recommissioned along with at least one new one

From Advent I will distribute cards and the Catholic  
Leamington leaflet of Mass times etc- we need  
volunteers especially for new developments

Raffle for a quilted table runner- tickets £1

School Fair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-5:00pm

### Christmas Masses: see left

Masses each day through the week, and at normal  
times for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> New year's Eve, 10am and  
5.30pm and at 10am on New Year's Day

New Year's Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2024: Mary Mother of God, Mass  
at 10.00am followed by refreshments

Father David

## Confession times

**St Peter's:** A priest will be available all day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Every Saturday  
9:15-9:45am, 4:15-4:45pm

**St Joseph's:** Fr. David will hear confessions Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Thursday  
21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am and 6pm and by arrangement at other times

## Hampers project

A reminder about the Christmas Hampers project. There will be collecting boxes at all three churches on the weekends of 3 and 10 December, for Christmas food items and gifts, children's toys (mainly up to age eleven) and a range of basic food stuffs to make a seasonal hamper for families and individuals who will truly appreciate this gift. So, thank you in advance for your usual generosity. You can even give items up to the morning of the 16 December at the parish centre, when we will be making up the hampers

Telephone  
David on  
07713 46987

*David Burton*



## OUR LADY'S 100 CLUB

A reminder that in January we are starting a **100 club** with proceeds going towards the church maintenance fund. If you would like to join I will be in the church hall each Sunday after Mass or you can contact me on 07950 144450. The cost will be £12 per year for each number you have. There will be two prizes each month; 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £25; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £15

Each draw will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month starting January 28th. The more numbers you have, the better chance of winning

## St Peter's Choir Christmas concert

### Come to the Manger!

Come and join St. Peter's choir and friends with Royal Spa Brass junior bands on a journey of music and carols to the manger

**day: Sunday 17th December**

**time: 7:00pm**

**place: St Peter's Church,  
Dormer Place, Leamington Spa**

**Tickets £10 adults/£20 families,  
available through QR code, after  
mass at Church or on the door**

*Anne Charrier*



# Happy Birthday SPAN!

Our first meeting was fifty years ago this month

Thank you Catholic Leamington for giving over £ 1,250,000 - an amazing achievement

To celebrate in 2024, we will have a SPAN Quiz Evening on the general theme of '50 years' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

In early June we plan to have an information & social evening; what sort of event would you like to see?

We will be inviting beneficiaries of the Frank Garvey Legacy

Let us know about any SPAN event you remember: quizzes, clothes parcels, a sponsored walk, or a meeting?

Contact [paulhayden444@gmail.com](mailto:paulhayden444@gmail.com) with reminiscences or ideas.

There is still time to help the SPAN CHRISTMAS SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS APPEAL

Helping local families who are struggling this Christmas by giving supermarket food vouchers - a feature of our work in recent years; it is valued and continues to be necessary

We hope to raise over £4,000 and help around 50 families referred by our five local Catholic primary schools. Last year we also helped several refugee families, ten parishioner families and 75 families identified by Social Services in the Catholic Leamington area. Families received vouchers for between £40 and £60 depending on the family size

## How can you help?

Whatever contribution you give will make a difference and put food on the table for local families at Christmas

For further information see our webpage  
[www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span)

## DONATING TO SPAN

Place cash in the green envelopes. Return in SPAN boxes or a Sunday collection

Or Bank transfer to SPAN, Sort code 40-27-06 Account 21324004 with reference "Vouchers"

Or post a cheque to SPAN c/o Michael Barker, 77 Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7DS

Or use our JustGiving page  
[www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanappealchristmas23](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanappealchristmas23)

# Thank You

Paul Hayden



## Parish Facebook Pages

Catholic Leamington: <https://www.facebook.com/RCatholicLeamington/photos>

Our Lady's: <https://www.facebook.com/ourladyslillington>

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

EXTRA is primarily for information that we do not have room for in the weekly newsletter

But we can only publish what you send in; please send notices in Microsoft Word to [hathawayfamily@aol.com](mailto:hathawayfamily@aol.com) by 31 December for the January edition

The EXTRA team is Jane Rebikah and Martyn Hathaway



## CAFOD

We are promoting CAFOD World Gifts and point out that there are lots of booklets at the back of church for people to take away. Ordering is easy on -line, by telephone or by post, postage is free and recent orders have arrived very quickly. The crib collection will buy as many of CAFOD's emergency food and winter survival packages as possible, so please give generously

*Ann Allison*



## Kindaid

At the beginning of December Kindaid held a craft afternoon making Advent wreaths, both traditional and rag. Thanks to Liz Pauling for supplying all the necessary materials for the traditional wreaths and for supervising the ladies who were up to their eyes in pine needles, holly and pine cones. Also thanks to Ali Marshall who came up with the idea of rag wreaths and ended up cutting what seemed like millions of strips of material. Well worth it in the end as the photos show. The children were not left out. There were a couple of tables for them to show their creative side

*Sue Sugars*

