

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: Sunday 7th January 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
 SUNDAY 7th January 2024 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	McVeigh Family
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Pro Populo Katie Hannan RIP; Vito La Barbera RIP 
Monday 8th Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	~	~	10AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S
Tuesday 9th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Thanksgiving; Kathleen Sweeney RIP
Wednesday 10th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Private Intention
Thursday 11th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Kathleen McNally RIP
Friday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	10am Mass 11am Funeral Service 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Greta Devaney's 70th Birthday Margaret 'Peggy' Butler RIP
Saturday 13th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Hilary, Bp., Dr. of the Church</i>	Confession 9.15am 10am Mass	~	Wieslaw RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Peter Curran RIP
SUNDAY 14th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Ann Quirke RIP Susan Day RIP; Alice Waterfield RIP

SUNDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH: 10AM & 5:30PM. Details on their website: stjosephs47.org.uk

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Natalina Piazzon, Johanna O'Neill, Luigi Bossi, Josephine Hand, Joseph Cronin, Kathleen Hardaker-Jones, Rosaleen Lyne, Kathleen Sweeney, Margaret Kennedy, Bridget Rowley, Sheila Tolley, Sheila Brain, James Larkin, Mary Kitchen, Kathleen Hannan, James Rowles, Myles Richards, Denis O'Halleron, Mary Babington, John Frawley, Kathleen Taylor, Winifred Galvin, Fr. Francis Dwyer, Fr. Philip Smith, Fr. John P. Davis, Fr. Brian Harding, Fr. John Bentley, Fr. Charles Becker, Fr. Philip Wykes, Fr. Patrick Farrelly, Dcn. William Murphy.

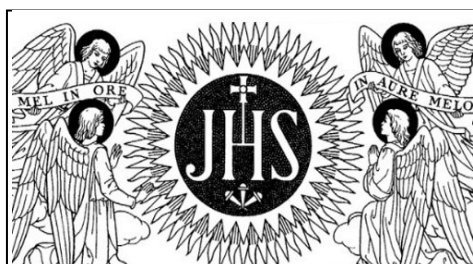
The recently deceased: Cora Hewitt, Mary Philomena Waters, Mary de Coursey Nash, Fr. Christopher Greaney, Fr. Paul Lomas, Margaret "Peggy" Burke, John Smyth, Margaret Butler, Fr John Lungley. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their 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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JANUARY, MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES!

WELCOME TO MASS: The Christmas Season continues with the great fest of Epiphany, the making known of Jesus to the pagans, represented by the Magi. These mysterious and mystic figures arrive to worship the new born Christ with gifts that symbolise their faith in who He is—gold for a king, incense for God and myrrh for the anointing of the dead. They make a long journey to see the Christ Child and murderous Herod would seek to deceive them, but faith in what is revealed by the star guides them. Have you ever reflected on how the light of the sanctuary lamp, shining over the Blessed Sacrament, is meant to guide us to the Tabernacle, to worship the same Jesus Christ there as the Magi? As they did, let us fall on our knees in homage and recognition of the Christ that we and the Magi are called to serve. Genuflecting in worship is an ancient tradition! God bless you all this Epiphany, *Fr Stephen*

FR CHRISTOPHER GREANEY RIP: Fr Christopher's sudden and unexpected death just after Christmas has come as a great shock to us all. He was busy both as a priest and socially until the last. His gifts of friendship, wisdom and humour were appreciated by so very many, and his help willingly given to this parish and its neighbours will be much missed. There is a photo and some lovely comments on the Catholic Leamington Facebook page. Do have a look.



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

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!**

ST PETER'S BOILERS: The engineers are coming back to turn up the heat output. The boilers themselves have no accessible controls other than on and off so we are dependent upon expert help to determine and programme the right settings. We have not paid the final instalment of the cost, and will so do once everything is running smoothly. **Thank you** for all your contributions to the bill.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER IS ONGOING: Pope Francis has designated a year of prayer that we may all more deeply explore what prayer is and our own experience of it. **After Christmas** local priests will be leading a series of discussions about aspects of the **Our Father**, the prayer that Jesus gave us. Watch this space. We hope to have a variety of other events too, but in the meanwhile let us grow in prayer by praying.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: at OL's at 9.15 Mass will resume on Jan 14th

MONDAY MASSES AT ST PETER'S: For the time being, there will not usually be a Mass at St Peter's on Mondays. There is a Mass at St Joseph's at 10am. It is surely better to celebrate Mass with our Catholic Leamington neighbours than stop away, and have something that isn't a Mass. The Second Vatican Council described the Mass as 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. As the gift of Christ Himself, it cannot be otherwise.

SPAN: SPAN meeting on Mon 7.30pm will be by zoom, contact paulhayden444@gmail.com to join. **Fri 9 Feb is the SPAN Quiz night.**

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. A warm place to meet for company, refreshments (including soup and rolls), and a variety of activities. A warm welcome in a warm place. **Do come!**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 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.

OUR LADY'S 100 CLUB Begins January in aid of Our Lady's church maintenance fund. Sue Sugars will be in the church hall each Sunday after Mass to collect subs. Drawn on the fourth Sunday of the month from Jan 28.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: *LAST CALL* for children (in Year 3 or above) attending non-Catholic schools to join the 2024 First Holy Communion Preparation Course. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Mary Rouse on maryrouse@rocketmail.com (please include your phone number). Places are limited and we've been over-subscribed in recent years. **This is the last opportunity to sign up—we've been advertising for months!** The Enrolment Mass will take place at OL on **Sun 14 Jan**, with an Introductory Session with Fr Stephen on **Thurs 11 Jan**, 6pm in OL Hall.

DEANERY VISITATION: Our Visitation (both Our Lady's and St Peter's) will be on **27 & 28 Jan 2024**, carried out by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick.

YOUTH WORK IN LEAMINGTON AND WARWICK: 'Come and See' join us on **Feb 1** to find out what could be possible **St Mary Immaculate, Warwick. 7.30- 8.30pm**

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE: 9th to 16th July 2024: Please see notice board for information. Local contact Peter 01926 428399

SERVERS AND SERVING: Thank you to our servers at both churches. **We'd love a few more! See Fr Stephen or Adrian at Our Lady's or at St Peter's see Bob, the Master of Ceremonies,** to volunteer

ST PETER'S HALL The hall is available to hire. **We need bookings** as the hall still costs more to run than it brings in. Hourly rate £40, discount for all day bookings. **Note:** parish groups are **not** subject to this rate.

Email hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady Chapel** burns: **as a Renewal act of Consecration to Jesus through Mary.** If you would like to have a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete one of the envelopes titled - 7-day candles, at the back of Church together with your donation of £10 and post through the Presbytery Letterbox or in the collection at Mass.

COMING TO CHURCH: Do you need a lift to church? Can you give a parishioner a lift to church? Contact Peter 01926 428399

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

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 centre is in the final months of being built. **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. **Thank you**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Sunday 24th December (Not including Christmas Masses) St. Peter's—1st: £512.08, 2nd (Church Maintenance) £273.53, Our Lady's— 1st: £150.95, 2nd (Church Maintenance) £266.30. 2nd Collection this weekend: SP & OL—Church maintenance.

Thank you for your continued giving!

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

ORD 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.

Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Clare 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, 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.**