

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 14th January 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 14th January 2023 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> PEACE SUNDAY	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Peter Curran RIP
		9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Ann Quirke RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass		Susan Day RIP; Alice Waterfield RIP
Monday 15th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30AM MASS AT WARWICK
Tuesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30AM MASS AT WARWICK
Wednesday 17th <i>Mem. of St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	~	~	NO MASS
Thursday 18th <i>Feria: Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>	~	~	7PM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S
Friday 19th <i>Feast of St. Wulstan, Bp.</i>	1pm Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Requiem: John "Sean" Smyth RIP
Saturday 20th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr</i>	Holy Hour and Morning Prayer 9.00am <i>No confessions or Mass</i>	~	~
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Patsy Mullan Recovery; Peter Curran RIP
SUNDAY 21st <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Kathleen McNally
	11.15am Sung Mass		Andrea La Barbera RIP; Patricia Keane RIP

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

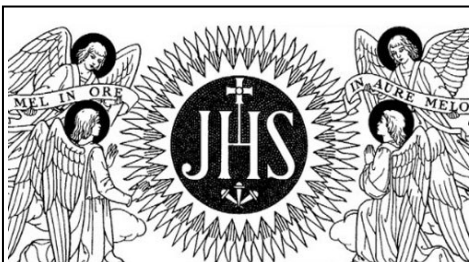
Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Babington, John Frawley, Kathleen Taylor, Winifred Galvin, Catherine Ferguson, Esther McCarthy, Christine Clewes, Thomas Dean, James Doway, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Pauline Rome, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Vincenza Corbett, Rosaline Quinn, Anselmo LeBrone, Dominica Treacy, Michael Monaghan, Andrea La Barbera, Catherine Crowley, John Coombes, Mary Carl, Mary Ward, Cn. Matthias Corrigan, Cn. Garrett Byrne, Fr. Benedict O'Gorman, Fr. Gerard Peuleve, Fr. Cyril Bennett, Fr. Archibald Snell, Fr. Timothy Dinan, Fr. Cecil Keane, Fr. Bernard Robertson, Fr. Edward Kirner, Dcn. Brian Dockerty, Dcn. Thomas Carter. **The recently deceased:** Patrick Skinner, Margaret Thornton, Cora Hewitt, Mary Philomena Waters, Mary de Courcey Nash, Fr. Christopher Greaney, Fr. Paul Lomas, Margaret "Peggy" Burke, John Smyth, Margaret Butler. **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!

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WELCOME TO MASS: We have returned to green as the liturgical colour, the colour of 'Ordinary Time', the colour of life. There is nothing ordinary in the usual sense of about Ordinary Time. It is the time when, not celebrating a joyful season or marking a time of penitence, we explore the life of Jesus by reading through a gospel and drawing parallels with the Old Testament. Every third year we read through a different Gospel, and as this this year is Year B it is St Mark. But first we have a part of St John's Gospel. It is the beginning of Christ's ministry and so John the Baptist bears witness to Him as the 'Lamb of God', the innocent One to be sacrificed. But also, the disciples are called and promised not years of academic study and rigorous examination, but the opportunity to experience who Jesus is. 'Come and see' is how He responds to their question. Jesus, who has come to share in humanity, offers humans the chance to see what it means to have that humanity transformed by drawing close to Him. Samuel's calling which we hear in the first reading is an obvious parallel. 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening' he responds to God's call. 'Come and see' is our loving invitation to watch and listen as Jesus calls us to be with Him.

God bless, *Fr Stephen*

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



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, as well participating in the Mass with attention and without causing unnecessary distractions to others.. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

THIS SUNDAY, 2ND OF THE YEAR, YEAR B: This Sunday is **Peace Sunday**, the annual day to pray for peace in the world. We are invited to reflect upon how our encounter with Jesus, 'The Lamb of God' in the Gospel, commissions us to work for peace and justice in our world. Each year, Pope Francis gives us a theme for our prayer and reflection. This year's theme may seem a bit too abstract or technical for us to grasp: '**Artificial intelligence and peace**'. Yet that title certainly alerts us to the new threats that are facing us on the world stage and in our own homes. Artificial intelligence is changing both the world around us and our own ways of interacting with it, such as the robotic voice greeting us at the call centre or various ways of 'faking it like photo-shopping', blurring the distinction between truth and falsehood.

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. There will be local events in Lent. In the meanwhile let us grow in prayer by praying.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: at OL at 9.15 Mass resumes this weekend.

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 9.30am. 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.

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!*

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This begins on Thursday. There is an ecumenical prayer service to pray for unity on Sunday 21, 6.30pm, Life Community Church, Charlotte St (CV31 3EB)

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.

NEXT WEEKEND: Friends of the Holy Land: Peter Rand, a retired Trustee and volunteer with Friends of the Holy Land (FHL), will be sharing the impact on the Christian community in Gaza and elsewhere of the horrific events that began on 7 October. Peter has visited Gaza on a number of occasions, most recently in March last year, so brings a real insight into the situation. There will be a retiring collection and Peter will bring some leaflets about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

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.

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. More details on next page.

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

FR CHRISTOPHER'S FUNERAL: It has been confirmed that Fr Christopher's funeral arrangements at St Peter's are:

Wed 7 Feb 6pm Reception and Mass, celebrated by the Dean

Thu 8 Feb Noon Funeral Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop

Please continue to pray for him and his family.

SPAN: Fri 9 Feb the SPAN Quiz night. Proceeds to Friends of the Holy Land.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2024: You are invited to join the National Pilgrimage to Fatima on 9-16 July 2024. Flights will need to be booked by yourselves, with recommended airports and flight details contained in the poster on the notice board. After booking your flights, please email Mihangel Ap Rhisiart, pilgrimage secretary, at office@saintmichaelhouse.com for the registration form

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DECEMBER 2023: The joint choirs of St. Peters & Our Lady's accompanied by the Royal Spa Brass Band, had another successful Concert on the 17th December. £1,276 was raised for St. Peter's new heating system. **Thank you to all those who attended, and supported us.**

ST PETER'S BOILERS: We have raised a magnificent £95,000 so far which is a wonderful achievement. **Thank you** for all your contributions to the bill. The engineers are still awaited for final adjustments: it could be warmer—**BUT** it is a lot warmer than it was!

ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM: —[St Peter's Leamington Spa - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

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, 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.**

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 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.leafington@rcaob.org.uk

7 DAY CANDLES: 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

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 health 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: St. Peter's—1st: £752.80, 2nd (Church Maintenance) £387.47, Our Lady's— 1st: £203.62, 2nd (Church Maintenance) £155.98. 2nd Collection this weekend: SP & OL—Church maintenance. *Thank you for your continued giving!*

FOODBANK: There is a box for donations of non-perishable food-stuffs at the back of St Peter's. Thank you for your help.

CAFOD RECYCLING: There are boxes at the back of both churches to receive old mobile phones, foreign currency, stamps and other items as listed that can be recycled to support CAFOD

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES: We will be hearing more about this in due course. There are many areas of parish life from the high profile to the almost unnoticed and lots in between that need volunteers. We shall be 'recruiting' in due course—watch this space. Could you offer a little time to serve the Church? We shall be appealing for cleaners, servers, singers, help with baptism preparation, making those who come for baptisms, weddings and funerals welcome, helping prepare children for the sacraments, organising social events, building maintenance, drawing people to faith and much else. In the meanwhile, please consider if you have time and the ability to help in some way. As the numbers of priests falls for the time being, so the maintenance of parishes will depend more and more on lay people. Just eighteen months ago there were a parish priest, a curate and a retired priest at St Peter's. Now, there is just a parish priest.

THE VISITATION 27-28 JANUARY

A working programme of events has been drawn up and has been approved by Canon Fitzpatrick, the episcopal vicar. The two days will go like this, timings still approximate except for confessions and Masses:

Saturday

Canon Fitzpatrick arrives for an initial meeting with Fr Stephen in the afternoon

4.15 onwards: Evening confessions and Mass at St Peter's
After Mass: Meetings with key individuals or groups.

Sunday

9.15 Mass at Our Lady's followed by tea and coffee

11.15 Mass at St Peter's followed by tea and coffee

In the afternoon, meetings with key individuals and representatives of key groups

4pm Open parish meeting for *all parishioners of both parishes* in St Peter's Hall.

5pm Finish

The individuals and groups Canon Fitzpatrick would most like to meet have been contacted by email. Time is necessarily limited and he can't see every group separately or sit down with everyone individually. Please make full use of times after Masses and the general meeting to speak to him—that's what these times are for.

HOLY DAYS IN 2024

Every Sunday of the Year of obligation

Ash Wednesday 14 February

Palm Sunday 24 March of obligation

Easter Day 31 March of obligation

Ascension Day Thu 9 May of obligation

Pentecost Sunday 19 May of obligation

Corpus Christi Sun 2 June of obligation

St Peter & St Paul Sun 30 June (transferred) of obligation

The Assumption of Our Lady Thu 15 August of obligation

All Saints Day Fri 1 November of obligation

Christmas Day Wed 25 December of obligation

May God continue to bless the Church as together, year by year, we His people celebrate the mysteries of our salvation, the mysteries of God's great love for us.

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LORD 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

**'Behold! The Lamb of God
Who takes away the sins of the world!'**

