

St Peter's & Our Lady's: Part of Catholic Leamington

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Sunday 12th January 2025: Holy Year of Jubilee



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| DAY | AT ST PETER'S | AT OUR LADY'S | INTENTION |
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| SUNDAY 12th January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.</i> | 4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass | ~ | Intentions of Jan Smith |
| | 11.15am Sung Mass | 9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> | Pro Populo Private Intention |
| Monday 13th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Hilary, Bp, Dr.</i> 1st week of ordinary time, yr 1 | ~ | ~ | 9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash |
| Tuesday 14th <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am Mass St Patrick's Sc 12 noon Mass | ~ | Private Intention Doreen Henderson RIP |
| Wednesday 15th <i>Feria</i> | ~ | 10am Mass | Kathleen Josephine Taylor RIP |
| Thursday 16th <i>Feria</i> | 10am Mass | ~ | Alan Mulholland RIP |
| Friday 17th <i>Mem. of St. Anthony, Abbot</i> | 10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs. | ~ | Bert Reany; Elizabeth Shand RIP |
| Saturday 18th <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady</i> <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins</i> | 9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass 4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass | ~ ~ | Rev. Fr. Edwin Connolly RIP John Coombes RIP |
| SUNDAY 19th January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 11.15am Sung Mass | 9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> | Rev. Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP In Thanksgiving |

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Kitchen, Kathleen Hannan, James Rowles, Myles Richards, Denis O'Halleron, Mary Babington, John Frawley, Kathleen Taylor, Winifred Galvin, Christine Clewes, James Doway, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Pauline Rome, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Vincenza Corbett, Anselmo LeBrone, Dominica Treacy, Cn. Matthias Corrigan, Fr. Patrick Farrelly, Fr. Patrick McSwiney, Fr. Patrick Joyce, Fr. Benedict O'Gorman, Fr. Gerard Peuleve, Fr. Cyril Bennett, Fr. Archibald Snell, Fr. Timothy Dinan, Fr. Cecil Keane, Fr. Bernard Robertson, Dcn. William Murphy, Dcn. Brian Dockerty, Dcn. Thomas Carter.

The recently deceased: Fr. Fred Sheldon, Dcn. Paul Hender, Bridget Linnane, Fr. Brian Boyle SCJ, Samantha Wright, Diego Pita. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Our prayers for the Sick: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sandra Hunt, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Andrew Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, George Pearson, Steven Robertson, Fr. Tony Rohan, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Uta Winter, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, & hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

Christ is baptised by John not for His own sake (and certainly not to receive forgiveness as He is sinless) but for us. His mission and His divinity are revealed by word of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit. Now we need to listen to Him and to love Him!



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' birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME TO MASS, especially visitors and students returning for the new term.

2024—thank you for the support you gave to your parish and its priest last year, and especially for your generosity at Christmas. Perhaps the single greatest project completed was the new heating at St Peter's. But we also identified serious financial issues at St Peter's and serious building issues at Our Lady's, and began to address both.

It is in **2025** that we shall see proper developments in both. Work is planned to begin on Our Lady's roof and there is much else that needs to be considered in its buildings, funds allowing. At St Peter's the future use of hall and presbytery must be decided if we are ever to be financially secure: we await professional help. To be clear, at some point we shall have to decide if the hall and the presbytery should be redeveloped or refurbished or sold to generate income and realise funds that can be carefully husbanded for the future. Our forebears built St Peter's in 1864: we must be able to pass it on to those who come after us. There will be much for us all to help decide. May this Holy Year encourage us all in faithful discipleship. *God bless us all, Fr Stephen*

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 unity among all Christians**, as God wills. *Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!*

CRIB OFFERINGS: Are this year support **Aid to the Church in Need** acnuk.org This is a Pontifical charity that supports the Church where there is discrimination, persecution, war or famine.

AFTER MASS TEA & COFFEE: Our Lady's after 9.15am and St Peter's after 11:15am Mass. Tea & Coffee after Weds Mass at Our Lady's. *All Welcome.*

SP 200 CLUB: Subscriptions for 2025 are now due, please see Bill after the 11:15am Mass on Sundays or at Pastimes on Tuesdays.

SPAN – Supporting People Across the Nations: Our January meeting will be online on Monday 13 at 7.30pm, contact paulhayden444@gmail.com for a link.

COME & PLAY: Tues 9:30—11am in SP Hall. We welcome parents, and children, no charge. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. Join our lively community for good company and activities including a session of chair based exercises. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meets next Tue 14 Jan 7pm. See the PPC page on the website [here](http://www.stpeterleamington.org.uk)

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: every Friday 11am in the Davenport Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPRATION: There will be a meeting for all parents whose children are *not* at Catholic Schools and wish to have their children prepared on **16 Jan 6 pm** in Our Lady's church hall. Don't forget the weekly meeting that is Sunday Mass.

WALKING TOGETHER: next meeting is on **Thur 16 Jan 7.30pm**, Our Lady's Church Hall. See parish website for more WT information.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: **Fridays 3pm St Peter's**. At the hour of mercy come to implore mercy for the world and praise God!

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 Jan. There will be a joint service at St Paul's C of E Church, Leicester St, Leamington on **Sun 19 Jan at 7.30pm**

BISHOP RICHARD WALKER: our area Bishop will be celebrating Mass at both Our Lady's and at St. Peter's on **Sun 26 Jan**. This will

be his first visit to our parishes—please make him welcome and speak to him about anything you think relevant. During 11.15am Mass he will formally admit our Deacon-in-formation, **Paul Milton**, to the ministries of lector and acolyte. This is a formal stage of progression on the path to ordination as a Deacon which we hope will happen this autumn. Please pray for Paul and his family.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Sat 24—Fri 30 May. A pilgrimage we can make for the Holy Year? Details on the diocesan website [here](http://www.diocese.org.uk)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PETER'S There *will* be a children's liturgy at St Peter's to start soon (in addition to Our Lady's). Please speak to Anna-Marie Foley or Fr Stephen or email the parish if you'd like to help. A core group of volunteers has come forward so this *will* be happening. Thank you to the volunteers.

"WHO ARE THESE CATENIANS?" An international association of Catholic men, organised into local groups ("circles"), of which one is based in Leamington. We meet monthly for a business meeting involving prayer, socialising, and a meal. We are, typically, men who enjoy sharing time with others who are also interested in charitable giving, supporting our parishes, being good family men, and enjoying each other's company. If that sounds a bit like you, why not contact Jim Insley at james.insley@hotmail.co.uk for more information and, if you're lucky, an invitation to our next meeting.

DISPOSING OF OLD MISSALS: It is an ancient Jewish custom that holy books and scrolls, if no longer usable, should be buried. Just as human bodies reflect the glory and handiwork of God, so Scripture and books used for worship do the same. Therefore, the reverent placing of holy books in the ground, mirroring the reverent placing in the ground at burial of bodies and of ashes, is not simply a 'disposal' but a respectful returning to the earth, which may be done at home.

SERVERS AND SERVING: *Thank you* to our servers at both churches. *We'd love a few more!* See Bob at St Peter's or Adrian at Our Lady's.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st – £415.42, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £225.87, OL 1st—£169.60, 2nd (Church Roof Repairs) - £190.38. This weekend the Second collection is for **SP: Church Maintenance and OL: Church Roof Repairs. Thank you.**

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady's Sanctuary** candle burns: **In Memory of Philip Morris RIP & Sacred Heart Sanctuary** candle burns: **In Memory of Jacqueline Elson RIP**. There are envelopes to arrange candles at the back of church.

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON FACE BOOK PAGE Direct link [HERE](https://www.facebook.com/catholic.leamington)
DONATING TO THE PARISHES

As well as the collection bags, via standing order, you may give by using the credit card machine at the back of St Peter's or scanning **the code** at the top left on the first page of this sheet with your smartphone or online via the website. *Thank you*

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is needed.

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 facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

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