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Many thanks to all who supported our Day of Prayer for Vocations last Thursday. It was good to see a steady number of people popping in to pray throughout the day. It was lovely to see the children from our primary school taking part and my apologies to the class who got caught in the heavy rain walking to Church!!!! Throughout Advent we are challenged by the secular nature of the Christmas season. The endless adverts on the TV and the power of social media can divert us from the true meaning of Christmas. I am a great believer in the phrase 'keep it simple'; During Advent we can do simple things that reflect our Christianity. If we are in Leamington doing our shopping we could buy a cup of coffee for someone who is homeless or perhaps even a bag of chips. Spiritually we could avail ourselves of Lectio Divina. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides a great opportunity for spiritual growth. Please avail of the 'Day of Confessions' at St Peters Church on 19th December and the Catholic Leamington Penitential Service here at St Josephs on 21st December at 7pm. Myself, Fr's John and Noel and other visiting priests will be available to hear confessions. By now many of you will know that there is a new four legged friend in the presbytery, my dog Monty! He looks forward to meeting you. Myself and Fr John may run a Summer Dog Show!! God Bless, Fr Andy.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa

The Lawns

Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

Clarence House
 Clarendon Manor
 Castle Brook
 Galanos House

Winifred Galvin
 Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
 Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
 Marjorie Smedley

NEXT WEEK 17 .12. 17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Katherine Wimpenny	Jan Ireson, Tony Harris, Ted Forde
5.30pm	Amy Cawood	Julia Leask, May Murphy, Kim Kearns



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for
 Roisin & Tommy Blair & Peter A Watts
 RIP*

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017
 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

CHRISTMAS:
 Mass Times

At St. Joseph's, the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 24th will be the Children's Christmas Mass. 8.30pm Carols and Readings 9.00pm First Mass of Christmas (mulled wine and mince pies afterwards in the hall!) 10.00am 25th December—The Family Mass of Christmas.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 -There will be a Day for Reconciliation at St. Peter's with different priests in the confessional throughout the day on Tuesday 19th December.
 -There will be a Penitential Service for all three churches here at St. Joseph's on Thursday 21st December at 7.00pm.

Traditionally, Advent is a time of reflection, repentance and renewal.

Flowers: We are always grateful for contributions towards flowers for Christmas. Please put any donations in the flower box beside the main inner door. Thank you

Presents under the tree: Once the tree is in place, we are asking those who can, to place gift-wrapped presents under the tree, labelled: Boy or Girl, and appropriate Age Group. The deadline for collecting is Friday 15th December, Thank you for your kindness to those who have so little.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

The current rota does not cover Sunday 24th and Monday 25th December. Would Readers and Ministers please volunteer where they are able so that the Christmas liturgies will run smoothly. There is a list in the narthex—please offer to fill in where you can.

School: St. Joseph's School Christmas Fair TODAY from 3pm till 5pm.

School Carol Concerts: 10.00am (Rehearsal, to which you are welcome) and 6.30pm on Monday 18th December here in church.

Lectio Divina: The next Advent Lectio is on Friday 15th December at 10.00am and will take place in the presbytery as the hall and the church are in use. All are welcome to this gentle look at the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Piety Shop: Christmas Raffle to win a Nativity Shed and ornaments. This is on display in the narthex or back porch, tickets £1.50 each (to be drawn today after the 5.30 Mass) **Tickets are still available if you haven't had a chance to buy yet!**

Christmas Day Christmas Lunch: at the Episode Hotel on Christmas Day, for any couple or person on their own. The cost is a nominal £15 and transport can be arranged. It is from 12-2.30pm. Please speak to Linda on 07789003450

THANKS AND GOOD WISHES

Next Sunday we say goodbye and thank you to Sr. Angela. After the 5.30pm Mass there will be a celebration in the hall and there will be drinks and tea-time nibbles - *Please sign up if you are able to come and indicate whether you are able to bring a plate of food for the sharing table—Please bring food to the hall between 3.30—5.30pm. Thank you!*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 9 December <i>Psalter Week 2</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mary Bohan Eileen Tucker Brian McManus People of the Parish	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 10 December Second Sunday of Advent <i>Bible Sunday</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Patrick & Marion Moran & Family Keenan & Woods families Stuart Cameron Smith Fr O'Connor John & Patricia Robinson, 40th Wedding Anniversary & Marsh Family Intentions	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm
Monday 11 December <i>Advent feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Thomas McDonnell & Family Frances Lovell	SJ 7pm Mass with Novena to Our Lady.
Tuesday 12 December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	SJ SJ SP	9.30 am 10.15 am 12.30 pm	Sr. Angela's Intentions Funeral Service: Benito Mario Vinciguerra Martin Wall	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 13 December <i>St Lucy</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Babs Dunbar Thomas R. Jackson	Rosary SP Noon
Thursday 14 December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Jim Sheridan Martin Quigley	Rosary SP Noon
Friday 15 December <i>Advent feria</i>	SJ OL SP	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Jerry Noonan Margaret Fitzmaurice Fr. Mariano Tarrosa	SJ 9.30am Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary SJ: 9.10am; SP: Noon Exposition: SP 11.00am SP: St Monica's Prayer Service 6.00pm
Saturday 16 December VIGIL	SJ SP SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12:30 pm 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Recovery Peter McLoughlin Wedding: Kate Flanagan & Tim McEwen Mary Bohan Frances Lovell Mrs Canavan People of the Parish	Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45am Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am
Sunday 17 December Third Sunday of Advent	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Peter & Rosemary McGovern Mary Bridget Collins Joe & Rose McGreevy	Exposition & Rosary SP: 3.00-4.00pm

A Quick Journey Through the Bible: An opportunity to learn about the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible with others, meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 28 Cubbington Road, Lillington, CV32 7AB between 1.10—2.45pm For more information please contact Caroline on Caroline@readyforbaby.co.uk/01926257123.

200 Club: The next collection will be on 7th January 2018.

Those Little Red Boxes! Thanks to all those who have brought their boxes in. If you forgot, please bring them to the sacristy as soon as possible, so that June and Lennie can finalise the banking before Christmas. Thank you.

New Year Shared Supper: Saturday 13th January St. Peter's Parish Centre after 5pm Mass and to include St. Peter's, Our Lady's and St. Joseph's. For all parishioners and especially those who are new to the area. We hope that many groups and organisations will have a display. Bring food and drink to share. Entertainers, singers, musical instrumentalists, comedians, magicians !..wanted. Contact Peter 428399.

Web Explorers: This is a group of like-minded Christians, at the moment all Catholics, who are committed to building and running a website for Climate Change Awareness, according to Christian values and to encouraging other Christian groups wishing to build and run their own websites. Generally, the group meets monthly and the next meeting is on Wednesday 24th January at Hampton Magna. If you are interested, please see Fr. Andy for contact details.

ANNIVERSARIES

Cornelius Cullinane, Eric Craig, Stephen Rogerson, Stephen Mason, Bernie Burns, Kathleen Geraghty, Brian Crowley, Peter Delia
May they rest in peace

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridget Hunt: Bridget was resident at The Lawns and has been visited with the Sacrament for some years by a minister from St. Joseph's. Her funeral will take place at Southam.

and Margaret Hood: We offer our condolences to Margaret's family. Her funeral service will be on Wednesday 20th December at 9.30am followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery at 10.45pm

also Benito Mario Vinciguerra: His funeral service will be on Tuesday 12th December at St. Joseph's at 10.15am followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH	
Sun:	2nd Collection: Poor Parishes Bacon Sandwiches, after 8.00am Mass
Mon:	8.00pm Dancing (last until 8th Jan)
Tues:	10.00am Tuesday Club 6.00pm Governors' Meeting
Wed:	9.30 Art Group (last until 3rd Jan) 7.30pm Choir Practice
Thurs:	<i>No Music Group</i> 7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri:	10.00 Advent Lectio Divina, Presbytery 10-12 Concert rehearsal, hall & church 5.30pm Karate
Sat:	7.30 , 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World
Sun:	2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance

LAST WEEK 3.12.17
Offertory Collection: £462.37 Many thanks.
2nd Collection: None
Attendance 282

