

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 4th February 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 4th February 2024 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Cora Hewitt RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Ita Maguire RIP; Brian Giles RIP
			Mary Mullan RIP; George Adamson RIP
Monday 5th <i>Mem. of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	~	~	NO MASS
Tuesday 6th <i>Mem. of St. Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	10:30am Mass	~	Requiem: Patrick Skinner RIP
Wednesday 7th <i>Feria</i>	6pm Mass	10am Mass	Elizabeth Hastings RIP; Sarah Walker Ints Reception: Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
Thursday 8th <i>Feria</i>	12pm Mass	~	Requiem: Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
Friday 9th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Jerome Emiliani</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Deceased Members of the McKeown Family
Saturday 10th <i>Mem. of St. Scholastica</i>	Exposition 9.00am Confessions 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	Ailish D'Costa's Intentions
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Morta Camacho RIP
		9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Mary Curran
SUNDAY 11th <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.15am Sung Mass		Rory & Peggy O'Rourke RIP

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

St Joseph's parish newsletter is available on the website.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Frederick Plummer, Patrick O'Keeffe, Paul Daly, John Moody, Kathleen Keane, Kieran Long, John Croasdel, Maria Cunningham, Adele Cooke, Mary Mortimer, Gerard Walsh, Francis McGivern, Phillip O'Connell, Michael Jervis, Archbishop Frederick Keating, Mgr. John Heslin, Fr. Joseph Connelly, Fr. Thomas O'Carroll, Fr. John Watkins, Fr. John Gibb, Fr. Matthias Brady, Fr. John O'Sullivan. **The recently deceased:** Margaret Bennett, Gerard Lucey, Fr. Alexander "Sandy" Brown, Patrick Skinner, Margaret Thornton, Fr. Christopher Greaney. **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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Our Lady's: <https://www.facebook.com/ourladyslillington> St Joseph's: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswhitnash>

ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM is on YouTube.

Link from Catholic Leamington website

FEBRUARY, MONTH OF THE
HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

JESUS, BLESS US: MARY, PRAY FOR US: JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US



St Peter's, St Joseph's & Our Lady's Churches are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

WELCOME TO MASS: Thank you to everyone who was at Mass last weekend to engage in the Visitation, and especially to those of you who spoke to Canon Paul. He was very positive about the parishes and recognizes our strengths and talents. He did say that at some point this year, a retired priest will be moving to Leamington so I'm also glad to say that help is on its way. We do not know any more details yet. Fr Chris was a great asset and greatly appreciated, so we pray that his successor will join us soon. Copies of the report will be made available once we have it. It will be very interesting to see the Deanery report as a whole later in the summer when recommendations for the bigger picture will be made.

This week, SP's has two funerals, including Fr Christopher's. Please pray for him. It will be a tribute to him that so many are coming that there will need to be **reserved parking only** in the church car park. Please use public car parks if you're driving.

Today's readings, as so often, speak of God's love. He will raise up a prophet, says Moses, to speak the truth and it will be death that comes to any false prophet preaching falsehood. So, when Christ comes who is not simply a prophet but the message itself, the Gospel of God's love incarnate, how could He who is the Truth, therefore not come to bring us life, and life to the full?

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 as offering the Mass with attention and without causing unnecessary distractions to others by moving about at the most sacred moments. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

THE YEAR OF PRAYER IS ONGOING: Catholic Leamington Facebook page contains the Archbishop's video introducing this Year.

MONDAY MASSES AT ST PETER'S: For the time being, there will not usually be a Mass at St Peter's on Mondays.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. A warm place with 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 . Drawn on the fourth Sunday of the month from this coming Sunday.

FR CHRISTOPHER'S FUNERAL: 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.

SPAN: This Friday is our **SPAN Quiz night**. Proceeds to **Friends of the Holy Land**. Tickets available after Masses (£ 5 Adult, £ 1 Youth).

ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEB. Lent begins. Masses will be **10am** at Our Lady's, **12 noon** at St Peter's, **7.00pm** at St Peter's. Come and make the best start to Lent.

LENT 2024: In the two parishes there will be opportunities to walk the Stations of the Cross (led at different times by the Cafod group, Fr Stephen and others) and enjoy Exposition. Please also make use of the usual week day Masses (including funerals), confessions and Exposition.

WARWICK STATION MASSES Again this year Warwick parish will celebrate Masses each Friday evening in various places, with an extended reflection on the 'Our Father' for the Year of Prayer. First on 16 Feb 6pm, St James, Lord Leycester Hospital, Fr David Hartley will preach.

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, Deborah Meades, 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.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Fri 23 Feb. There will be a soup lunch at St Peter's Hall in aid of CAFOD. The diocesan representative will attend.

ALPHA COURSE AT ST JOSEPH'S: Weekly, from **Mon 26 Feb 730pm** St Joseph's Whitnash will be running an Alpha as an introduction to the faith. All welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 1 March 2.30pm at Our Lady's Church This year's ecumenical WDP Service (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) is by the Christian Women of Palestine. Please come and hear about Palestine and to pray for peace. Help with cakes and refreshments would be great as we welcome our fellow Christians from the other Churches in the area. (Contact Anna Godwin Tel 259496)

ST PETER'S PARISH SCHOOLS' CONFIRMATION: March 6 at 7pm
ST JOSEPH'S DAY: 19 March. We are invited to join St Joseph's Whitnash for their evening Mass in celebration of their great patron.

OUR LADY'S CONFIRMATION: 10 July at 7pm

FUNERAL MASSES Sometimes the funeral Masses at St Peter's are very small and contain a large portion of visitors who are utterly unfamiliar with Catholic worship. Could I ask weekday regulars to come to Funeral Masses to pray for the dead, support the mourners and be a welcoming presence, simply by coming to Mass. A devotion for Lent?

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
ST PETER'S HALL *The hall is available to hire.* Hourly rate £40, discount for all day bookings. **Note:** parish groups are **not** subject to this rate.

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

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

DONATING TO ST PETER'S: You may give online via the website OR by scanning this QR code on your smart phone.



Thank you

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: St. Peter's—1st: £488.67, 2nd (Church Maintenance): £311.33. Our Lady's— 1st: £245.42, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £195.80. 2nd Collection this weekend: SP & OL—Church Maintenance. **Thank you for your giving!**

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES: We will be hearing more about this—the Walking Together team is working on volunteering.

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.

PARKING AT OUR LADY'S: While the health centre is being constructed next to Our Lady's, **parking is very limited. Please park legally and without giving local residents any reason to complain.** There are particular problems at the end of Newnham Road. **Thank you.**

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