

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

## 2nd Sunday of Lent: Sunday 25th February 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 25th February 2024</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Margaret Thornton RIP Jacqueline Barton RIP; Fr. David Cawley RIP
Monday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.30am J&P Stations +	~	<b>Mass at St Joseph's 9.30am</b>
Tuesday 27th <i>Opt. Commem. of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Dr. of the Church</i>	10am Mass	~	Private Intention; Margaret Smith RIP
Wednesday 28th <i>Opt. Commem. of St. Oswald, Bp.</i>	~	10am Mass, <i>followed by Stations of +</i>	Elizabeth Hastings RIP; Connor's Family & Friends
Thursday 29th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Betty McCabe RIP
Friday 1st March <b>Feast of St. David, Bp., Patron of Wales</b>	10.00am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	John O'Hara RIP; Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
Saturday 2nd <b>Feast of St. Chad, Bp., Patron of the Archdiocese</b>	Exposition 9.00am Confessions 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	John Robinson RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	David Grayling RIP
<b>SUNDAY 3rd</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4.30pm Evening Pryr	Patricia Tansey RIP Nisha Pietersz Birthday Ints; Prudence Bunch RIP

**SUNDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH: 10AM & 5:30PM.** Details on their website: [stjosephs47.org.uk](http://stjosephs47.org.uk)

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Frances Redmond, Percy Fitzgerald, Mary Philpott, John Behan, Josephine Hambalek, Denis Hunt, Dermot Murphy, Bartholomew Leahy, Florence Dadson, Catherine Doyle, Thomas Mulleague, Bernadette Parker, Betty Cashmore, Patrick Keegan, Nunzia Arena, Bp. Joseph Cleary, Bp. Kevin Dunn, Fr. George Brewster, Fr. George Tarrant, Fr. John Flynn, Fr. William Driver, Fr. Douglas Carter. **The recently deceased:** Margaret Smith, Patricia Large, Carmel Fitzgerald, Philip Morris, Jacqueline Phemister, Margaret Bennett, Gerard Lucey, Fr. Alexander "Sandy" Brown, Patrick Skinner, Margaret Thornton. **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.**

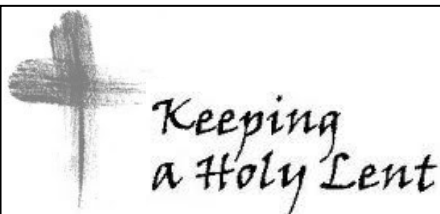
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**ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM is on YouTube. Link from Catholic Leamington website**



**LENT 2024: SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL**  
**PENANCE + PRAYER + ALMS + FASTING**  
*Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
 for we have sinned against thee*

**WELCOME TO MASS:** Welcome to Mass for the Second Sunday in Lent. In today's readings, Abraham is asked to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, born in fulfillment of God's promise that Abraham should be the father of a great nation. Jesus, the only Son of the Father, is revealed in His heavenly glory to the apostles and yet talks of His death. Isaac is not sacrificed: at the last moment this is stopped, doubtless to cause immense joy. But the death of Jesus is not stopped: He offers Himself out of love to manifest the joy of the resurrection. Death cannot be prevented, but it can be transformed into the way to the new and abundant life that Christ calls us to. Won at such cost, Lent is the time we remember and respond to that love.

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!*

**LENT 2024: Stations of the Cross**

With the Justice & Peace Group using reflections from the Jesuit Refugee Service, **St Peter's Mondays 10.30am**

At **Our Lady's Wednesdays**, after 10am Mass, and each **Sunday evening at 4.30 pm** except on Sunday, 3rd March when there will be sung Evening Prayer at 4.30 pm.

**ALPHA COURSE AT ST JOSEPH'S:** Weekly, from **Mon 26 Feb 7:30pm** St Joseph's Whitnash runs an Alpha. All welcome.

**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 Friday from 3-3.30pm in St Peter's. For this time, during the Hour of Jesus' Greatest Anguish, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We then put ourselves at the Foot of the Cross in silent prayer and intercession, consoling Jesus by our presence, praying for the conversion of sinners and the whole world, and for our own intentions. Join us at this blessed time.

**STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS:** A group of about 8 regular attenders meets every Friday in the Davenport Room from 11 - 12 noon to look at the following Sunday's readings. If you would like to join in, even occasionally, please let me know in advance on [iahold-en@virginmedia.com](mailto:iahold-en@virginmedia.com) or 01926 420045.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 1 March 2.30pm at Our Lady's Church** This year's ecumenical Service (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) is by the Christian Women of Palestine. Help with cakes and refreshments would be great. (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.

**MEN'S GROUP:** Come to the first informal meeting on **Thu 21 March 7.45pm** at the Windmill on Tachbrook Road.

**SP 200 CLUB:** The winners of the February draw are—1st Prize (£50) - M. Curran, 2nd Prize (£20) - O. Lucey, and 3rd Prize (£10) - A. Holmes. Congratulations to the winners. If you would like to sign up please speak to Bill at Pastimes on Tuesdays.

**WHAT MIGHT I DO FOR LENT..?** Support a charity helping those without basic necessities—greet someone in church whom you've not spoken to before—visit the Blessed Sacrament to pray for those you love

**ABORTION TIME LIMIT:** Doctors intervene to save premature babies from 22 weeks, yet the legal limit for abortion is 24 weeks—an obvious contradiction. There are cards at the back of church to sign and send to our MPs to lobby them for change. Of course, every aborted unborn child deserves

life, not death. The charity LIFE provides great practical support to women and babies: [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk)

**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. Might weekday regulars to come to Funeral Masses to pray for the dead, support the mourners and be a welcoming presence, simply by being at Mass. A devotion for Lent, perhaps?

**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. Please promote hall hire as it continues to lose us over £200 every week.* Hourly rate £40, discount for all day bookings. **Note:** parish groups are *not* subject to this rate. Email [hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk)

**COMING TO CHURCH:** Do you need a lift to church during Lent and for the Easter services? We need parishioners **who can give a lift** to others, can you help please? Contact Peter 01926 428399

**DONATING TO ST PETER'S:** *A new card machine is now at the back of St Peter's and it works!* You may also give online via the website OR by scanning this QR code on your smart phone. *Thank you*



**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** SP 1st—£287.64, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £279.70. OL—1st—£257.93, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £191.74. Thank you for your generosity.

**PARISH FINANCES:** The accounts for 2023 in both parishes will soon be finalised and examined by the Finance Committee. In both parishes, they present a mixed picture. St Peter's has been hit by necessary repairs and Our Lady's roof is still to be investigated properly.

**VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES:** A green form will be given out after Masses this weekend in St Peter's and Our Lady's. This is an opportunity to indicate your interest in a variety of parish activities and to volunteer your help to support our communities. Lent is a good time to reflect on our talents and how they can be used. *Thank you*

**SPAN:** Details of our **Lenten Alms Appeals** are in Feb EXTRA or on noticeboards i.e. Gold envelopes supporting *local families* through supermarket vouchers and the work of *House of Light and Hope in Lebanon*.

**7 DAY CANDLES:** This week the Our Lady Altar candle burns in **Thanksgiving for Niece's job offer**. If you'd 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 have been particular problems at the end of Newnham Road. *Thank you.*

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL** has vacancies for **Foundation Governors**. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Archdiocese to promote the Catholic life and ethos of Catholic schools. They must be practising Catholics (as defined by the archdiocese) and their parish priest has to confirm this. If you are interested in supporting Catholic education in this way, please have a word with Fr Stephen or enquire at the school.

#### 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 Jesus, who bring peace to our souls, bring peace to the lands of your earthly life. You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

**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, 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.**