

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

3rd Sunday of Lent: Sunday 3rd March 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 3rd March 2023 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	David Grayling RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4.30pm Evening Pryr	Patricia Tansey RIP Nisha Pietersz Birthday Ints; Prudence Bunch RIP
Monday 4th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.30am J&P Stations +	~	Mass at St Joseph's 9.30am
Tuesday 5th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Peggy Butler RIP
Wednesday 6th <i>Lent Feria</i>	7pm Mass of Confirmation	10am Mass, followed by Stations of +	Elizabeth Hastings
Thursday 7th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass, followed by 90 mins Exposition for Vocations	~	Beryl Blower RIP; Holy Souls
Friday 8th <i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Requiem: Philip Morris RIP
Saturday 9th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Exposition 9.00am Confessions 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	David Manning RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Gerard Lucey RIP; Willie Mulvy RIP
SUNDAY 10th <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4.30pm Stations +	Elizabeth Hastings RIP Paul John White RIP; John Keirnan

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

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Bernadette Parker, Betty Cashmore, Patrick Keegan, Nunzia Arena, John Thurlow, Isabel Thurlow, Mary Duggan, Michael Curran, Catherine Collins, Paul Reszka, Zofia Domicewicz, Karen Wright, Ann Hopkins, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Mary Wall, John Moore, Patrick McKeown, David Manning, Joseph Reilly, Eileen Falkous, Catherine Walsh, Virginia Simeone, Doreen Caffery, Cn. Peter Taylor, Fr. Douglas Carter, Fr. John Pinkman, Fr. Robert Wright, Fr. Terence Luxon, Fr. Francis Johnson, Fr. Joseph Purcell, Dcn. James Rowe. **The recently deceased:** Margaret Smith, Patricia Large, Carmel Fitzgerald, Philip Morris, Jacqueline Phemister, Margaret Bennett, Gerry Lucey. **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/ourladysslillington>

St Joseph's: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswhitnash>

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



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

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

WELCOME TO MASS: March, the month of St Joseph, is allocated to our Deanery to pray for vocations, and so each parish will be providing an extra time of prayer for that intention. St Peter's is this Thursday following the 10am Mass. In Lent we are called to reconsider how well we keep the basic Christian vocation that we all share, the call to holiness. In today's Gospel Christ casts out the profane from the sacred Temple, yet He clearly associates His own Body with the Temple itself. In predicting His own death and Resurrection, Christ speaks for those of us who, through baptism, are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. It is not just the Temple that should be kept holy, but those temples of the Holy Spirit that are the bodies of the baptised. If we are to be the temple 'made of living stones' then God's commandments are the way of keeping that temple holy. 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** from next Sunday (Evening Prayer is celebrated this Sunday)

ALPHA COURSE AT ST JOSEPH'S: Weekly, on **Mondays at 7:30pm** St Joseph's Whitnash runs an Alpha Course, an introduction to the faith. 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. Please join us.

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 jahold-@virginmedia.com or 01926 420045.

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 at 7pm in celebration of their great patron. Fr Stephen is preaching. A Holy Hour for Vocations precedes the Mass, with confession available.

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

CATHOLIC Q&A: All parishioners welcome at 'Why am I Catholic' discussion/Q&A run by the young adults group at 7pm, Friday 22nd March, Dorrner Conference Centre. See you there! :)

WHAT MIGHT I DO FOR LENT...? Come to Mass with a deliberate intention for whom or which you offer the Mass—seriously consider volunteering to help in the parishes—have a look at the website CHRISTIAN ART | Gospel Reading & Art Reflection for a daily comment on the day's Gospel reading and a work of art to help you.

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 looking for help and advice, and to babies too: 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: prayer is all that's asked. 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 to make enquiries.

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—£679.14, 2nd (CAFOD) - £399.17, OL—1st—£246.50, 2nd (CAFOD) - £543.81. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES: Thank you to all who took a green form last week. If you can volunteer thank you: all parishes rely on volunteers to exist. We are looking to make best use of parishioners' time and talents in the service of Christ and His Church.

SPAN: Details of our **Lenten Alms Appeals** are in Feb EXTRA or on notice-boards 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 **Main Altar** candles burns for **Ann Purfield's 97th Birthday**. The **Our Lady Altar** candle burns in Memory of **David B.**

Manning RIP, The **Sacred Heart Altar** candle burns for **Agnes Bertha Ong**. 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.**

LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFSTED INSPECTIONS: Within the two months of this year **St Anthony's** has been inspected and rated **outstanding** again, **St Patrick's** has been inspected and rated **good** again, and **St Joseph's** has been rated **good**. Congratulations to staff, parents, pupils and governors.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL is looking for a new head teacher and deputy from September. Details on the BDES website vacancies page [here](#)

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 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.

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, or who receive Holy Communion at home. **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.**