

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

5th Sunday of Lent: Sunday 17th March 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 17th March 2023 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Passiontide Begins</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Larry O'Dwyer RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Bill Adams RIP Margaret Thornton RIP;
Monday 18th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	10.30am J&P Stations +	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's
Tuesday 19th Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM.	10am Mass <i>at St Joseph's altar in St Peter's</i> 12:30pm Funeral Service	~	Philip Morris RIP; Mary O'Mullane RIP B'day Anniv. Funeral: Kathleen McSweeney RIP
Wednesday 20th <i>Lent Feria</i>	11am Mass	~	Requiem: Patricia Large RIP
Thursday 21st <i>Lent Feria</i>	1pm Mass	10am Mass	Fr Lawrence Crowe RIP; Brian Leigh RIP Month's Mind Requiem: Margaret Smith RIP
Friday 22nd <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am Mass 11am-6pm Confession <u>No</u> Divine Mercy Devs	~	Rosa Dimambro RIP; Luke Sweeney RIP
Saturday 23rd <i>Opt. Commem. of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bp.</i>	Exposition 9.00am Confessions 9.15-45am 10am Mass Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~ ~	Stephen Clarke RIP Jacqueline Phemister RIP; Gerard Lucey RIP
SUNDAY 24th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4.30pm Stations +	Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP Maureen Wall RIP; Colin Dunphy RIP

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

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: John Badger, Mary Martin, Ada Ashton, Martin Ahern, Daniel Byrne, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Iwanikiw, Luke Sweeney, Mary Geraghty, Natalie Burgielska, Michael Maxwell, Vesna Dokleja, Francis Charters, Margaret Collins, John Maguire, Peter Cronin, Mary Dillon, Martin Ryan, Archbishop Ullathorne OSB, Archbishop Grimshaw, Fr. William Madden, Fr. Andrew Brennan, Fr. Laurence Crowe, Dcn. Thomas Ashcroft, Dcn. John Higgins, **The recently deceased:** Maria Parisi, Anne-Marie Butler, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Kathleen McSweeney, Mary Wall, Josephine Hardy, Edwin King, Margaret Smith, Patricia Large, Carmel Fitzgerald, Philip Morris. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

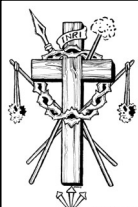
SAFEGUARDING The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Our Lady's** Claire Walsh email sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or 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



LENT 2024: SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL

Jesus Christ, Divine Carpenter of Nazareth, grant that we who come rough-hewn to the workshop of Your altar, may be fashioned into the image of Your glory.

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

WELCOME TO MASS: Welcome to today's Mass. Lent moves into its final and most solemn weeks today. 'The days are coming' God tells us through Jeremiah 'when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel' and so today we hear Jesus gain speaking of being 'lifted up from the earth', describing the way in which that new covenant will be initiated. That new covenant will give glory to God for it is on the altar of the Cross that Christ's victory is won. Christ will again be lifted up from the earth when, risen and ascended He returns to His heavenly glory. Yes, the Father's will is done and He is glorified but the Paschal mystery of Christ's death, resurrection and Ascension restores us to glory too.

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. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

THIS SUNDAY: We welcome a couple of speakers from the **Kenelm Youth Trust** and the **parishes** who will be speaking about youth ministry. We hope to provide opportunities for all our young people from yr 6 – young adult. We'd like to open a new youth group for year 6-8 at St. Peter's, Leamington Spa. All interested in this exciting venture are asked to come on Thurs 18 April 7.30pm - 8.30pm for a meeting in St Peter's hall. A teenage group is being established at St Mary Immaculate in Warwick.

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**, after 10am Mass, and each **Sunday evening at 4.30 pm**

Children's Stations 12 noon on Good Friday at Our Lady's

Warwick Station Masses Every Friday 6pm

HOLY WEEK & EASTER **Maudy Thursday** 7.30pm at Our Lady's, **Good Friday** 3pm at St Peter's, **Easter Vigil Mass** 7.30pm at St Peter's. More details and more events to follow

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSALS: for Holy Week will take place as follows:

Maudy Thursday: 10:30am at Our Lady's, **Good Friday:** 10:30am at St.

Peter's, **Holy Saturday:** 10:30am at St. Peter's

ALPHA COURSE AT ST JOSEPH'S: Weekly, on **Mon, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY: 19th 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. There will still be morning Mass at St Peter's.

DAY OF CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER at St Peter's, this Friday, 11am-6pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Fridays 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 for the whole world. Please join us. This will not happen on Good Friday or Easter Friday. **Divine Mercy Sunday** Devotions 7 April at 3pm

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS: About 8 regular attenders meet every Friday in the Davenport Room from 11 - 12 to look at the following Sunday's readings. If you'd like to join in, even occasionally, please let me know on 01926 420045 or jaholden@virginmedia.com

MEN'S GROUP: First informal meeting **Thu 21 March 7.45pm** at the Heathcote Arms, Tachbrook Road. Please let Fr. David know if you plan to attend.

CATHOLIC Q&A: All welcome at 'Why am I Catholic?' discussion/ Q&A run by the **young adults group** at 7pm, Fri 22 March, St Peter's hall. Come along!

WHAT MIGHT I DO FOR LENT...? Experiment with a time of silence each day—have a look at the website CHRISTIAN ART | Gospel Reading & Art Reflection

for daily reflection in words and art on the Gospel

THE PARISH VISITATION REPORT is available in paper form in church and on the parish website on the same page as the newsletters (link from Facebook). Please read it. Fr Stephen will be speaking about it once we have all had a chance to see it. There's lots to celebrate, and one or two challenges.

FUNERAL MASSES Might weekday regulars 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. 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—£461.00, 2nd (EVC Uganda) - £934.55, OL—Totals not known at time of printing. Thank you for your generosity.



VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES: There is still time to complete and return a form. Consider how you could help our parishes...

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Graham and Sylvia, who will be received into the Catholic Church and for Lily and Malena who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on 30 March; and also for Celine who will be confirmed at a later date. They have all been attending the weekly Come and See sessions since October.

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.

At the SPAN open meeting thanks were received from beneficiaries. We agreed - £440 for solar lanterns for children in Kenya, £400 cataract operations in Ghana, £400 towards filtering springs, planting Eucalyptus trees and providing latrines in Uganda and Kenya.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week The **Our Lady Altar** candle burns for **The Burns Family RIP**. 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.

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. Thank you.**

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL is looking for a new head teacher and deputy from September. Details on the BDES website vacancies page [here](http://www.bdes.org.uk)

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 vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be 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.

MARCH, MONTH OF ST JOSEPH
*Pray us for us, Great Joseph—husband,
foster-father, worker, and guardian of
Jesus and Mary!*



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, 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.**