

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

## 2nd Sunday of Easter: Sunday 7th April 2024

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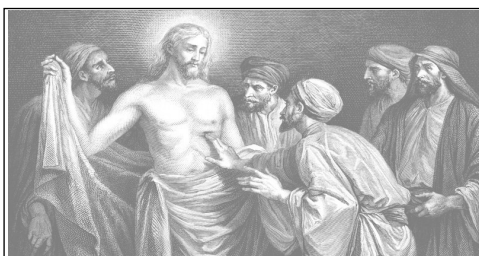
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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 7th April 2024</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter:</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Patrick Campbell RIP; Michael Maher
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b> 2.55pm Divine Mercy Devs	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	James Dunne RIP  Dermot Collins RIP; Tony McAndrew RIP
Monday 8th <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.</i>	12 noon Mass	~	The people of the Parish
Tuesday 9th <i>Easter Feria</i>	No Mass <b>4pm: Reception</b>	~	~ <b>Josephine Hardy RIP</b>
Wednesday 10th <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>11am Mass</b>	~	<b>Requiem: Josephine Hardy RIP</b>
Thursday 11th <i>Mem. of St. Stanislaus, Bp., M</i>	No Mass	~	~
Friday 12th <i>Easter Feria</i>	No Mass 3.00pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	~
<b>Saturday 13th</b> <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr</i>	10am Mass	~	Joseph Thomas RIP; Zena Godwin RIP
	<b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Michael Pass; Patrick, Lucia, & Michael Ryan
<b>SUNDAY 14th</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP; Monica Shrubbs RIP; Peter Sprawson RIP; Michael & Siobhan Hannan RIP

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

**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.ccolcl.lillington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ccolcl.lillington@rcaob.org.uk); **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email [sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) **The Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.



# Christ is Risen!

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Luke Ryan, Siobhan Hannan, Gemma Waddell, Richard Collins, Joseph McGrath, Avis Charman, Eileen Lawless, Ernesta Guerrini, Michael Hannan, Thomas O'Donnell, Anna-Maria Stoneham, Michael Tierney, Francis Malaghan, Madeline Reading, Peter Sprawson, Calogero Rizzo, Francis Garvey, Christina Kavanagh, Mary Jones, Concetta Frondella, John Herlihy, Philomena Dawkes, Christina Collins, Cn. Peter Jones, Fr. Patrick Emmanuel, Fr. Kevin Preston, Fr. Eamon Clarke, Fr. Kenneth Collins, Fr. Joseph Barr, Fr. Michael McManus, Dcn. Jack Foxall. **The recently deceased:** Stephanie O'Sullivan, Daniel Donovan, Mary McDermott, Mary Wall, Maria Parisi, Josephine Hardy, Anne-Marie Butler, Edwin King. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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**WELCOME TO MASS:** Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The well-known incredulity of St Thomas features in today's Gospel, who wanted to see and touch the wounds of the risen Christ before he would believe. Christ comes to him and he utters a creed in miniature: 'My Lord and my God' in response. Like the other apostles, he too is commissioned to go out and bear witness to the Gospel, the Good News, and, through the Holy Spirit, make known the joy of God's merciful nature. Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. That mercy, most wonderfully revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus is indeed part of God's very nature, evident throughout the scriptures, and in the Five Wounds, Precious Blood and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The visions of St Faustina in her convent at Krakow of the Divine Mercy in the 1930s gave new impetus and expression to devotion to God's mercy, on which all of us totally depend. Devotions at St Peter's begin today at 2.55pm

Have a very happy and a blessed Easter. *Thank you so much* for your kind words, gifts and Easter offering. God bless you all, *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!**

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In St Peter's at 2.55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and at 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions start. There will be confession available during this time. On Fridays after that day, the weekly Friday devotions resume at 3pm. 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.

**SPAN:** Our open to all monthly meeting is this Monday 8th April starting 7.30pm in St Peter's Hall. We have a request for clothing for a family in our Parish: a girl of 11 and boys 6 and 2. We also have a local family who need an electric cooker. If you can help, please tel Clare: 07720 887002.

**PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB:** resumes (12.00-3.00pm) on Tuesday 9th April for companionship, conversation, free refreshments, and activities. A warm welcome awaits you! **Volunteers** -if you are interested in helping by joining our small group of volunteers on a rota basis come along on Tuesday and speak with Margaret to find out what's involved.

**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](mailto:jaholden@virginmedia.com)

**YOUTH GROUP:** 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 Peters hall. A teenage group is being established at St Mary Immaculate in Warwick.

**MEN'S GROUP FOR CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON:** will meet again on 25 April, 7.45pm at the Windmill, Tachbrook Road.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES & LITURGIES** *Thank you* to all our singers, servers, musicians, readers, cleaners whose hard work had made out keeping of Holy Week and Easter so wonderful.

**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.

**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

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

**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) to make enquiries.

**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, or by standing order, or in the collection. *Thank you.*



**DONATING TO OUR LADY'S:** It is possible to donate to Our Lady's via the Diocesan website (there is a red donate button towards the top right on every page), click [here](#), use the QR code or by standing order, or in the collection. *Thank you!* **Each parish has always had its own bank account and continues to do so.**



**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** The Good Friday collection at St. Peter's totaled—£666.51. This weekend the second collection at St. Peter's is for Church Redecoration. The second collection at Our Lady's is for Church Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please be aware that the earliest availability for Sunday 11:15am Mass is 15th May onwards, if you would like a Mass said sooner, there is plenty of availability on Saturday evenings, during the week and at Our Lady's on Sundays.

**7 DAY CANDLES at ST PETER'S:** This week the St. Joseph's Altar candle burns for: **A Private Intention**. 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.

**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.

**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 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

**L**ORD 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 LADY'S EASTERTIDE ANTHEM

**R**EGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia!  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!  
Ora pro nobis, Deum, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
**For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**  
(Translation: Rejoice, Queen of Heaven, for He whom you were fit to bear, has risen as He said. Pray for us! Alleluia!)

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, 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.**