

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

3rd Sunday of Easter: Sunday 14th April 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 14th April 2024 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Michael Pass; Patrick, Lucia, & Michael Ryan
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP; Monica Shrubbs RIP Peter Sprawson RIP; Michael & Siobhan Hannan RIP
Monday 15th <i>Easter Feria</i>	No Mass	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's
Tuesday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	9am Mass	~	Peter Muddeman RIP; Gerard Lucey RIP
Wednesday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	11am Funeral Mass 4pm: Reception	~	Requiem: Mary McDermott RIP Mary Wall RIP
Thursday 18th <i>Easter Feria</i>	11am Funeral Mass	~	Requiem: Mary Wall RIP
Friday 19th <i>Easter Feria</i>	1pm Funeral Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Requiem: Maria Parisi RIP
Saturday 20th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Ben Reed RIP; Gloria Powers RIP
	5pm: Vigil Mass	~	John Shannon RIP; Anne Sayce RIP
SUNDAY 21st <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>		9.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	Matthew Godwin RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass		Kim Tan Ye RIP; Philip Morris RIP

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



Christ is Risen!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Jones, Concetta Frondella, John Herlihy, Philomena Dawkes, Christina Collins, William Allerton, Mary Pettipher, Richard O'Mahony, Bridget Punch, John Sheehan, Ellen Cleary, James Baker, Anne Alexander, Catherine Cronin, Margaret O'Brien, Lily Jenkins, Maureen Finnesey, Rosa Venetico, Fr. Anthony Brown, Fr. Peter Moore, Fr. Reginald Slade, Fr. Patrick Downey, Fr. Antony Conlon, Fr. Hugh Griffith, Fr. Andrew Kenny. **The recently deceased:** Cissie Power, Mary Duffy, Simon Rogers, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Daniel Donovan, Mary McDermott, Mary Wall, Maria Parisi, Josephine Hardy. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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

WELCOME TO MASS: Christ is risen! Alleluia! The Gospel today again has confused disciples at first afraid and then overjoyed at the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is, of course, known by faith. Yes, the apostles saw but the Good News of mercy through repentance is preached and believed by faith, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

I was in Rome last week, where, particularly to the converts' eye, one is in contact with so much of the history of Christ's Church all the way back to St Peter, that it is hard not to see how Christ's Church is today's Catholic Church. We visit Peter's tomb, we come to the place of his execution, we stand where martyrs suffered: yes, we may not have seen but we have heard. I offered Mass for all the people of Our Lady's and St Peter's at the English College, the place so many left to return to England and face martyrdom for the Gospel. Let us keep the faith! 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!**

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: Meeting on **Mon 15 April 7.30 pm** in the Flint Room (Annexe of the Hall). Everyone welcome to come along.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: **Tuesdays 12-3pm**. A warm place with company, refreshments (including soup and rolls), and a variety of activities.

Volunteering -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.

YOUTH GROUP: We'd like to open a new youth group for year 6-8 at St. Peter's, Leamington Spa. All interested are asked to come **this 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.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS: every Friday in the Davenport Room from 11 - 12 to look at the following Sunday's readings.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (for those not at Catholic schools): there will be a meeting for parents and young people on Wednesday, 24 April at 6 pm at Our Lady's Church Hall. If you would like your child to be prepared for this sacrament, it is important that you attend this meeting. If you have any queries, or if you have not already registered, please email Mary Rouse at: maryrouse@rocketmail.com

MEN'S GROUP FOR CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: meets on 25 April, 7.45pm at the Windmill, Tachbrook Road. Contact Fr Hartley to book a meal.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: Card signing for Prisoners of Conscience at Masses at St Peter's **27/28 April** and at Our Lady's **5 May** - many people bravely stand up for their rights to freedom in an increasingly authoritarian world. We have a few chosen by ACAT (Action by Christians against Torture) see the web site on <https://www.acatuk.org.uk> **Please stop and sign a card**. We do ask for donations to cover postage if possible. It really makes a difference to those imprisoned with little hope of justice.

TRUE DEVOTIONS: We are starting again our group for the Warwickshire area. The devotion is considered to be a perfect renewal of a person's baptismal promises and is based on the teachings and spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. Please bring your rosary for our first meeting: Davenport Room St Peter's parish centre on **Sat 27 April at 11am**. Local contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 Email: rcia.cathleam@gmail.com

FAITHS TRAIL: See the notice in the Church porch at St. Peter's for details.

KINDAID: Tickets are now available for KINDAID's Spring Supper 6.30pm on **Sat 11 May**. Adults £10 children £5. Everyone welcome.

PENTECOST PARTY: Sunday 19 May. To welcome into our parish family those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and to celebrate the birthday of the Church, there will be a shared lunch from 1pm in St. Peter's parish centre. All parishioners are invited. Please bring a plate of food for the shared table, savoury or sweet, if possible representing your country of origin. Further details from Margaret on 428399.

2024 IN OUR LADY'S & ST PETER'S: By the end of the summer both parishes will have had their five yearly architect's inspection of their buildings. This will bring a list of work needing doing, graded according to urgency. The findings will have a real impact on parish finances. Both parish-

es have listed church buildings, St Peter's also has a large listed presbytery and a very large hall. Maintenance costs simply go up. There may be costly and therefore important decisions for us to consider by the year's end.

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. Three funeral Masses occur this week. It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for the departed.

SP 200 CLUB: The April draw was on Tuesday afternoon. 1st Prize (£50) - P. Broughan, 2nd Prize (£20) - J. Daly, 3rd Prize (£10) - J. Warr. Congratulations! if you'd like to join please see Bill at Pastimes on Tuesdays.

SPAN: Our meeting agreed to send £ 500 supporting the work of the International Refugee Trust helping the displaced in the Italian hospitals in Jordan. Also, £300 to LAFF working with vulnerable teenagers in Peru.

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 it—we lose £200 a week on it. Email 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 Each parish has always had its own bank account and continues to do so!**



DONATING TO OUR LADY'S: It is possible to donate to the parish via the Diocesan website (there is a red donate button towards the top right on every page), or click [here](#), or 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: SP: 1st Coll—£408.92, 2nd Coll.

(Redec.) - £314.13. OL: 1st Coll—£226.14, 2nd Coll. (Maint.) - £184.45.

This weekend the second collections at St. Peter's & Our Lady's are for Church Maintenance. Thank you for your generosity. **Next Sunday:** Clergy Training Fund

MASS INTENTIONS: Please be aware that the earliest availability for Sunday 11:15am Mass is 15 May onwards.

7 DAY CANDLES at ST PETER'S: 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 on the parish website on the same page as the newsletters (link from Facebook).

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.**

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.

INSTEAD OF THE HAIL MARY AT SUNDAY MASSES

OUR LADY'S EASTERTIDE ANTHEM

REGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia! Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia! Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia! Ora pro nobis, Deum, 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.**