

# St Peter's & Our Lady's: Part of Catholic Leamington

## 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C: Sunday 23rd February 2025 Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 23rd February</b> <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Brian McHale RIP
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>  4pm Evening Prayer	Deceased of the Wise, Gough, & Webster Families Rev. Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP; Zena Godwin RIP
Monday 24th <i>Feria</i>	<b>1pm</b> Funeral Mass 5pm Reception	~	<i>Requiem: Filippo Marsala RIP</i> <i>Anne Purfield</i>
Tuesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	<b>11am</b> Funeral Mass	~	<i>Requiem: Anne Purfield RIP</i>
Wednesday 26th <i>Feria</i>	<b>10:30am</b> Funeral Mass	~	<i>Requiem: Ray Murphy RIP</i>
Thursday 27th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Dr. of the Church.</i>	~	10am Mass	Mr. M. E. Connolly
Friday 28th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Oswald, Bp.</i>	10am Mass 12:30pm Funeral 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Chummar Thomas RIP 1st Anv. <i>Service: Rhiannon Whyte RIP</i>
Saturday 1st March <i>Feast of St. David, Bp. Patron of Wales</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass  4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~  ~	Thomas McElroy RIP  Patrick Moran RIP; Eileen Godfrey RIP
<b>SUNDAY 2nd</b> <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Bernard & Mary Mortimer RIP  Rev. Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP; John Robinson RIP Anv.

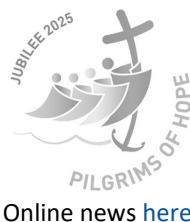
**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Joseph Connell, Edward McGerty, Percy Fitzgerald, John Behan, Josephine Hambalek, Denis Hunt, Edwin King, Dermot Murphy, Bartholomew Leahy, Zena Godwin, Josephine Hardy, Bernadette Parker, Betty Cashmore, Mary Wall, Bishop Cleary, Bishop Dunn, Fr. Michael McCabe, Fr. Martin Meagher, Fr. John Collins, Fr. Oliver Kemp, Fr. George Brewster, Fr. George Tarrant, Fr. John Flynn. **The recently deceased:** George Pearson, Liz Leddy, James Cleary, Dcn. Patrick Flanagan, Ahmed Musa, Charles Brocas, Paul Docherty, Nora Miller, Rhiannon Whyte, Ray Murphy, Filippo Marsala, Anne Purfield, Peter Cronin. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**Our prayers for the Sick:** HH Pope Francis, Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Andrew Murray, Paula Newton, Marcella Nicholls, Gill Parker, , Fr. Tony Rohan, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Uta Winter, Peter Wright, & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, & hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**



SCAN TO SEE THE  
MASS READINGS

**TEA & COFFEE**  
After Sunday  
Morning Masses in the  
hall  
*All Welcome!*



**MORE SERVERS**  
**ALWAYS WELCOME**  
Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

**FACE BOOK PAGES**  
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**OUR LADY'S** is [here](#)  
Links from website too

### FEBRUARY—MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families. *Pope St John Paul II*

**WELCOME TO MASS**, especially any visitors joining us to worship, today. Today's first and Gospel readings are very much about mercy. David, having crept into the camp of his enemy Saul, refuses the opportunity to kill him as he lies sleeping. Saul, as King, is the Lord's anointed and David cannot strike him down therefore. Jesus speaks of the need for generosity in our dealings with others, a generosity that comes at a price but a generosity that challenges notions of revenge, retribution and grudges. Our generosity must be for all, not just those who respond in kind to us. For, after all, Jesus, the 'man from heaven' (as Paul says in the second reading) comes with limitless generosity to save all who are 'men of earth'. That generosity is summed up by mercy, a mercy for all who bear the stamp of God's likeness—everyone.

**Lent arrives on 5 March**, and again we renew our efforts to live conquering sin, mastering our desires and caring for others. Following Christ's example, a good Lent must include giving something up and taking something on. There are many opportunities every week to come to Mass, make your confession or pray at a Holy Hour. We may support others through SPAN or KindAid or CAFOD or attend the Lent study Group or say a rosary or arrive at Mass earlier to pray or pick up that holy book and start reading or visit the neighbour we've been neglecting or make that final effort to stop smoking or miss a weekly meal or live more simply or so much else. **God bless us all, Fr Stephen**

**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 unity among all Christians**, as God wills. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

**HEATING AT OUR LADY'S** We are still awaiting the replacement parts for the heaters which the engineer hopes to complete this week.

**SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE:** at Our Lady's, Valley Road Lillington, CV32 7SJ today starting at 4pm. Followed by refreshments in the Hall afterwards. All are very welcome. Parking in Health Centre car park next door.

**FUNERALS THIS WEEK AT ST PETER'S:** There are four funerals, meaning some alteration to the usual routine. **Parishioners, please consider still coming to a weekday Mass even if it is a funeral!** Your presence, simply praying the Mass, **is an act of charity** both towards the departed and their families. It shows that the parish community cares and is willing to exercise a ministry to the departed and the bereaved.

**COME & PLAY:** **Tues 9:30—11am** in SP Hall. We welcome parents and children, no charge. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002.

**PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB:** **Tuesdays 12-3pm**. Join our lively community for good company and activities including a session of chair based exercises. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret.

**ON-LINE PRAYER GROUP - Catholic Leamington:** On Zoom on **Tuesdays 7.30 to 8.30pm** Contact Margaret or Peter 01926 428399 or email:- [mandpdimambro@gmail.com](mailto:mandpdimambro@gmail.com)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Next meeting **Tuesday 25 February**. Items on the agenda will include a review of the accounts for 2024, SP hall finances and any professional developments in proposals for remodelling, rebuilding or selling parish properties at St Peter's that might arrive in time  
**STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS:** every **Friday 11am** in the Davenport Room.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** **Fridays 3pm St Peter's**. At the hour of mercy come to implore mercy for the world and praise God!

**SPARK YOUTH GROUP:** Meets next on Thursday **27 February** in the Davenport Room, St Peters Church Hall.

**SPAN:** **Quiz Night tickets** for this **Friday 28th Feb 7.30** for 8pm start available now or on the door at St Peter's Hall, £5 adult £1 youth, fund-raising for New Chapters, helping drug and alcohol recovery locally.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH:** Ash Wednesday, as the beginning of Lent, is a day of fasting and abstinence (from meat). We unite ourselves with Christ seeking grace and strength to begin His public ministry. His defeat of temptation gives us courage and hope to do the same. Masses will be **10am at OL** (with OL School present too), **11.30 at SP** (with schools pre-

sent) and **7pm at SP**.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Fri 7 March** prayer Service Fri 7 March 2pm, Holy Trinity Church, Beauchamp Avenue Leamington. This year's service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands—**all welcome**.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY BEGINNING AT ST PETER'S:** This will start on **Sun 9 March, first Sunday of Lent**. Details soon.

**LENT STUDY GROUP: Getting more out of the Mass** designed for allcomers, informative with a time for questions and discussion at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Murcott Road East, Whitnash. **Starts 13 March** and every Thurs up to 10 April. Please contact [liz.mottram@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.mottram@ntlworld.com) for info.

**BINGO NIGHT: Fri 21 March** in SP hall for parish funds. Get your lucky dabber out... Eyes down at 7pm.

**DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - Sat 22 March** Pilgrimage to a Diocesan Jubilee church in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. **10.30. Arrival and Mass**, coffee and a talk, guided visit of the College, BYO packed lunch, Exposition, Indulgence prayers and ending with tea at 3pm. Ample car parking at church. No charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. Confirm attendance by 17 March to [peter.rand@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.rand@btinternet.com). Thank you.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Sat 24—Fri 30 May**. Details on the diocesan website [here](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/) <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

**HOLY YEAR:** There are some ideas of how we might mark this coming out of parishes, clusters and the deanery. The pilgrimage to Littlemore and the local Warwick Martyrs' Walk are obvious ways. There are potential pilgrimage opportunities both near and far, so that we may literally travel as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. But we do not have to go on a pilgrimage to embrace the spirit of the Holy Year. There are many ways to celebrate a holy year when we are called to renew our relationship with God and with one another. See the Bishops' conference website for examples [www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/)

**STUDENTS:** You are very welcome. Have you signed up to get the weekly newsletter from Fr. Simon Baker, Catholic chaplain of the university?

[Simon.Baker.2@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Simon.Baker.2@warwick.ac.uk) to be in touch with the chaplaincy.

**COULD YOU BE A SERVER?: 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.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** If you're within the age group (18-35 years) and would like to join or continue the group (we have a group chat) do get in contact with Rose on 07484 127253.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** SP 1st –£653.91, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £324.57, OL 1st—£321.40, 2nd (Church Roof Repairs) - £158.26. This weekend the Second collection is for **SP: Church Maintenance** and **OL: Church Roof Repairs. Thank you.**

**7 DAY CANDLES:** Envelopes for these at the back of church.

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY & TRINITY CATHOLIC SECONDARY:** are both looking for Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are appointed by the diocese and must be **practising** Catholics. If you are interested or know someone who is, please email St Patrick's at: [admin3543@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3543@welearn365.com) or Trinity at [dsmith@gov.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:dsmith@gov.magnificat.org.uk)  
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#### **DONATING TO THE PARISHES**

As well as the collection bags, via standing order, you may give by using the credit card machine at the back of St Peter's or scanning **the code** at the top left on the first page of this sheet with your smartphone, or online via the website. **Thank you**

#### **ARRANGING A WEDDING**

**Congratulations on your engagement!** To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is needed.

#### **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 facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME OR RETURN IT TO THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR OTHERS TO SEE, OR TAKE IT HOME, OR BEST OF ALL GIVE IT TO ABSENT PARISHIONERS.**