

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

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C: Sunday 2nd March 2025 Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 2nd March <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Patrick Moran RIP; Eileen Godfrey RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Bernard & Mary Mortimer RIP Rev. Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP; John Robinson RIP Anv.
Monday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 4th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Casimir</i>	10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
Wednesday 5th Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins	11:30am Mass 7pm Mass	10am Mass	Holy Souls Ray Murphy RIP Pro Populo
Thursday 6th <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10am Mass 4pm Reception	~	Peter Muddeman RIP <i>Nora Miller RIP</i>
Friday 7th <i>Opt. Mem. of Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs.</i>	7am Mass 1pm Funeral Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Holy Souls <i>Requiem: Nora Miller RIP</i>
Saturday 8th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John of God, Relig.</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass	~	Sr. Frances O'Dwyer RIP 1st Anv.
	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Sheila Shanahan
SUNDAY 9th 1st Sunday of Lent	11.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Deceased of Vincentian family David Manning RIP 3rd Anv.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Bernadette Parker, Betty Cashmore, Mary Wall, Nunzia Arena, Mary Duggan, Michael Curran, Catherine Collins, Paul Reszka, Kathleen McSweeney, Karen Wright, Ann Hopkins, Mary Wall, John Moore, Anne Butler, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Patrick McKeown, David Manning, Joseph Reilly, Bishop Dunn, Cn. Peter Taylor, Cn. Anthony Allport, Fr. Douglas Carter, Fr. John Pinkman, Fr. Robert Wright, Fr. Terence Luxon, Fr. Francis Johnson, Dcn. James Rowe. **The recently deceased:** Bridget Freeman, George Pearson, Liz Leddy, James Cleary, Ahmed Musa, Charles Brocas, Paul Docherty, Nora Miller, Rhiannon Whyte, Ray Murphy, Filippo Marsala, Anne Purfield. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

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

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MARCH—MONTH OF ST JOSEPH. Pray for us, Protectors of the Holy Family

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, 'at the service of the entire plan of salvation'. Pope Francis in Patris Corde 2020

WELCOME TO MASS, especially any visitors joining us to worship, today. As Lent approaches, it is good to be reminded in the Gospel of the need to attend to our own sinfulness before we start spotting other people's. We need to seek mercy for our own shortcomings before we condemn others for theirs. Our witness is therefore strengthened as we challenge injustice, making sure that we are just in our own dealings with others. We are called to be holy, and Lent gives us time to remember that. Resisting temptation, cultivating holiness, asking forgiveness of our sins, curbing the fulfilment of our own wants and serving the needs of others are all marks of a good Lent. Please make use not only of special Lenten events, but the ordinary cycle of weekday worship is there to help us too. **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 The engineer was booked for Friday, after we go to press, so if it's warm you'll know the heating's mended...

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 chair based exercises. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret.

ON-LINE PRAYER GROUP - Catholic Leamington: Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm Contact Margaret or Peter mandpdimambro@gmail.com 01926 428399

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

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!

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: St Peter's Children's Liturgy group warmly invite all children up to year 3, to join in the age appropriate Liturgy of the Word during Term Time starting next Sunday 9th March. We ask that Pre-schoolers be attended by an adult. There is no need to book a place each week, but we ask you to register your children using the QR code either in advance or on the day of first attending. Families are invited to be seated in the church as usual. The children and catechists will process out together to the church hall after Invitatory Rite, and will return to the church at the Offertory. All children are invited and encouraged to attend.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mondays 10.30am at St Peter's, using the Jesuit refugee Centre resources. **At Our Lady's, Wednesdays after Mass**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: is on **Friday 14 March**. The second collection will be on Saturday and Sunday 15-16 March

LENT FRIDAY MASSES AT ST PETER'S There will be a **7am Mass** throughout Lent as an extra opportunity for worship.

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 for info.

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

JUBILEE YEAR 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. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Sat 24—Fri 30 May. Details on the diocesan website [here](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/HOLY_YEAR) https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/HOLY_YEAR. The pilgrimage to Littlemore and the local Warwick Martyrs' Walk are obvious ways to mark this year. 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/

CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS IN THE CLUSTER: For Years 6,7,& 8 at St Peter's meets next 27 March. The **Youth group for years 8-13** this term is 7:30-9pm on 4/3, 18/3, 1/4 at **St Mary Immaculate** church Hall, Warwick. Young people from all parishes in Leamington/Warwick welcome! On 4th March we will be thinking about lent while enjoying pancakes. Later sessions will focus on the year of jubilee. £1 donation. Any questions please contact Hannah dallman.han@gmail.com

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.

HELP WITH FUNERALS: If you could be a **funeral welcomer**—mainly handing out service cards, helping people find the loo and generally greeting those who come, we'd be very grateful. Please speak to Fr Stephen. **It is also good** to have parishioners **simply come to funerals** to pray and be a supportive presence to mourners. Something for Lent? **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 – £592.86, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £335.59, OL 1st—£275.23, 2nd (Church Roof Repairs) - £237.54. This weekend the Second collection at both Churches are for: **Cathedral Maintenance. Thank you.**

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady** Sanctuary candle burns: In **Memory of the Grayling Family RIP**. The **Sacred Heart** Sanctuary candles burns for: **The Repose of the Soul of Rev. David Cawley RIP**. Envelopes for these at the back of church.

BRENDA PARRY RIP: Many may remember Brenda who died peacefully on 5 Feb, aged 87. She moved to Yorkshire a while ago after her husband died. Brian too had been an active Catholic. May she rest in peace.

JUSTICE & PEACE: March Prayer intention 'that broken families may heal their wounds through forgiveness and recognizing each other's gifts'.

SPAN: Thank you for seeing out February at Friday's Quiz Night, spotlighting the hope of Spring and raising funds for New Chapters, helping drug and alcohol recovery locally.

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 or Trinity at 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.