

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

## 3rd SUNDAY of LENT Year C: Sunday 23rd March 2025: Holy Year



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THANK YOU!

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 23rd March</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Colin Dunphy RIP; Stefan Grosseckttler RIP & Mark Elliott RIP
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>  4.00pm Sung Vespers	Rev. Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP  Martin Lowry RIP; Slawek's Intentions
Monday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.30am J&P Stations of the Cross	~	<b>9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash</b>
Tuesday 25th <b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.</b>	<b>12 noon</b> Mass  4.00pm Reception	9.30am Mass OLST Sch	The People of the Parish Rachel Shepherd Recovery; Anthony Lambert RIP Ahmed Musa RIP
Wednesday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>11am</b> Funeral Mass	~	<i>Requiem: Ahmed Musa RIP</i>
Thursday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Thanksgiving
Friday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.00am Mass  3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	<b>1:30pm</b> Funeral Mass	Ray Murphy RIP; Anne Purfield RIP <i>Requiem: George Pearson RIP</i>
Saturday 29th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Phyllis Harrison RIP
	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Jean Cox RIP
<b>SUNDAY 30th</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>11.15am</b> Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am</b> Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Joy Barry RIP  Francisca Ngozi Nwanguu; Tony McAndrew RIP

**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 sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **These emails are for safeguarding matters only**

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Michael Maxwell, Vesna Dokleja, Francis Charters, Mary Dillon, Martin Ryan, James Dunbar, Winifred Fox, Noel Clarke, George Bates, Archbishop Grimshaw, Bishop McGough, Bishop Bright, Mgr. Cn. John Welch, Mgr. Henry Davis, Fr. Laurence Crowe, Fr. John Donnelly, Fr. John McManus, Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Dcn. John Higgins, Dcn. Louis Livesey. **The recently deceased:** Margaret Cunningham, Jean Saville, Evelyn Stephens, Bridget Freeman, George Pearson, Liz Leddy, James Cleary, Ahmed Musa, Charles Brocas. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**



SCAN TO SEE THE  
MASS READINGS

### TEA & COFFEE

After Sunday  
Morning Masses in the  
hall  
*All Welcome!*



Online news [here](#)

### 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

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON is [here](#)

OUR LADY'S is [here](#)

Links from website too

## MARCH—MONTH OF ST JOSEPH. Pray for us, Protector 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 we make our journey through Lent, seeking God's love and mercy, full of hope.

Time has always been slightly mysterious. Science shows that it can move at different speeds according to how fast observers are travelling: certainly we feel it dragging when we're bored and flashing by when we're having fun. Yet we cannot travel in it other than a minute forward, every minute. God, however, is not bounded by time—in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Today, in calling Moses, God reveals that He *IS* the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, men long dead who experience Him still. So in the Gospel, the vine dresser asks the vineyard owner to give the vine one more year—to give it time. Time is God's gift to us in which we come to know Him and may be moved to repentance by His love and mercy. He gives us time in which we may have a 'second chance': let us use it wisely.

**God bless us all this hopeful spring that is Lent** *Fr Stephen*

**PARISH BUILDINGS:** There was a very encouraging response to last week's news about the buildings from many parishioners in both parishes. Asking 'What can we do?' is the first vital step in securing the future of both parishes and their buildings. **Thank you for your desire to make things work in a new and sustainable way.** At St Peter's: a full exploration of the sale of the presbytery, perhaps creating two or three houses, one of which might be the presbytery, is to be done at the Pastoral Council's wish. We can then see how much money would be made and budget for work on a hall, thus discovering what we might create for that. At Our Lady's: The scale of the roof work means that nothing can happen quickly anyway. That time needs to be used to organise fundraising and to make the case for the viability of Our Lady's for the future. **Again, thank you!**

**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!**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PETER'S:** St Peter's Children's Liturgy group invite all children up to year 3, to join in the **NEW** age appropriate Liturgy of the Word during Term Time. Please register via this QR code. Pre-school children should be accompanied.



**PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S PARISH:** As we shall have some big decisions to consider, it is necessary that we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all that we have to do. On Sunday at 10:45am an offering of the Rosary for this intention takes place. We may of course pray anywhere at any time so please do unite yourself with this intention.

**EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT:** Today, **23 March, 4.00pm** at Our Lady's  
**LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mondays 10.30am St Peter's**, using the Jesuit refugee Centre resources. **Our Lady's**, after weekday Mass  
**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.** A warm welcome awaits you at this lively weekly gathering in St. Peter's Hall.

**LENT STUDY GROUP: Getting more out of the Mass** for allcomers, informative with a time for questions and discussion St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Murcott Road East, Whitnash. **Thursdays 7:30pm after the 7pm Mass** up to 10 April. liz.mottram@ntlworld.com for info

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

**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!

**CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS IN THE CLUSTER:** For Yrs 6-8 at St Peter's meets on **27 March 7pm**. The Youth group for Yrs 8-13 this term is 7:30-9pm on 1 April at St Mary Immaculate church Hall, Warwick.

**SUNDAY DINNER:** This has been cancelled for this month.

**LENT DAY OF CONFESSION AT ST PETER'S: Thursday 3 April from 10.30am** (after Mass) until **6pm**. Over lunchtime there will be two priests available, in the confessional, and in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

**CONCERT AT ST PETER'S: Sunday 6 April 4.30pm** Warwickshire Singers joined by a French choir La Villanelle de Sceaux, featuring Dubois' Messe de Breve and more. Proceeds to parish funds

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

**VANDALISM:** Last Tuesday, sadly, the Lourdes Grotto in the presbytery front garden was vandalised. It was reported to the police.

**PIETY SHOP:** The Piety Shop is stocked with lots of wonderful items including Mothering Sunday and Easter Cards, Candles, and Jubilee Year Medals. Please do take a look after any of the Weekend Masses.

**COULD YOU BE A SERVER?: Thank you** to our servers at both churches. **We'd love 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. 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 – £617.62, 2nd (CAFOD) - £713.30, OL 1st—£245.20, 2nd (CAFOD) - £524.77. This weekend the Second collection at SP is for **Church Maintenance** and at OL for **Church Roof Repairs**. **Thank you.**

**LEAMINGTON HERITAGE OPEN DAYS: 12-21 Sept.** Volunteers have come forward for St Peter's—**thank you!**

**7 DAY CANDLES:** Envelopes at back of church. Please post through the Presbytery letterbox or in the collection at Mass. 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 A PARISHIONER UNABLE TO COME.**

*Please don't leave in the pew!*

*Information and evangelisation... Thank you*

**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.**

**Our Lady, help of the sick, pray for them.**