

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

1st Sunday of Lent: Sunday 18th February 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 18th February 2024 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	James & Annie Bishop RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Connor & Whelan Families Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP
Monday 19th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.30am J&P Stations +	~	Mass at St Joseph's 9.30am
Tuesday 20th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Noon Mass	~	Priest's Intention; Fr. Michael Chapman—Sick
Wednesday 21st Opt. Commem. of St. Peter Damian, Bp., Dr. of the Church		10am Mass, <i>followed</i> <i>by Stations of +</i>	John Salt RIP
Thursday 22nd Feast of the Chair of St. Peter	10:30am Funeral Mass 3.00pm Reception	~	Requiem: John Gerard Lucey RIP Margaret Bennett RIP
Friday 23rd <i>Lent Feria: CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>	10.00am Mass 1pm Funeral Service 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Private Intention Margaret Bennett RIP
Saturday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Exposition 9.00am Confessions 9.15-45am 10am Mass Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~ ~	Brian McHale—Anniversary; Jim & Margaret McGreevy Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
SUNDAY 25th <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Pro Populo Jacqueline Barton RIP

SUNDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH: 10AM & 5:30PM. Details on their website: stjosephs47.org.uk

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary O'Sullivan, Peter Wreford-Bush, Elizabeth Reynolds, Eugene Fitzgerald, Cornelius Forde, Janet Masterson, Margaret McCarthy, Mary Bevan, Michael Hughes, Elizabeth McDermott, Joseph Connell, Edward McGerty, Frances Redmond, Percy Fitzgerald, Mary Philpott, John Behan, Josephine Hambalek, Denis Hunt, Bp. Joseph Cleary, Cn. William Roughtan, Cn. Sean McTernan, Fr. Joseph McEvilly, Fr. Timothy Healy, Fr. Terence McDonnell, Fr. Francis Jordan, Fr. Alexander McGavin, Fr. Francis Coyle, Fr. Sean Farrell, Fr. Michael McCabe, Fr. Martin Meagher, Fr. John Collins, Fr. Oliver Kemp, Dcn. Hugh Robinson. **The recently deceased:** Carmel Fitzgerald, Philip Morris, Jacqueline Phemister, Margaret Bennett, Gerard Lucey, Fr. Alexander "Sandy" Brown, Patrick Skinner, Margaret Thornton, Fr. Christopher Greaney. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.**

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.

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Our Lady's: <https://www.facebook.com/ourladysslillington> St Joseph's: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswhitnash>

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Link from Catholic Leamington website

LENT

LENT 2024: SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL
PENANCE + PRAYER + ALMS + FASTING
Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee

WELCOME TO MASS: Welcome to Mass for the First Sunday in Lent. How is Lent going? Early days yet, of course, but we can begin to nurture good habits and cut out the bad, to let this 'Springtime for the soul' work in us. This season is the time to be honest about ourselves as sinners and also to be honest about God as the only source of mercy and life. Whatever is wrong with us, He can put it right. The readings today speak first of baptism. In Genesis the flood literally washes sin and sinners away but saves Noah and his family floating in the ark. Peter rejoices in our baptism which washes sin away and is a 'pledge to God'. It starts us on our Christian, pilgrim way as we strive to follow Jesus and answer His call to repent and believe. If our keeping of Lent makes us that bit more penitent and bit more faithful, then we will have indeed let this springtime help us grow closer to Him whom we follow. God bless, *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. As for Catholics, we need always to remember the truth of the Blessed Sacrament and receive Jesus with care, attention and reverence, as well as offering the Mass with attention and without causing unnecessary distractions to others by moving about at the most sacred moments. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

LENT 2024: Stations of the Cross

With the Justice & Peace Group using reflections from the Jesuit Refugee Service, **St Peter's Mondays 10.30am**

At **Our Lady's Wednesdays, after 10am Mass** from next week 21 Feb

CAFOD Lent Lunch for Family Fast Day **Fri 23 Feb** in St Peter's Hall

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: every Fri from 3—3.30 in St. Peter's. *Heavenly Father, for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.* Please join us.

CAFOD FAST DAY & SOUP LUNCH This **Friday**. Soup lunch in St Peter's hall from noon. There will be a **second collection for CAFOD next week.**

PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH: Sunday 25th February after the 11:15am Mass. Price for a 3-course Meal and drink - £15 p/person.

ALPHA COURSE AT ST JOSEPH'S: Weekly, from **Mon 26 Feb 7:30pm** St Joseph's Whitnash runs an Alpha. All welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 1 March 2.30pm at Our Lady's Church This year's ecumenical WDP Service (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) is by the Christian Women of Palestine. Please come and hear about Palestine and to pray for peace. Help with cakes and refreshments would be great. (Contact Anna Godwin Tel 259496).

ST PETER'S PARISH SCHOOLS' CONFIRMATION: March 6 at 7pm

ST JOSEPH'S DAY: 19 March. We are invited to join St Joseph's Whitnash for their evening Mass in celebration of their great patron.

MEN'S GROUP: Come to the first informal meeting on **Thu 21 March 7.45pm** at the Windmill on Tachbrook Road.

WHAT MIGHT I DO FOR LENT...? Read the gospel of Mark one chapter a day—make any overdue apology—be still and silent for 5 minutes a day

ABORTION TIME LIMIT: Doctors intervene to save premature babies from 22 weeks, yet the legal limit for abortion is 24 weeks—an obvious contradiction. There are cards at the back of church to sign and send to our MPs to lobby them for change. Of course, every aborted unborn child deserves life, not death. The charity LIFE provides great practical support to women and babies: lifecharity.org.uk

FUNERAL MASSES Sometimes the funeral Masses at St Peter's are very

small and contain a large portion of visitors who are utterly unfamiliar with Catholic worship. 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. A devotion for Lent, perhaps?

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 do all you can to promote hall hire: it still continues to cost more in heating and lighting than we raise by hiring it out.* Hourly rate £40, discount for all day bookings. **Note:** parish groups are **not** subject to this rate. Email hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk

COMING TO CHURCH: Do you need a lift to church? Can you give a parishioner a lift to church? Contact Peter 01926 428399

DONATING TO ST PETER'S: A new card machine is now at the back of St Peter's! You may also give online via the website OR by scanning this QR code on your smart phone. **Thank you**



SPAN The Quiz night raised £1,000 for Friends of the Holy Land; total since Dec £ 5,000. **Thank you.** February meeting supported projects in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Sudan and local needs. Details of our Lenten Alms Appeals are in Feb EXTRA or on noticeboards i.e. Gold envelopes supporting local needy and House of Light & Hope, Lebanon.

FR CHRISTOPHER'S FUNERAL: The Archbishop has written to Fr Stephen to thank us for all the effort that went in to Fr Chris's funeral. He makes particular mention of servers, musicians and the catering but asks for his thanks to be passed to **all** who took part.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: will appear next week.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES: We will be hearing more about this—the Walking Together team is working on volunteering. There will be an appeal next week with an opportunity to sign up to sign up to help with a wide variety of things that support the life of our parishes.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the Sacred Heart Altar candle burns for the Conversion of Sinners. If you would 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 and post through the Presbytery Letterbox or in the collection at Mass.

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.** There are particular problems at the end of Newnham Road. **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 necessary so that the canonical and civil processes can be explained and 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.

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