

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 11th February 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 11th February 2024</b> <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Morta Camacho RIP
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Mary Curran Rory & Peggy O'Rourke RIP
Monday 12th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 13th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Allison Spalding RIP
<b>Wednesday 14th</b> <i>Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins</i>	12 Noon Mass 7pm Sung Mass	10am Mass	Sheila Strong & Lisa Gorringer RIP Cathleen Bernie Wexford Katie Hannan RIP
Thursday 15th <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10am Mass	~	Priest's Intentions; Rita May 1st Anniversary
Friday 16th <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Bridget Lynch RIP
Saturday 17th <i>Opt. Commem. of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the BVM</i>	Exposition 9.00am Confessions 9.15-45am 10am Mass Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Pro Populo James & Annie Bishop RIP
<b>SUNDAY 18th</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Connor & Whelan Families Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP

**SUNDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S, WHITNASH: 10AM & 5:30PM.** Details on their website: [stjosephs47.org.uk](http://stjosephs47.org.uk)

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Gerard Walsh, Francis McGivern, Philip O'Connell, Michael Jervis, Matylda Librowska, Patricia Devlin, George Beamish, Bridget Cleary, Margaret Pearce, Terence Nicholl, Michael Govern, Gwyneth Chetwynd-Chatwin, Daniel Hendry, Martin O'Regan, Mary O'Sullivan, Peter Wreford-Bush, Mgr. Joseph Healey, Mgr. Canon Peter Lawler, Fr. John Gibb, Fr. Matthias Brady, Fr. John O'Sullivan, Fr. William Connick, Fr. James McGloin, Fr. Charles O'Reilly, Fr. William Conefrey, Fr. Joseph McCilly, Fr. Timothy Healy, Fr. Terence McDonnell, Fr. Francis Jordan, Dcn. Hugh Robinson. **The recently deceased:** 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](mailto:sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk) ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email [sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) **The Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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

**ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM is on YouTube.**

**Link from Catholic Leamington website**

FEBRUARY, MONTH OF THE  
**HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
*JESUS, BLESS US: MARY, PRAY FOR US: JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US*



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**WELCOME TO MASS:** Thank you to everyone who came to pray for Fr Christopher at his Reception Mass or Funeral Mass, or both. Both Masses were well attended and ably supported by our choirs, servers, Catenian car park marshals, flower arrangers, cleaners and many others. The Archbishop was very pleased with how everything went, and he and our many visitors—clergy and lay faithful—were well catered for with food afterwards. Mike and Claire, Fr Chris' brother and sister, ask me to pass on the family's thanks to the parish. It was all a fitting tribute to Fr Chris. Let us continue to pray for him and to thank God for the blessing of his presence with us. There are links to photos on Catholic Leamington Facebook page and the Masses are still available to view on the St Peter's YouTube channel here [St Peter's Leamington Spa - YouTube](#)

May the risen Christ be with you all this coming week as Lent begins.

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!**

**THE YEAR OF PRAYER IS ONGOING:** Catholic Leamington Facebook page contains the Archbishop's video introducing this Year.

**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!*

**ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEB.** Lent begins. Masses will be **10am** at Our Lady's, **12 noon** at St Peter's, **7.00pm** at St Peter's. Come and make the best start to Lent.

**LENT 2024: Stations of the Cross**

With the CAFOD 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

**WHAT MIGHT I DO FOR LENT..?** Give up a regular pointless TV programme and use the time to offer a rosary or write to a friend or read a spiritual book—arrive in good time for Mass (remember that if you miss the gospel you have in fact missed Mass and should not receive Holy Communion)—buy a homeless person a sandwich—adopt a charity...

**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.

**WARWICK STATION MASSES** Again this year Warwick parish will celebrate Masses each Friday evening in various places, with an extended reflection on the 'Our Father' for the Year of Prayer. First on 16th Feb 6pm, St James', Lord Leicester Hospital, Fr David Hartley will preach.

**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).

**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.**

**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.

**OUR LADY'S CONFIRMATION:** 10 July at 7pm

**JUSTICE & PEACE** this month's intention: We pray that working together with our community we may change lives for the better.

**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. Could I ask weekday regulars to come to Funeral Masses to pray for the dead, support the mourners and be a welcoming presence, simply by coming to Mass. A devotion for Lent?

**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 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](mailto: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 and working 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*



**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** St. Peter's—1st: £542.25, 2nd (Church Maintenance): £339.84. Our Lady's— 1st: £237.99, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £208.72. 2nd Collection this weekend: SP & OL—Church Maintenance. *Thank you for your giving!*

**SPAN:** Thank you to everyone who supported the **SPAN Quiz night.**

**VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES:** We will be hearing more about this—the Walking Together team is working on volunteering.

**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

**L**ORD 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.