

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31st March 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
CHRIST IS RISEN! <i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i> SUNDAY 31st March 2024 EASTER SUNDAY	7:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass	~	Tony Sawyer RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Doreen Noble; Paddy Dunbar RIP Philip Morris RIP; Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP
Monday 1st April <i>Easter Monday</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's
Tuesday 2nd <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	10am Mass	~	Peter Sidoli RIP; Peter D'Souza RIP B'day Anniv.
Wednesday 3rd <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	~	10am Mass	Gerard Lucey RIP; John Walsh RIP
Thursday 4th <i>Easter Thursday</i>	10am Mass 1pm Service	~	People of the Parish Funeral: Edwin King RIP
Friday 5th <i>Easter Friday</i>	10am Mass 11am Service <i>(No Divine Mercy Devs)</i>	~	Jackie Leonard RIP Anne-Marie Butler RIP
Saturday 6th <i>Easter Saturday</i>	10am Mass	~	Liz & David Larard RIP
	5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Patrick Campbell RIP; Michael Maher
SUNDAY 7th 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	11.15am Sung Mass 2.55pm Divine Mercy De- votions	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	James Dunne RIP Dermot Collins RIP; Tony McAndrew RIP

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

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.



Christ is Risen!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Catherine Monaghan, Mary Buckley, Edward Tierney, Michael Dillon, Margaret Gannon, Isabel Cristobel, Peter Bosworth, Vincent Hanratty, Mary Burford, Carmela Samperi, Margaret O'Farrell, Elizabeth Allcock, Michelle Connelly, Pawel Sowa, Margaret Wheeler, Brendan O'Regan, Anthony McAndrew, Dermot Collins, Luke Ryan, Siobhan Hannan, Gemma Waddell, Archbishop Williams, Bishop Emery, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Fr. Matthew Sheridan, Fr. John Callaghan, Fr. Philip O'Reilly, Fr. Lawrence King, Fr. Michael Glynn, Fr. Timothy Burke, Fr. Kevin Preston, Dcn. Raymond Zacaroli. **The recently deceased:** Mary McDermott, Mary Wall, Anne-Marie Butler, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Maria Parisi, Josephine Hardy, Edwin King, Margaret Smith. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

St Peter's, St Joseph's & Our Lady's Churches are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

WELCOME TO MASS: Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The great event of Christ's Resurrection is marked by the powerful and dramatic Easter Vigil when the new fire, kindled after dark, is blessed and used to light the new Paschal candle, the symbol of the Risen Jesus. This is the night above all others, in which our own hope of resurrection dawned. The Masses and Liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are steeped in well over 1500 years of tradition, and, in essence, remain unchanged. This reflects the unchanging nature of the Gospel, the revelation of God's constant love shown in the painful, dramatic and exhilarating events of Holy Week.

Have a very happy and a blessed Easter. Thank you so much for your kind words, gifts and Easter offering.

God bless you all, *Fr Stephen*

THE QR CODE FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Simply scan on your smart phone. This works for every day.



THIS WEEK—EASTER VIGIL and EASTER DAY. We come to rejoice at Christ's rising, and do so through fire, light, Holy Scripture, water, and renewing our baptismal vows, by which we are set on the road to salvation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: **Graham and Sylvia**, who will be received into the Catholic Church and confirmed, and for **Lily and Malena** who will be confirmed at the **Easter Vigil on 30 March**; and also for **Celine** who will be confirmed at a later date. They have all been attending the weekly **Come and See** sessions since October.

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. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: **Next Tue 12-3pm.** A warm place with company, refreshments (including soup and rolls), and a variety of activities.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: **Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday.** In St Peter's at 2.55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin and at 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions start. There will be confession available during this time. On Fridays after that day, the weekly Friday devotions resume at 3pm. For this time, during the Hour of Jesus' Greatest Anguish, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We then put ourselves at the Foot of the Cross in silent prayer and intercession, consoling Jesus by our presence, praying for the conversion of sinners and for the whole world. Please join us.

YOUTH GROUP: We'd like to open a new youth group for year 6-8 at St. Peter's, Leamington Spa. All interested in this exciting venture are asked to come on **Thurs 18 April 7.30pm - 8.30pm** for a meeting in St Peter's hall. A teenage group is being established at St Mary Immaculate in Warwick.

MEN'S GROUP FOR CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: will meet again on 25 April, 7.45pm at the Windmill, Tachbrook Road.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES & LITURGIES **Thank you** to all our singers, servers, musicians, readers, cleaners whose hard work had made out keeping of Holy Week and Easter so wonderful.

FUNERAL MASSES 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: prayer is all that's asked.

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 promote hall hire as it continues to lose us over £200 every week.* Hourly rate £40, discount for all day bookings. **Note:** parish groups are **not** subject to this rate. Email hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk to make enquiries.

DONATING TO ST PETER'S: **A new card machine is now at the back of St Peter's and it works!** You may also give online via the website OR by scanning this QR code on your smart phone, or by standing order, or in the collection. **Thank you** Each parish has **always** had its own bank account and continues to do so!



DONATING TO OUR LADY'S: It is possible to donate to the parish via the Diocesan website (there is a red donate button



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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st—£617.69, 2nd (Church Redecoration.) - £453.02, OL—1st—£303.07, 2nd (Church Maint.) - £247.57. There is just **one collection** this weekend, the Easter Offering which is the Easter Gift to the parish priest. **Thank you.**

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS: About 8 regular attenders meet every Friday in the Davenport Room from 11 - 12 to look at the following Sunday's readings. If you'd like to join in, even occasionally, please let me know on 01926 420045 or jaholden@virginmedia.com

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES: There is still time to complete and return a form. Consider how you could help our parishes...

SPAN: Thank you for your continued Lenten Alms donations using gold envelopes supporting local families through supermarket vouchers and the work of House of Light and Hope in Lebanon. SPAN wish all a Blessed Easter.

7 DAY CANDLES at ST PETER'S: If you'd 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.

ST. PETER'S 200 CLUB: The March Draw of the 200 Club took place last week. **1st Prize—£50.00—Mrs. O'Neill**, **2nd Prize—£20.00—Mrs. Tansey**, and **3rd Prize—£10.00—C. Curran**. Congratulations to the winners. If you would like to join, please see Bill at Pastimes on Tuesdays.

THE PARISH VISITATION REPORT is available in paper form in church and on the parish website on the same page as the newsletters (link from Facebook). Please read it. Fr Stephen will be speaking about it once we have all had a chance to see it. There's lots to celebrate, and one or two challenges.

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. 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 vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be 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 LADY'S EASTERTIDE ANTHEM

REGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!
Ora pro nobis, Deum, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!
(Translation: Rejoice, Queen of Heaven, for He whom you were fit to bear, has risen as He said. Pray for us! Alleluia!)



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