

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

Laetare Sunday: Sunday 10th March 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 10th March 2024 <i>Laetare Sunday</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Gerard Lucey RIP; Willie Mulvy RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4.30pm Stations +	Elizabeth Hastings RIP Paul John White RIP; John Kiernan
Monday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.30am J&P Stations +	~	NO MASS
Tuesday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Gerard Lucey RIP
Wednesday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass 11:15am Funeral Service		Anthony Lambert RIP Funeral: Carmel Fitzgerald RIP
Thursday 14th <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass, followed by Stations of +	Fr. Christopher Thornton RIP; David Manning RIP
Friday 15th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Eileen O'Sullivan
Saturday 16th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Exposition 9.00am Confessions 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	Phyllis Harrison RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Larry O'Dwyer RIP
SUNDAY 17th 5th Sunday of Lent <i>Passiontide Begins</i>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4.30pm Stations +	Bill Adams RIP Margaret Thornton RIP; Antonio & Maria Spencer

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

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Patrick McKeown, David Manning, Joseph Reilly, Eileen Falkous, Catherine Walsh, Virginia Simeone, Doreen Caffery, Michael Kundert, James Dunne, Louisa French, Kathleen Shortall, Keith Duxbury, David Connolly, Michael Dwyer, Eileen O'Sullivan, Denis O'Neill, Maureen Aylward, James Ballantine, Katherine Colenso, John Badger, Bp. David Cashman, Cn. Gerard Hanlon, Cn. Raymond Walsh, Fr. Francis Johnson, Fr. Joseph Purcell, Fr. Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Fr. Christopher Thornton, Fr. Connell Harkin, Fr. Vaughan Lloyd, Fr. Anthony Sims, Fr. Michael Crumpton, Fr. William Madden, Dcn. James Rowe, Dcn. Patrick Duffy. **The recently deceased:** Kathleen McSweeney, Mary Wall, Josephine Hardy, Edwin King, Margaret Smith, Patricia Large, Carmel Fitzgerald, Philip Morris. **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>

ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM is on YouTube. Link from Catholic Leamington website

LENT

-40 Days of Renewal-

LENT 2024: SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL

*Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee*

WELCOME TO MASS: Welcome to Mass today. The Gospel features Jesus saying that He must be lifted up 'as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert so that everyone who believes might have eternal life'. The Israelites in the desert were plagued by deadly serpents and so God had Moses create a bronze serpent to look to and be cured. Jesus is of course both predicting His own death, lifted up on the Cross, and of course asking us to look to Him for salvation. We might not be plagued by snakes, but we certainly are by sin. Jesus is the cure for that and so, as Paul writes in the second reading, is the way in which we too might be raised up, not on a cross but to the glory of the new and risen life we shall be celebrating at Easter. Speaking of new birth, today we celebrate those who gave us earthly birth, our mothers; and Holy Mother Church who gave us the new life of baptism; and Our Lady, shared with us by Christ Himself.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Graham, who will be received into the Catholic Church and for Lily and Malena who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on 30th 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 the beginning of October.

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**, after 10am Mass, and each **Sunday evening at 4.30 pm Warwick Station Masses**

Every Friday 6pm, this week at St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy

HOLY WEEK & EASTER Maundy Thursday 7.30pm at Our Lady's, **Good Friday 3pm** at St Peter's, **Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm** at St Peter's. More details and more events to follow

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSALS: for Holy Week will take place as follows:

Maundy Thursday: 10:30am at Our Lady's, **Good Friday:** 10:30am at St. Peter's, **Holy Saturday:** 10:30am at St. Peter's

ALPHA COURSE AT ST JOSEPH'S: Weekly, on **Mon, 7:30pm** St Joseph's Whitnash runs an Alpha Course, an introduction to the faith. All welcome.

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Friday from 3-3.30pm in St Peter's. 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 the whole world, and for our own intentions. Please join us.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: We welcome a couple of speakers from the **Kenelm Youth Trust** and the parishes who will be speaking at all Masses about youth ministry. We hope to provide opportunities for all our young people from year 6 - young adult. We intend 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

ST JOSEPH'S DAY: 19 March. We are invited to join St Joseph's Whitnash for their evening Mass at 7pm in celebration of their great patron. Fr Stephen is preaching. A Holy Hour for Vocations precedes the Mass, with confession available. There will still be morning Mass at St Peter's.

MEN'S GROUP: Come to the first informal meeting on **Thu 21 March 7.45pm** at the Heathcote Arms on Tachbrook Road. Please let Fr. David know if you plan to attend for numbers.

CATHOLIC Q&A: *All welcome* at 'Why am I Catholic?' discussion/ Q&A run by the **young adults group** at 7pm, Fri 22 March, St Peter's hall. See you there! :)

WHAT MIGHT I DO FOR LENT...? Make that overdue apology—review our routine: what am I wasting time on?—have a look at the website [CHRISTIAN ART | Gospel Reading & Art Reflection](http://CHRISTIANART.org) for a daily comment on the day's Gospel reading and a work of art to help you—come to a funeral Mass **FUNERAL MASSES** Might weekday regulars to 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. 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 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.

COMING TO CHURCH: Do you need a lift to church during Lent and for the Easter services? We need parishioners who can give a lift to others, can you help please? Contact Peter 01926 428399

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.

Thank you

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st—£464.43, 2nd (Ch. Maintenance) - £314.06, OL—1st—£251.84, 2nd (Ch. Maintenance) - £174.73. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISHES: Thank you to those who have brought back their green forms. There is still time to complete and return a form. An opportunity to get more involved with parish activities.

SPAN: Details of our **Lenten Alms Appeals** are in Feb EXTRA or on notice-boards i.e. Gold envelopes supporting *local families* through supermarket vouchers and the work of *House of Light and Hope in Lebanon*. You can also give via Justgiving using this link - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent24> SPAN open meeting this Mon, 11 March 7.30pm St Peter's Hall.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week The **Sacred Heart Altar** candle burns for **Angel Bertha Ong**. 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.

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 PATRICK'S SCHOOL is looking for a new head teacher and deputy from September. Details on the BDES website vacancies page here

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.

MARCH, MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

Pray us for us, Great Joseph—husband, foster-father, worker, and guardian of Jesus and Mary!



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, 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.**