

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Sunday 24th March 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 24th March 2024 <i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Jacqueline Phemister RIP; Gerard Lucey RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> 4.30pm Stations +	Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP Maureen Wall RIP; Colin Dunphy RIP
Monday 25th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	10:30am J&P Stations +	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's
Tuesday 26th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	10am Mass	~	John Kiernan's Recovery; Peter Dimambro's Recovery
Wednesday 27th <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	~	6pm Mass	Bernard & Mary Mortimer RIP
Thursday 28th <i>THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK</i>		7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
Friday 29th <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	3pm Liturgy of the Passion, <i>followed by confession</i> <i>(No Divine Mercy Devs)</i> 6:30pm Stations +	10:30am Morning Prayer 12 noon: Children's Stations	~
Saturday 30th <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	~	10:30am Morning Prayer	~
	7:30pm: Easter Vigil	~	Tony Sawyer RIP
SUNDAY 31st <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	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

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.

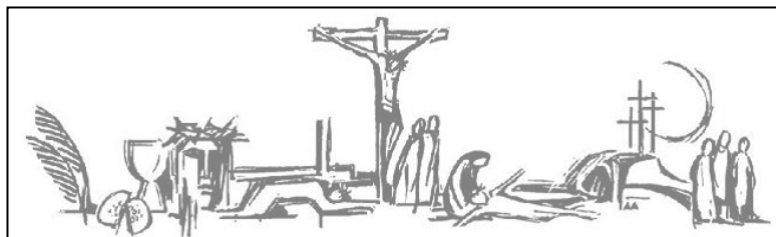
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**HOLY
WEEK
2024**



**Lord Jesus, by
Your death and
resurrection, You
have set us free!**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Margaret Collins, John Maguire, Peter Cronin, Mary Dillon, Martin Ryan, Julia Roddis, James Dunbar, Dorothy Bissell, Annie Andrews, Winifred Fox, Cyril Hey, Noel Clarke, George Bates, Catherine Monaghan, Mary Buckley, Edward Tierney, Michael Dillon, Bishop Bright, Bishop McGough, Mgr. Cn. John Welch, Mgr. Henry Davis, Fr. John Donnelly, Fr. John McManus, Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Fr. Matthew Sheridan, Fr. John Callaghan, Dcn. John Higgins, Dcn. Louis Livesey. **The recently deceased:** Mary McDermott, Mary Wall, Anne-Marie Butler, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Maria Parisi, Josephine Hardy, Edwin King, Margaret Smith, Patricia Large, Kathleen McSweeney, Carmel Fitzgerald. **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: Today we begin the week of our salvation, the week above all others - Holy Week. We commemorate the final week in Jesus' earthly life, His giving gave disciples the Mass at the Last Supper, His arrest, trail and shameful treatment, His death and Resurrection, is all at the very heart of the Christian faith. Again this year, we share Holy Week between Our Lady's and St Peter's and between the time and talents of parishioners from both churches. We are not 'guests' in each other's churches but all Christ's people coming together in Leamington and Lillington. Please try to come to at least some of the Holy Week liturgies. It is a way in which, drawing near to Christ and each other, we may thank Him for lavishing such love upon us. Have a happy and a blessed Easter. 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!**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES & LITURGIES See front of this sheet. There are many changes to the weekly routine in this great week.

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

WALK OF WITNESS: by Churches Together on 29 March at 12pm starting from Holy Trinity Church (top of the Parade). A walk of Witness and Service.

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

Mundy Thursday: 10:30am at Our Lady's, **Good Friday:** 10:30am at St.

Peter's, **Holy Saturday:** 10:30am at St. Peter's

NEXT WEEK—EASTER VIGIL and EASTER DAY. We come to rejoice 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.

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 Peters hall. A teenage group is being established at St Mary Immaculate in Warwick.

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.

LIFTS 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, 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, click [here](#), use the QR code (there is a red donate button towards the top right on every page), or by standing order, or in the collection. **Thank you!**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st—£470.80, 2nd (Church Maint.) - £329.64, OL—1st—£371.92, 2nd (Church Maint.) -

£163.70. The 2nd Collection this weekend is: SP—Church Redecoration

Fund, OL—Church Maintenance. Thank you for your generosity. Next Sunday there is **ONE collection only**, the Easter Offering, a gift to our clergy, who, until the retired priest promised us arrives, is for the first time just Fr Stephen. *Thank you.*

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Fridays 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 for the whole world. Please join us. This will not happen on Good Friday or Easter Friday. **Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions 7 April at**

3pm
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: Details of our Lenten Alms Appeals are on noticeboards i.e. Gold envelopes supporting local families through supermarket vouchers and the work of House of Light and Hope in Lebanon. Thank you for your support.

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 on Tuesday last week. **1st Prize—£50.00—Mrs. O'Neill, 2nd Prize—£20.00—Mrs. Tansy, 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.

My song is love unknown,
My saviour's love for me,
Love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O, who am I, that for my sake,
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?



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.**