

St Peter's & Our Lady's: Part of Catholic Leamington

1st SUNDAY of LENT Year C: Sunday 9th March 2025 Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 9th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Sheila Shanahan
	11.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Deceased of Vincentian family; James Dunne RIP David Manning RIP 3rd Anv.
Monday 10th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.30am J&P Stations of the Cross	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am Mass	~	Margaret Cunningham 100th Birthday; Christine — Successful Surgery
Wednesday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass, Stations of the Cross Follow	Johnson Fund Benefactors
Thursday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>1:30pm Funeral Mass</i>	~	Joseph & Dorothy Hawkins RIP; David Manning RIP <i>Requiem: Paul Docherty RIP</i>
Friday 14th <i>Lent Feria: CAFOD Fast Day</i>	7.00am Mass 10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Private Intention (LL) Holy Souls
Saturday 15th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass	~	John Hartle RIP
	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Dominic Maher RIP; Eileen O'Sullivan RIP
SUNDAY 16th <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	11.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Neil McCarran RIP Josephine Grant RIP; Molly McDermott RIP Anv.

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Anniversaries of the faithful departed: John Moore, Anne Butler, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Patrick McKeown, David Manning, Joseph Reilly, Catherine Walsh, Virginia Simeone, Doreen Caffery, Mihael Kundert, James Dunne, Louisa French, Maria Parisi, Kathleen Shortall, Keith Duxbury, David Connolly, Eileen O'Sullivan, James Ballantine, Katherine Colenso, Mary "Molly" McDermott, Bp. 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, Dcn. James Rowe, Dcn. Patrick Duffy. **The recently deceased:** Bridget Freeman, George Pearson, Liz Leddy, James Cleary, Ahmed Musa, Charles Brocas, Paul Docherty, Nora Miller, Rhiannon Whyte, Ray Murphy. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**



SCAN TO SEE THE
MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE
After Sunday
Morning Masses in the
hall
All Welcome!



Online news [here](#)

MORE SERVERS
ALWAYS WELCOME
Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

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OUR LADY'S is [here](#)

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MARCH—MONTH OF ST JOSEPH. Pray for us, Protector of the Holy Family

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, 'at the service of the entire plan of salvation'. Pope Francis in Patris Corde 2020

WELCOME TO MASS, especially any visitors joining us to worship, today as we make our journey through Lent, seeking God's love and mercy, full of hope.

Lent's forty days come from the forty days that Jesus spent alone in prayer and fasting in preparation for His ministry. Forty—whether days or years—is a significant Scriptural number, denoting a period of renewal, revelation and new beginnings. Think of Noah in the ark, Moses receiving the Ten Commandments or the Israelites in the desert between slavery and the Promised Land.

In the first reading God through Moses reminds the people of the wonders that He has done for them in liberating them from slavery in Egypt. This is the faith of the community to be celebrated and to be the cause of a joyous sacrifice.

St Paul reminds us that the heart has to believe and the mouth to speak it so that God's salvation may be poured out once more. Faith in God and in His power to save (and our need of it!) is what we need to have. The saying of the creed at Mass is no mere reciting but an expression of the faith of the community, a community of God's people seeking His saving help.

And so Jesus, in the wilderness, prepares to make all this known, and be the means by which we may receive the fullness of God's love. But the devil does not want any of that. Jesus, in His humanity, is tempted to give in to the hunger pangs of fasting and to receive all earthly power and honour. To His divinity Satan offers an easy way to display it. Yet Christ gives way to none of it. He will not give into the desire to break His fast, He will not accept worldly honour and an easy trick of divinity is not His way. Both His humanity and divinity are perfectly portrayed when the devil comes at Him again in the hatred, betrayal, torture and execution of Holy Week. And only then is the full stature of the risen Christ revealed in His humanity, and the display of real power given on the cross and above all, divinity shown forth by rising from the dead. This is the revelation, renewal and fresh start that we all need.

God bless us all this hopeful spring that is Lent, Fr Stephen

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 unity among all Christians**, as God wills. ***Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!***

HEATING AT OUR LADY'S Great to have it working again!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY BEGINNING AT ST PETER'S: St Peter's Children's Liturgy group warmly invite all children up to year 3, to join in the age appropriate Liturgy of the Word during Term Time starting today. We ask that pre-schoolers are accompanied by an adult. There is no need to book a place each week, but we ask you to register your children using this QR code either in advance or on the day of first attending. Families are invited to be seated in the church as usual. The children and catechists will process out together to the church hall after the Invitatory Rite, and will return to the church at the Offertory. All children are invited and encouraged to attend. To be clear, this is in addition to the



existing children's liturgy at Our Lady's. To have one at *both* Sunday Masses is obviously a good thing!

PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S PARISH: As we shall have some big decisions to consider, it is necessary that we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all that we have to do. Clearly, God's will is always right and so we need to ask Him to reveal it to us. Then, whatever we are to do will be clear and will be right. This will happen from today, Sunday, so at 10:45am an offering of the Rosary for this intention take place. We may of course pray anywhere at any time so please do unite yourself with this intention.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mondays 10.30am at St Peter's, using the Jesuit refugee Centre resources. **At Our Lady's, Wednesdays after Mass**

COME & PLAY: Tues 9:30—11am in SP Hall. We welcome parents and children, no charge. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. Join our lively community for good company and activities including a chair based exercises. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret.

DEANERY CHAPTER: The priests of the deanery meet for their usual monthly meeting this Tuesday— if you can spare a prayer for them, please do. The Diocesan Vision and what it means in practical terms continues to be an important part the agenda.

COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCIL for the two parishes meets **this Tuesday**. We have been promised at least a summary of the report into how best to use St Peter's hall and presbytery to secure a sound financial future - this will be sale or refurbishment or redevelopment or a combination. The Chief Executive Officer of the Diocese, Eric Kirwan, will be joining the meeting to talk about the Diocesan Vision for the future and how that might affect decisions at Our Lady's and St Peter's.

LENT STUDY GROUP: *Getting more out of the Mass* designed for allcomers, informative with a time for questions and discussion at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Murcott Road East, Whitnash. **Starts 13 March at 7:30pm following the 7pm** and every Thurs up to 10 April. Please contact liz.mottram@ntlworld.com for info
STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: every **Friday 11am** in the Davenport Room.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Fridays 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of mercy come to implore mercy for the world and praise God!

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: is on **Friday 14 March**. The second collection will be on Saturday and Sunday 15-16 March. There will be a **Soup Lunch** in St Peter's Hall from 1230pm to support CAFOD.

LENT FRIDAY MASSES AT ST PETER'S There will be a **7am Mass** throughout Lent as an extra opportunity for worship. Fifteen people gathered last week for what is the best possible start to the day.

ST PETER'S PARISH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION: on **20 March 7.00pm** Bishop Richard Walker will visit to confirm children from St Anthony's and St Patrick's Schools. Please pray for them as they prepare.

BINGO NIGHT: Fri 21 March in SP hall for parish funds. Get your lucky dabber out... Eyes down at **7pm**.

JUBILEE YEAR DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - Sat 22 March Pilgrimage to a Diocesan Jubilee church in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. **10.30. Arrival and Mass**, coffee and a talk, guided

Our prayers for the Sick: HH Pope Francis, Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Andrew Murray, Paula Newton, Marcella Nicholls, Gill Parker, Fr. Tony Rohan, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Uta Winter, Peter Wright, & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, & hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**

visit of the College, BYO packed lunch, Exposition, Indulgence prayers and ending with tea at 3pm. Ample car parking at Church. No charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. Confirm attendance by 17th March to peter.rand@btinternet.com. Fr Stephen will be going and so has room in the car for some fellow pilgrims, but booking must be done first.

EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT: Sunday 23 March, 4.00pm at Our Lady's.

CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS IN THE CLUSTER: For Years 6,7,& 8 at St Peter's meets next 27 March. The Youth group for years 8-13 this term is 7:30-9pm on 1/4 at St Mary Immaculate church Hall, Warwick. Young people from all parishes in Leamington/Warwick welcome! . £1 donation. Any questions please contact Hannah dallman.han@gmail.com

SUNDAY DINNER: The next Sunday Roast Dinner will be on Sunday 30 March. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

JUSTICE & PEACE: March Prayer intention 'that broken families may heal their wounds through forgiveness and recognizing each other's gifts'.

LENT DAY OF CONFESSION AT ST PETER'S: Much closer to Holy Week there will be a day of confessions at St Peter's as usual. The date is yet to be confirmed as we need to be able to have as many priests as possible.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Sat 24—Fri 30 May. Details on diocesan website [here](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/) <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

HOLY YEAR: The pilgrimage to Littlemore and the local Warwick Martyrs' Walk are obvious ways to mark this year. There are potential pilgrimage opportunities both near and far, so that we may literally travel as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. But we do not have to go on a pilgrimage to embrace the spirit of the Holy Year. There are many ways to celebrate a holy year when we are called to renew our relationship with God and with one another. See the Bishops' conference website for examples www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/

COULD YOU BE A SERVER?: 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.

HELP WITH FUNERALS: If you could be a funeral welcomer—mainly handing out service cards, helping people find the loo and generally greeting those who come, we'd be very grateful. Please speak to Fr Stephen. *It is also good* to have parishioners *simply come to funerals* to pray and be a supportive presence to mourners. Something for Lent?

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: If you're within the age group (18-35 years) and would like to join or continue the group (we have a group chat) do get in contact with Rose on 07484 127253.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st – £570.91, 2nd (Cathedral Maintenance) - £339.34, OL 1st—£243.30, 2nd (Cathedral Maintenance) - £300.43. This weekend the Second collection at SP is for Church Maintenance and at OL for Church Roof Repairs. *Thank you.*

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the Our Lady Sanctuary candle burns: In The Repose of the Soul of Rev. David Cawley RIP. The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candles burns for: The Repose of the Soul of David Manning RIP. Envelopes for these at the back of church.

SPAN: Our Quiz raised £ 677 (upped to £ 900 from Gift Aid rebates) for New Chapters. See posters and EXTRA for our Lenten appeal for local families and Aid to the Holy Land. More info after the CAFOD appeal.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY & TRINITY CATHOLIC SECONDARY: are both looking for Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are appointed by the diocese and must be *practising* Catholics. If you are interested or know someone who is, please email St Patrick's at: admin3543@welearn365.com or Trinity at

dsmith@gov.magnificat.org.uk

PARISH BUILDINGS:

St Peter's. As noted earlier on this sheet, we are awaiting at least a summary of the report into how St Peter's might best use the hall and the presbytery to secure its financial future. This has been promised to us for the Pastoral Council meeting this Tuesday. Both these buildings are more expensive to maintain than we can afford and, coupled with a magnificent church that needs much interior work as well, we simply can't go on as we are—unless we receive an enormous gift or two, of course! Realistically, without such gifts, we have to consider some potentially big changes. You will be kept informed. As also noted earlier, please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the parish together learns what might be done and decides what we will do.

Our Lady's. The architect has received two tenders for the roof work. They are both about £150,000. We are awaiting a final tender and it is almost certain that work can't start until next year, given the scale of the work itself needing time to prepare and carry out. To be honest, we also need to spend another £50,000 rebuilding a retaining wall and steps, and relaying slabs (near the kitchen window), creating a proper and fully safe step free entrance as well as meeting fire regulations in the lower hall, as detailed in our Quinquennial Inspection and Fire Inspection. Some grant funding will be available of course, but the government is looking to reduce existing VAT relief on listed church buildings maintenance, alas. Grants can be applied for once a full scheme of works is completed. We would need to raise at least a third of the costs - £65,000 - ourselves. The diocesan now takes into consideration many factors when parishes want to spend large amounts: not only whether it can be afforded and is being spent on a sensible project, but also how viable a parish is going forward in the light of the Diocesan Vision. It looks like shall need to form a working group to assess exactly what needs doing and to plan how we can afford it by grants, existing parish funds and fundraising. Please pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and inspire us in this project too.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is needed.

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 facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

+ LENT 2025 +

Lent means spring, a time of growth, renewal and beauty for the soul.

There is much happening during Lent in addition to the rich usual weekly diet of worship, study and confession. *Please make use of what's on offer!*

Let us grow as the faithful, hopeful and loving people of God!

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME OR RETURN IT TO THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR OTHERS TO SEE, OR TAKE IT HOME, OR BEST OF ALL GIVE IT TO A PARISHIONER UNABLE TO COME. Please don't leave in the pew! Information and evangelisation... Thank you.