

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

4th SUNDAY of LENT Year C: Sunday 30th March 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday: Laetare Sunday	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Jean Cox RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Joy Barry RIP Francisca Ngozi Nwanguu; Tony McAndrew RIP
Monday 31st <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.30am J&P Stations of the Cross	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 1st April <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass		Deceased of the Tambini Family
Wednesday 2nd <i>Opt. Com. of St. Francis of Paola, Hermit.</i>	1pm Funeral Mass	10am Mass	Dr. D'Souza RIP — Birthday Aniv. <i>Requiem: Evelyn Stephens RIP</i>
Thursday 3rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass Day of Confession 10:30-6	~	Ahmed Musa RIP
Friday 4th <i>Opt. Com. of St. Isidore, Bp., Dr. of the Church</i>	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 11:30am Funeral Serv 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Rev. Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP Holy Souls <i>Service: Bridget Freeman RIP</i>
Saturday 5th <i>Opt. Com. Of St. Vincent Ferrer, Pr.</i>	10am Mass 4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~ ~	Stephen Clarke RIP SPAN Donors
SUNDAY 6th 5th Sunday of Lent	11.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	David & Liz Larard RIP; Ray Murphy RIP Michael & Siobhan Hannan RIP; Dermot Collins RIP

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 sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **These emails are for safeguarding matters only**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Noel Clarke, George Bates, Edward Tierney, Michael Dillon, Isabel Cristobal, Peter Bosworth, Daniel Donovan, Vincent Hanratty, Mary Burford, Carmela Samperi, Margaret O'Farrell, Eliabeth Allcock, Margaret Wheeler, Anthony McAndrew, Dermot Collins, Archbishop Williams, Bishop Emery, Mgr. Cn. Daniel Leonard, Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Fr. Matthew Sheridan, Fr. John Callaghan, Fr. Philip O'Reilly, Fr. Lawrence King, Fr. Michael Glynn, Fr. Timothy Burke, Dcn. Raymond Zacaroli. **The recently deceased:** Teresa Carlos, Margaret Cunningham, Jean Saville, Evelyn Stephens, Bridget Freeman, George Pearson, Ahmed Musa, James Cleary. **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

FACE BOOK PAGES

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON is [here](#)

OUR LADY'S is [here](#)

Links from website too

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.

Christ's parable of the Prodigal Son must be one of His most well known. The selfish, pleasure seeking son who completely wastes what would have been his inheritance finds himself in a dreadful state. Penniless, he— a Jew— is forced to support himself by feeding pigs, such is his desperation. But he is not without hope: he realises that he could go home and offer himself as a servant to his father for his shame and guilt make him feel unworthy to be a son. That But the father is full of love for him. Indeed, perhaps he was watching hopefully for his son's return as he sees him a long way off. The son declares his guilt and his penitence, and the father rejoices for he is back! He forgives the son and welcomes him home.

But the other son is jealous. Despite enjoying the father's house, wealth and company this generous mercy of his father upsets him. Yet we all depend on the generous mercy that comes from God! This wonderful story shows that if we, like the prodigal son, turn from sin, try to make amends and mean a heartfelt 'sorry' then we are forgiven. And notice that both the father and the son in the story are happy! Lent is a time to rejoice in that mercy and to be happy in our loving and merciful Father. **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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PETER'S: St Peter's Children's Liturgy group invite all children up to year 3, to join in the **NEW** age appropriate Liturgy of the Word during Term Time. Please register via this QR code. Pre-school children must be accompanied.



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. On Sunday at 10:45am an offering of the Rosary for this intention takes place.

BUILDING WORK AT OUR LADY'S THIS WEEK: Urgent repairs will be made to crumbling steps and a failing retaining wall outside the kitchen this week. These are needed health and safety reasons.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mondays 10.30am St Peter's, using the Jesuit refugee Centre resources. **Our Lady's**, after weekday Mass **CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS IN THE CLUSTER:** For Yrs 8-13 7:30-9pm 1 April at St Mary Immaculate church Hall, Warwick.

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. A warm welcome awaits you at this lively weekly gathering in St. Peter's Hall.

LENT DAY OF CONFESSION AT ST PETER'S: This **Thursday** (3 April) from **10.30am** (after Mass) until **6pm**. Over lunchtime two priests will be available, in the confessional, and in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

LENT STUDY GROUP: Getting more out of the Mass for allcomers, informative with a time for questions and discussion St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Murcott Road East, Whitnash. **Thursdays 7:30pm after the 7pm Mass** (to 10 April). liz.mottram@ntlworld.com for info

LENT FRIDAY MASSES AT ST PETER'S There is a **7am Mass** throughout Lent as an extra opportunity for worship.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STATUE CLEANING AT ST PETER'S: We are holding two events to deep clean those statues/pictures in easy and safe reach. **Friday 4 April** and **Sat 12 April** both dates at 1pm. Support as to how to preserve the fabrics whilst cleaning will be given on the day. More information on April newsletter extra.

FAMILY BREAKFAST: Saturday, 5 April at Our Lady's from 10am to 12noon. All families are warmly invited to come and share breakfast, chat and enjoy games and activities for the children. There is no charge - all are very welcome.

FUN FUNDRAISER AT OUR LADY'S: Niall and Rose invite you to guess the name of their soon to be born child.

CONCERT AT ST PETER'S: Sunday 6 April 4.30pm Warwickshire Singers joined by a French choir La Villanelle de Sceaux, featuring Dubois' Messe de Breve and more. Proceeds to parish funds

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

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: Paul Milton will be ordained on **Sunday 13 July**, 3pm at St Chad's Cathedral. Please pray for him.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: for children not in Catholic schools will begin soon after Easter. If you would like your child to be prepared please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com or notify the Parish Office via email.

COULD YOU BE A SERVER?: Thank you to our servers at both churches. *We'd love 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. 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 – £650.01, 2nd (**Ch. Maintenance**) - £399.29, OL 1st—£218.60, 2nd (**Ch. Roof Repairs**) - £212.92. This weekend the Second collection at SP is for **Church Maintenance** and at OL for **Church Roof Repairs**. *Thank you.*

LEAMINGTON HERITAGE OPEN DAY: 21 Sept. Volunteers have come forward for St Peter's—*thank you!*

7 DAY CANDLES: Envelopes at back of church. Please post through the Presbytery letterbox or in the collection at Mass. Thank you.

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.

Our prayers for the Sick: HH Pope Francis, Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, 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, Jane 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.**