

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

## 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C: Sunday 4th May 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 4th</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Confession 4.15-4.45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Lorraine McVeigh RIP; Sean Bell RIP Birthday Anv.
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b>	Robert Habgood RIP Quirino Spencer RIP; Gerry Quinn RIP.
Monday 5th <i>Easter Feria</i>	~	~	<b>9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash.</b>
Tuesday 6th <i>Easter Feria</i>	12:30pm Funeral Mass	~	<i>Requiem: Mark O'Neill RIP</i>
Wednesday 7th <i>Easter Feria</i>	~	10am Mass (followed by Rosary for the College of Cardinals & the Conclave)	Pearl Manning RIP 1st Anv.
Thursday 8th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	2:15pm Service	Terry Tam's Intentions <i>Funeral: Mary O'Sullivan RIP</i>
Friday 9th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Michael, Patrick, & Lucia Ryan RIP
Saturday 10th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John of Avila, Pr. Doctor of the Church</i>	9am Holy Hour 9.15-4.5am Confessions 10am Mass Confession 4.15-4.45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Robert Hansowitz RIP
<b>SUNDAY 11th</b> <b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b>	In thanksgiving for the McVeigh Family
			Margaret Cunningham RIP  Clive Hooper RIP Anv, Thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Anv.

**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:** Adrian Johnson, Stephen Lee, Robert Habgood, Sheila Pallister, Dorothy Suther, Michael Hurley, Geraldine Quinn, Marie Allen, Mary Shuker, John Long, Stephanie Norton, Bishop Gray, Cn. Bernard Hirill, Cn. Francis Woodward, Fr. David Duggan, Fr. Michael Byrne, Fr. James Dutton, Fr. Donal O'Connor, Fr. Francis Carr, Fr. Walter Joret, Fr. Patrick Cocklin, Dcn. James Duffy. **The recently deceased:** HH Pope Francis, June Bell, Mary O'Sullivan, Mark O'Neill, Clemency Jarvis. **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  
church halls  
*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

# MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

## PRAY FOR US, O HOLY MOTHER OF GOD!



**WELCOME TO MASS**, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus, risen from the dead! Alleluia! Today's Gospel gives us an account of the risen Christ again meeting His disciples. There is much encouragement, joy, and companionship here as Christ meets His friends once more the ordinary setting of their work. He abundantly blesses that secular work but leads them further into the work that He has given them as apostles. Peter, their leader, is again challenged and affirmed. It is he, after all, who is to feed Christ's sheep by exercising a unique ministry of leadership give him by Jesus Himself. It may seem that yet Christ's questioning of him is repetitive and unnecessary, yet it is by this threefold declaration of love that Peter makes up for his tragic threefold denial of Jesus during His trial. Peter is therefore prepared for that unique ministry of leadership by Christ Himself.

Today the Church is preparing to receive that unique leadership once more in the person of a new Pope. While the next Pope will of course be successor to Francis, and Benedict, and John-Paul II but the truly important thing is that he is the successor of St Peter, fulfilling a ministry created by Christ Himself to proclaim Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life, just as we heard the apostles doing in the first reading. And that message, the gospel, is not just for then or for now because the Risen Christ repeats the call given when the apostles first met Him - 'Follow me'. A call to travel with Jesus always. We need to pray that we receive a new Pope chosen not simply by human decision, but by the Holy Spirit acting through the Cardinals to give the Church the leader He wants. Come Holy Spirit! **God bless us all this Eastertide.** 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!**

**DURING EASTERTIDE:** We sing the 'Regina Coeli' in place of the 'Hail Mary' during the intercessions at Sunday morning Masses.

**PRAYING FOR A NEW POPE:** Please pray that the Holy Spirit's prompting may work through the College of Cardinals as they meet to elect a new Pope.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING:** There is a meeting on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 at 7 pm at Our Lady's Church Hall for parents with children who wish to be prepared for Confirmation this year. If you would like your child confirmed, you should attend this short meeting with your child. Call Mary Rouse 07540 532785 or email maryrouse@rocketmail.com for more information.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** At both parishes is now on Easter holiday until the new school term begins. Thank you to *all* involved!

**PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S PARISH:** On **Sundays at 10:45am** an offering of the Rosary for discerning the renewed future of the parish.

**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.

**STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: Fridays** 11am in the Davenport room in the hall.

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

**LILLINGTON HEATH HUB COMMUNITY DAY:** We are supporting this event on Saturday, 10 May from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be information about what the Hub can offer, fun activities and a small farm-yard. Our Lady's is providing refreshments and a barbecue. All are welcome.

**YOUTH GROUP:** next meeting for school years 6,7,8 is Thursday 22 May

– 7-8.30 pm - Davenport Room, Dormer Centre, St Peters.

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

**PARISH AGM—GENERAL MEETING OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

**1 June in St Peter's Hall 3pm. All parishioners** of both parishes are warmly invited. An opportunity to speak and to listen about finance, an evolving vision for the parishes' sustainability, and the future of our buildings. There are few decisions to be made yet, but we need to pursue a workable vision. Come and help discern what that is.

**Youth Jubilee Day at St Chads, Birmingham** – Saturday 5 July - includes games, workshops, a tour and gives young people from across the Diocese the opportunity to come together and celebrate the great joy of being Pilgrims of Hope! A group will be attending from St Peters/ Our Lady's . For more information contact Paul Milton – paulmilton04@gmail.com

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE:** Paul Milton will be ordained on **Sunday 13 July**, 3pm at St Chad's Cathedral. Please pray for him. Paul will not be in the parishes here for four weeks as part of his formation needs to include a month in a different parish. This he is spending at St Patrick's, Coventry.

**OUR LADY'S HERITAGE OPEN DAY:** afternoon of **14 Sept 2025.**

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

**COULD YOU BE A SERVER? COULD YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER?: Thank you** to our servers at both churches. **We'd love more!** See Bob at St Peter's or Adrian at Our Lady's.

**J&P PRAYER INTENTION:** for April is street children across the world, vulnerable in so many ways – may we help those who support them and give them a voice.

**SPAN:** Our Lenten Appeal has helped 60 local families, and we will be sending at least £1,550 to **Friends of the Holy Land** in Gaza and £1,550 to **House of Light and Hope in Lebanon**. Thank you.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:** SP 1st – £556.82, 2nd (Ch. Maintenance) - £347.41. OL 1st—£238.62, 2nd (Ch. Roof Repairs) - £185.92.

This weekend the Second collection at SP is for **Church Maintenance** and at OL for **Church Roof Repairs. Thank you.**

**7 DAY CANDLES:** There are envelopes at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass. Thank you.

**NEW VESTMENTS:** The imminent arrival of a deacon means the need of new vestments for Mass including a deacon's dalmatic. A couple of sizeable donations have been promised, for which we are grateful. If you would like to contribute please speak to Fr Stephen. They can of course be dedicated in memory of departed loved ones.

**Football Scratch Cards:** St. Peter's Catholic Primary school have announced the winners of their football scratchcard project. Scratchcard 1's winner of £164 is Ellie Stewart who selected Morecambe and Scratchcard 2's winner of £122 is Jim Insley, who chose Celtic. Prizes can be collected from the school office in Leamington, any time before July 18th. Thank you for supporting this project, the school has raised £3,883 for CAFOD, nearly double their initial target!

### **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:** 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, Alfreda McHale, 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.**