

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

4th Sunday of Easter Year C: Sunday 11th May 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 11th 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	In thanksgiving for the McVeigh Family
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass with First Holy Communion	Margaret Cunningham RIP Clive Hooper RIP Anv; Thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Anv.
Monday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Pancras, Martyr</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash.
Tuesday 13th <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady of Fatima</i>	10am Mass	~	Mark O'Neill RIP
Wednesday 14th Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	~	10am Mass	Evelyn Stephens RIP
Thursday 15th <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am Mass <i>11am Funeral Service</i>	~	Fr. Pat Sayles' 52nd Ordination Aniv. <i>June Bell RIP</i>
Friday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	The People of the Parish
Saturday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour 9.15-45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Anne & John Bracey Golden Aniv.
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass St Patrick's Sch First Holy Communion	~	Lorraine McVeigh RIP
SUNDAY 18th 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	James Dunne RIP Irene Costa RIP; Carlos Alberto Dias RIP

CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

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: Stephanie Norton, Ryan Newsham, Laura Ferreria, Michael Carney, Victor Scott, Lawrence Gibbins, Bridget Mulhearn, John O'Rourke, Catherine Gleeson, Bridget Ryan, Mary Andrews, Richard Cotter, Samuel Hortin, Bridget Barta, Cn. Francis Woodward, Fr. Patrick Cocklin, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, Fr. Denis Hickling, Dcn. James Duffy. **The recently deceased:** Edward O'Rourke, John O'Loughlin, June Bell, Mary O'Sullivan, Mark O'Neill, Clemency Jarvis, HH Pope Francis. ***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!

WE PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING FOR OUR NEW POPE



LEO XIV
GOD BLESS OUR POPE!



WELCOME TO MASS, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus, risen from the dead! Alleluia! Plus, of course, rejoicing in our new Pope. This Sunday, popularly known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is a day of prayer for Vocations throughout the Church as we hear in the Gospel Jesus describe Himself as one responsible for His sheep. This may seem a simple, charming image but a shepherd's life was one of occasional real hardship and danger. The shepherd is supposed to put himself out for his sheep, and no one of course does that more than Jesus who, in laying down His life for the sheep, ensures that they might reach the pastures of eternal life. And of course the chief shepherd on earth is the Pope and so we pray for Pope Leo as he takes up this arduous but divinely-inspired ministry of the shepherd, the pastor.

Easter has so far been momentous the life of the Church. May the triumph and the love of Christ maintain the Church in its stand against evil and its proclamation of God's love for the world, led by Pope Leo.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE: card signing for prisoners of conscience will be held **this weekend after all Masses** -Action by Christians Against Torture find details of people who are in prisons because of their beliefs or their stance against injustice and are often held in bad conditions without due process. By sending a card we can help to raise their spirits and support their stand. Please help by signing a card – we ask for a donation of £3 to cover postage.

PRAYING FOR OUR NEW POPE: We rejoice in the election of **Pope Leo XIV** as the successor of St Peter. Pray for him as he takes up this ministry. ***God bless our Pope!***

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.

SPAN: Our **May meeting is on Monday at 7.30pm** in the Davenport Room, SP, all welcome. Find out about the **charitable groups in Catholic Leamington** at a social evening on **Friday 6 June**.

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!

NEXT SATURDAY AT 5PM MASS: Five children from St Patrick's School will be receiving their first Holy Communion. Please pray for them.

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 JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL: **1 June 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. The hall and presbytery at St Peter's simply **cannot** go on indefinitely: we do not have the funds to maintain them. We need to

pursue a workable vision. Come and help begin to discern what that is.

MASS FOR THE SICK: with anointing - Saturday 7th June at 11am, with refreshments in St. Peter's hall afterwards. If you want to attend this Mass and need help with transport, please contact -

Our Lady's, Richard Gordon Tel 07974 455732

St Peters, Peter May Tel 07890 938806

St Joseph, Brian Malone Tel 01926 613693"

PENTECOST PARTY: **Sunday 8th June** at St. Peter's Hall, bring and share lunch, more details soon.

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. More info 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 and please be at the Cathedral. Paul will not be in the parishes here until 25 May 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!**

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Gabriel and Freya from St Peter's are now running the young adults group (18-30). Please contact Gabriel on 07778 184 345 for more information and the next meeting.

RETIRED PRIEST TO HELP HERE: It was announced two weeks ago at Kenilworth and last week here that Fr Kevin Hooper, parish priest of Kenilworth, will be retiring in the autumn and that he will be moving to Leamington and offering support in Leamington and Lillington.

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 May is that we may all be sensitive to the needs of people around us with mental health issues.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: SP 1st – £427.32, 2nd (**Ch. Maintenance**) - £263.36. OL 1st—£324.87, 2nd (**Ch. Roof Repairs**) - £237.30.

This weekend the Second collection at both Churches is for: **The Clergy Training Fund. 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.

CAFOD 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.**