

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

1st Sunday of Lent Year A: Sunday 22nd February 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 22nd 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Margaret & Nicholas Bannan RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Stations Cross	Kindaid's 30th Anniversary; <i>Anastasia "Cissy" Power RIP</i> Eduarda Cruz
Monday 23rd <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Polycarp, Bp. M.</i>	10am Mass <i>Afterwards, J&P Stations Cross</i>	~	Janice Austin RIP
Tuesday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	David Dunbar RIP; Ray Murphy RIP
Wednesday 25th <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass, <i>followed</i> <i>by Stations of the Cross</i>	Samuel Gadd; Michael & Siobhan Hannan RIP
Thursday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	11am Funeral Mass	~	Requiem: Marie Kennedy RIP
Friday 27th <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Dr. of the Church</i>	7.30am Mass 10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Manuel Marcos RIP Edmund Noblett RIP
Saturday 28th <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Oswald, Bp.</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Audrey Tate RIP; Jack & Kitty Ryan RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Evangelos Knais
SUNDAY 1st March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	Pro Populo Prudence Bunch RIP Aniv.

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

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The **Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Bevan, Michael Hughes, Elizabeth McDermott, George Pearson, Joseph Connell, Edward McGerty, Percy Fitzgerald, Bridget Freeman, John Behan, Josephine Hambalek, Denis Hunt, Edwin King, Dermot Murphy, Bartholomew Leahy, Zena Godwin, Josephine, Hardy, Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph Cleary, Rt. Rev. Bishop Kevin Dunn, Very Rev. Cn. Sean McTernan, Rev. Fr. Sean Farrell, Rev. Fr. Michael McCabe, Rev. Fr. Martin Meagher, Rev. Fr. John Collins, Rev. Fr. Oliver Kemp, Rev. Fr. George Brewster, Rev. Fr. George Tarrant, Rev. Fr. John Flynn.

The recently deceased: Rev. Fr Brian Wall, Janice Austin, Marie Kennedy, Eamon Collins, Marie Kennedy.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

LENT—SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL

PRAYER AND FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PENITENCE



SCAN TO SEE THE
MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE

After Sunday
Morning Masses in the
church halls
All Welcome!

FACEBOOK PAGES

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON is [here](#)

OUR LADY'S is [here](#)

Links from website too

MORE ALTAR SERVERS

ALWAYS WELCOME!

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

WELCOME TO MASS: If you are a visitor, or a new arrival in the area, do say hello to Fr Stephen, Deacon Paul or Fr Kevin. There is tea and coffee and conversation available after both Masses on Sundays in the hall.

This first Sunday of Lent finds Jesus and all humanity in the desert. Their falling for the temptation of the Devil means that the sin of our first parents forces them to leave the bountiful and beautiful perfection of the Garden of Eden and work to survive. Jesus leaves His ordinary life for the desert where He too faces temptation from the Devil. But resisting that with the word of God, He is able to embrace His mission of salvation. It is through Adam that sin came into the world, as St Paul says, but it is through Jesus that salvation comes to rescue us. **God bless you, 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!**

THIS WEEK

PRESBYTERY PHONE LINE: seems to be working again, thank goodness.

KINDAID: is marking its 30th anniversary with a celebration in Our Lady's church hall **after 9.15 am Mass this Sunday**. All parishioners and supporters of KINDAID are very welcome to come along for a celebratory drink and cake after Mass.

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: The next SPARK meeting will take place on **Thurs 26 February & Thurs 26 March 7 - 8:30pm** at SP Hall.

CAFOD: Lenten Family Fast Day is Friday 27 Feb. This is a good opportunity to put Catholic Social Teaching into practice by donating to CAFOD projects which help to make a better world. To support this fund-raising event there will be a Soup and Roll lunch in **St Peter's Hall on Friday 27 Feb 12 - 1.30pm**. Lots of delicious homemade soups and fresh rolls, everyone welcome.

YAG SOCIAL: Holy Relationships! A talk about how to stay holy in and what it means to be in relationship. **Fri. 27 Feb 7pm**, Flint Room, at St Peter's

HOLY ROSARY DEVOTION: Sunday 8:45am at OL and 10:45am at SP for discerning the renewed future of the parishes.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: on Tuesday 12-3pm in SP Hall.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (YAG) BIBLE STUDY: Every **Tuesday 7pm** in St Peter's Church Hall—Flint Room.

LENT: At St Peter's: Mondays Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross follow 10am Mass, in the hall using audio and visual aids. **Fridays** 7.30am Mass to start the day quietly in prayer. **Thurs 26 March** Day of Confession. **At Our Lady's: Every Sunday** at 4pm Vespers or Stations, as announced.

Lenten devotion is also grown by engaging more with what is already happening in the life of the parishes—Mass, confession, Divine Mercy.

Other events in both parishes as shown on the **LENT 2026** sheet shared last week and in the church porch, and as announced.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: On **Fridays** from **11am-12pm** Davenport Room upstairs in SP hall. All welcome.

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

COMING SOON

DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: March is the month allocated to our Deanery to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. All clergy and religious were once lay people, of course. Let us pray that more vocations may bless the Church and its service of God and His creation. There will be times of prayer advertised.

DIOCESAN PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN: parishes are expected to hold a Planned Giving Campaign by Easter. At St Peter's this will be **8, 15 and 22 March, a week later** than originally planned.. This is part of the diocesan vision and reflects the challenge of 'our parish, our responsibility'. Ordinary giving for basic bills across the diocese has not kept pace with rising costs alas. All our everyday bills have to be met by us and there will be information about figures, ways to give and Gift Aid. Since Our Lady's has its own campaign to raise vital funds for the roof, the planned giving campaign will not need to happen there.

Our prayers for the Sick: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Leticia Alvarez-Shanahan, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Jim Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joan Gibbons, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, David Mander, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, John Milton, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Bridie Streeter, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright, & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, and 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. Our Lady, help of the sick, pray for them.

SP BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 3 March** at 1:30pm in the Davenport room. £2 charge, open to everyone!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: (formerly Women's WD of Prayer). **Fri 6 March 2pm** at Lillington Free Church, Cubbington Road.

HOSANNA CANTATA: There will be a production of **Hosanna, A Cantata in Song and Mime**, led by people with learning disabilities & friends, on **Sat 7 March at 2.30pm**, at **St. Chad's Cathedral**. It is led by persons with disabilities & diverse needs & friends. Contact Julia FitzSimons on handinhandbirmingham@gmail.com or mcxholden@virginmedia.com for Mary Holden.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Sun 15 March. Visit of Relic of St Carlo Acutis. Veneration of relic and see his Eucharistic Miracles exhibition. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day for Vocations, talk at 3.30pm.

CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH: Thu 25 March 7pm (The Annunciation) for pupils of ST Patrick's, St Anthony's and St Peter's Schools. Bishop Richard Walker will celebrate Mass and Confirmation.

OTHER INFORMATION

JUSTICE & PEACE: Prayer Intention for February is "that in Lent we live more simply in solidarity with those who struggle to survive"

SPAN – Thank you - our quiz raised £ 500 for both New Chapters and Young People First and was a great social event. **Lenten Alms** – Gold envelopes will support local families and our two Holy Land charities: **Friends of the Holy Land in Gaza** and **House of Light and Hope in Lebanon**.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG): text **Freya 07565 142204 (WhatsApp)** or connect via Instagram **@catholiclearningtonyag**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: *Not known at the time of printing.* 2nd Colls. **this weekend** are for **SP: MAINTENANCE FUND, OL: PARISH VISION.**

MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE NOTE: The minimum amount of time needed to book dates is **2 weeks from date of request**. 11.15am is booked until June.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady candle** burns for: **Katie Hannan RIP Birthday Anniversary.** The **St. Joseph candle** burns: **In Thanksgiving.** Envelopes are at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass a donation of £5.

ALTAR SERVERS: By assisting with the celebration of Mass, you help to maintain a reverent atmosphere contributing to the spiritual growth of the community. **We'd love more!** See **Bob at St Peter's**, or **Adrian at Our Lady's**.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Members are **always happy** to hear parishioners' ideas, comments or suggestions about any aspect of the life, buildings and activities of the two parishes. Details of members are in the churches porches or email martinfoley73@gmail.com.

PUTTING OUR VISION FOR OUR LADY'S INTO ACTION: We've started processing the yellow Talents Challenge cards and are heartened by the response to joining one of the 5 Vision & Action (V&A) groups. However, if we want to fully bring Our Vision for Our Lady's to life, take on co-responsibility for the running of our Parish and prove we are a vibrant community, active in God's Mission we need a lot more people to sign up for a V&A group. Please fill in the yellow 'Talents Challenge' card and put it in the secure box on the Vision Table in Our Lady's Church. *Thank you*

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 1 FEBRUARY: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£19,807.61**. The **next update** will be 1 March 2026. **All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled! Thank you for your generosity.**

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE: These can be placed in the box at the back of SP Church or in the Hall. Please, no tin or glass, just candles—unwanted, stubs, unusable, left overs...

YEAR OF ST FRANCIS To mark the saint's 800th birthday, Pope Leo has declared a year of St Francis lasting till 10 January 2027. St Francis, pray for us!

ARRANGING A WEDDING

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

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! 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 can't deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other family members, but face to face—you are asking for your child to join the community of the Church, so we welcome you to come and meet its members here.