

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

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A: Sunday 1st March 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 1st March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Evangelos Knais
	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.
Monday 2nd <i>Feast of St. Chad, Bp.</i>	10am Mass, followed by J&P Stations of the Cross	~	Jenny & John Armstrong's Intentions
Tuesday 3rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Joseph & Dorothy Hawkins; <i>Kathleen O'Connor RIP</i>
Wednesday 4th <i>Opt. S. Casimir, Prince</i>	~	10am Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross	Mr. M. E. Connolly RIP; <i>Irene Costa RIP</i>
Thursday 5th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Richard Phillips RIP; <i>Rev. Fr. Brian Wall RIP</i>
Friday 6th <i>Lent Feria (First Friday)</i>	7.30am Mass 10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Deceased of the Hedgecox Family Holy Souls
Saturday 7th <i>Opt. Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i> <i>(First Saturday)</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Eamon Molloy; <i>Odile Puibaraud RIP</i>
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Margaret Cunningham RIP Aniv.
SUNDAY 8th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	Intentions of Paul Bernard Maureen Wall 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: Josephine Hardy, Bernadette Parker, Betty Cashmore, Mary Wall, Nunzia Arena, Mary Duggan, Michael Curran, Jean Saville, Catherine Collins, Paul Reszka, Kathleen McSweeney, Ann Hopkins, Mary Wall, Evelyn Stephens, Margaret Cunningham, John Moore, Anne Butler, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Rt. Rev. Bishop Dunn, Very Rev. Cn. Peter Taylor, Very Rev. Cn. Anthony Allport, Rev. Fr. John Flynn, Rev. Fr. Douglas Carter, Rev. Fr. John Pinkman, Rev. Fr. Robert Taylor, Rev. Fr. Terence Luxon.

The recently deceased: Rev. Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi, Kathleen O'Connor, 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.*

Abram's obedience to God's call cannot have been easy. Why leave security and comfort to take off to goodness knows where? How the neighbours must have wondered! But God is to be trusted. Any call answered, any going forward means leaving something behind. Jesus reveals to His disciples something of His glory as Transfigured, brilliant and dazzling, He talks to Moses and Elijah. What an event this must have been. But Jesus knows that He is called to go down the mountain and begin to prepare for His suffering and death. Peter wants to stay behind, but Jesus calls him to face the coming truth. Jesus has laid aside His glory so that He may triumph on the Cross. He calls us all to go with Him.

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

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

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 start **next weekend - 8th**, and continue on **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 parallel campaign to raise vital funds for the roof, the planned giving campaign will not be happening there.

SP BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 3 March** at 1:30pm in the Main Hall. No charge, open to everyone!

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

HOLY HOUR WITH CONFESSION: Tues 17 March 7pm SP. This is for vocations and is our event for the deanery's month of prayer for vocations.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION AT BANBURY: 19 March St Joseph's Day. Beginning with **Mass at 6.15pm** (at which Fr Stephen is preaching) St John's Banbury has 40 hours of Adoration to pray for vocations. Ends at 4pm on Saturday 21. You may arrive to pray at any time.

CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH: 25 March 7pm (The Annuncia-

tion) for pupils of St Patrick's, St Anthony's, and St Peter's Schools. Bishop Richard Walker will celebrate Mass and Confirmation.

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

LENT DAY OF CONFESSION AT ST PETER'S: Thurs 26 March beginning after 10am Mass and ending at 5pm. (Confession at St Joseph's from 6pm before the evening Mass there, on the same day).

OTHER INFORMATION

OUR LADY'S 100 CLUB: Congratulations to the February winners of the 100 club. 1st prize of £25 goes to 93 - Fr Stephen! 2nd prize of £15 goes to 237 - Marcel Gil-Arranz. The March Draw will be on Sunday 22nd March.

OUR LADY'S BINGO EVENING: It was eyes down for a full house with a full house! Fantastic turnout with the widest variety of ages—fun was had by all! Plenty of tea and soft drinks along with lots of cakes, crisps and sweets for children. Lots of lovely prizes both for the bingo and also the raffle. Our thanks to all who came and enjoyed themselves. Thanks for all the help before, during, and after, for the donations of cakes and drinks etc. Our special thanks to Suzanne who did the calling for us, loud and clear. The evening raised money for the roof fund and we were pleased to hand over £534.25 to Fr Stephen. Watch this space for our next Bingo evening.

SPAN— Lenten Alms Gold envelopes will support local families with food vouchers 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](https://www.instagram.com/catholiclearningtonyag)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP: 1st - £669.17, 2nd (Ch. Maint.) - £376.40; OL: 1st - £261.00, 2nd (OL Vision) - £272.82

2nd Colls. **this weekend** at both Churches is for **Cathedral Maintenance.**

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 July.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns: **In Memory of Sue Maher RIP.** 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: Putting Our Vision for Our Lady's into Action: If you haven't already, please fill in a yellow Talents Challenge Card & pop it into the secure box on the Vision Table. Introductory sessions are commencing for Vision & Action groups with Buildings & Premises at 5pm this Sunday, 1st after the Lenten Prayer Service. Please do come along if you're interested in finding out more. *Thank you*

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 1 March: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£28,260.43.** The *next update* will be 5th April 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 until 10 January 2027. St Francis, pray for us!

THANK YOU to all who supported last **Friday's CAFOD soup lunch.**

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.

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.