

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

3rd Sunday of Lent Year A: Sunday 8th 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 8th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Margaret Cunningham RIP Anniv.
	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 Anniv.
Monday 9th <i>Opt. Com. St. Frances of Rome, Relig.</i>	10am Mass, followed by J&P Stations of the Cross	~	Sean Bell RIP
Tuesday 10th <i>Lent Feria</i>	7pm Mass	~	Private Intention; Faithful Departed of <i>St. Peter's</i>
Wednesday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	1pm Funeral Service	10am Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross	Diane Murphy; Pearl Manning RIP Funeral: Eamon Collins RIP
Thursday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	11am Mass	~	Requiem: Mary Baker RIP
Friday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass at <i>St Ant's Sch</i> 10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Francisca Alves da Silva People of the Parish Antonio Costa RIP
Saturday 14th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Paul John White RIP; <i>Joseph Thomas RIP</i>
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Vincent Flanagan RIP
SUNDAY 15th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	John Walsh RIP; James Dunne RIP Anniv. Eileen O'Sullivan RIP; Rev. Fr. Leo Shea

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 Wall, Evelyn Stephens, Margaret Cunningham, John Moore, Anne Butler, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Patrick McKeown, David Manning, Joseph Reilly, Teresa Carlos, Catherine Walsh, Virginia Simeone, Doreen Caffery, Michael Kundert, James Dunne, Louisa French, Maria Parisi, Kathleen Shortall, Keith Duxbury, David Connolly, Eileen O'Sullivan, Denis O'Neill, James Ballantine, Katherine Colenso, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cashman, Very Rev. Cn. Anthony Allport, Very Rev. Cn. Gerard Hanlon, Very Rev. Cn. Raymond Walsh, Rev. Fr. Terence Luxon, Rev. Fr. Francis Johnson, Rev. Fr. Joseph Purcell, Rev. Fr. Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Rev. Fr. Christopher Thornton, Rev. Fr. Connell Harkin, Rev. Fr. Vaughan Lloyd, Rev. Fr. Anthony Sims, Rev. Fr. Michael Crumpton.

The recently deceased: Fiona Kennedy, John "Jack" Scarisbrick, Filippo Episcopo, Rev. Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi, Kathleen O'Connor, Rev. Fr Brian Wall, Janice Austin, Mary Baker, Eamon Collins. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

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.*

It is thirst drives the Israelites to quarrelling and testing of God on their return to the promised land. It is thirst that prompts Jesus to ask the Samaritan woman for a drink, but He is thirsty not just for water but thirsty for her to know the truth of salvation. So she, in return, thirsts for the water that only Jesus can give, from the spring that wells up to eternal life. In other words, Himself and His teaching. In our spiritual lives it is that desire to grow, that thirst for Jesus, that gives us the need to love more, to know more and to do more in His service.

Our Christian lives begin with water of baptism after all, but are sustained by all that Christ offers us. In offering Himself on the cross, we remember that from His pierced side flowed forth blood and water, the source of the power of the sacraments.

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 WEEKEND & WEEK AHEAD

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

DIOCESAN PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN: Starts **this** weekend and continue on **15 and 22 March.** 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** parish everyday bills have to be met by **us.** There will be information about figures, ways to give and Gift Aid. Our Lady's has its own parallel campaign to raise vital funds for the roof, so no planned giving campaign will be happening there.

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

PLAY WHIST AT PASTIMES Come and play or learn to play Whist in St. Peter's Hall. Sessions each Tuesday at 1:30 pm and will start on Tue March 10.

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

CONCERT AT ST PETER'S: Next **Saturday, 7pm** in church by the **Newman Schola**, including **Faure's Requiem** and **Allegri's Miserere Mei.** Entrance is **free.** This #group was founded at Warwick University by students

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.

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 a **Holy Hour at 7pm on Tue 17 March** at **St Peter's**, with confession available, to pray for vocations.

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 Annunciation) 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).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER: **Palm Sunday 29 March** 5pm SP with blessing of palms, 9.15 OL with procession starting by the side doors 11.15 SP with procession beginning in the parish hall. **Maundy Thursday** 7pm at Our Lady's followed by the Watch, **Good Friday** 3pm at St Peter's, **Easter Vigil** 8pm at St Peter's. **Easter Day** 9.15 at OL 11.15 at SP

OTHER INFORMATION

JACK SCARISBRICK: It was with sadness that we learnt of Jack's death last Saturday morning. He was a remarkable historian, a defender of the unborn, supporter of mothers in difficulty, and pioneer of children's hospice care. A remarkable man all round in fact, whose strong principles led him into strong action. He was also a loving family man and a faithful parishioner of St Peter's. His funeral is at St Peter's on 27 March at noon. Please pray for him, for Nuala his late wife, and for his family. May he rest in peace.

DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM NEWSHEET: A summary of the Deanery Pastoral Forum's role and activity is available on paper in the porch. Also pinned up on the notice board, so do have a look.

SPAN – Lenten Alms- We have been asked to support 60 local families with food vouchers and then help our two Holy Land charities: Friends of the Holy Land in Gaza and House of Light and Hope in Lebanon. Please use the gold envelopes and Gift Aid if you pay tax. Thank you.

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP: 1st - £603.98, 2nd (CAFOD) - £1,062.35; OL: 1st - £304.26, 2nd (CAFOD) - £614.78

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 Aug.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns: **In Memory of David & John Grayling 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: 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 continuing for Vision & Action groups with Communications & Admin at 5pm this Sunday, 8th after the Stations of the Cross at OL. 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— any candle that's unwanted or unusable, stubs, 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!

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.