

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

4th Sunday of Lent Year A: Sunday 15th 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 15th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Vincent Flanagan RIP
	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
Monday 16th <i>Opt. Com. St. Frances of Rome, Relig.</i>	10am Mass, followed by J&P Stations of the Cross	~	Margaret McCann RIP
Tuesday 17th St Patrick, Bp, feast	9.30am Mass, St Pat's Sch 10am Mass 7pm Holy Hour & Confession	~	Angela Twomey RIP; <i>Geraldine "Gerry" Quinn RIP</i>
Wednesday 18th <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross	Margaret O'Sullivan RIP; <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Thursday 19th St Joseph, solemnity	10am Mass	~	Lynda & Geoff Gould's Intentions; <i>David Hannan RIP</i>
Friday 20th <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.30am Mass 10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Xavier Jay Kathan Confirmation Candidates
Saturday 21st <i>Lent Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Kathleen O'Connor RIP; <i>Annie McHale RIP</i>
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Joan & Luke Sweeney RIP
SUNDAY 22nd March 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	Joe Gaughan RIP; Rev. Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP (4th Anniv) Piedade Fonseca; Gary Evans RIP

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: Eileen O'Sullivan, Denis O'Neill, James Ballantine, Katherine Colenso, Mary McDermott, Mary Martin, Martin Ahern, Daniel Byrne, Luke Sweeney, Mary Geraghty, Michael Maxwell, Vesna Dokleja, Most Rev. Archbishop Ullathorne OSB, Most Rev. Archbishop Grimshaw, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cashman, Rev. Fr. Michael Crumpton, Rev. Fr. William Madden, Rev. Fr. Andrew Brennan, Rev. Fr. Laurence Crowe.

The recently deceased: Joe Gaughan (Ireland), Fiona Kennedy, John "Jack" Scarisbrick, Rev. Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi, Kathleen O'Connor, Mary 'Meta' 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 the youngest son of Jesse, David, who is to be anointed king. Samuel, who is to do the anointing, thinks he sees worth in stature and in dress. But he is told 'The Lord sees not as God sees'. The theme of light and sight are abundant in today's readings. The man born blind can see nothing, but through his healing and the rough treatment he's given by Jeus' enemies he sees not only physically but spiritually. He sees Jesus but then sees that He is the Son of Man and worships Him. Paul tells us that we are children of the light, the light of faith. May we recognise that we do not always see Jesus and the Gospel as we ought. May Christ's healing make our vision as clear and certain as the man born blind.

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

DIOCESAN PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN: this weekend we hear our second of three planned talks. 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 there's no planned giving campaign there.

CONCERT AT ST PETER'S: This 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

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

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

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 1:30pm.

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.

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

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday (18th) all day. Apologies for the inconvenience.

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.

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

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 4.30pm. (Same day, confession at St Joseph's from 6pm before the evening Mass there).

JACK SCARISBRICK RIP: 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. The car park will be for family and nominated guests only.

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

ALTAR SERVERS & PARENTS: Rehearsals for Holy Week will take place at 10.30am at Our Lady's on Maundy Thursday, 10:30am on Good Friday at St Peter's and 10:30am on Holy Saturday at St Peter's. Please make every effort to attend, as these Masses and liturgies are unique to Holy Week.

We'd love more servers! See Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's.

PETER DIMAMBRO MEMORIAL TEA: 11 April at 2pm in SP hall. Tickets are £10. Please ring 07711794049 to book.

OTHER INFORMATION

CAFOD: *Thank you* to all who supported the recent CAFOD Lenten appeal. Also to all who came to the lunch on Family Fast Day. You donated a generous £245, which has been paid into the appeal.

OL CLEANING TEAM: There is already a good team of hard working volunteers who help on a Monday afternoon. More volunteers would be very welcome - flexible time and doesn't have to be every week. Please contact Jenny Hayden if you would like to help.

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 are supporting 60 local families with food vouchers, 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 or use <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent26>

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP: 1st - £669.12, 2nd (Cathedral Maintenance) - £408.38; OL: 1st - £296.00, 2nd (Cathedral Maintenance) - £267.82 2nd Colls. *this weekend at SP - Church Maintenance, OL - OL 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 Aug.

7 DAY CANDLES: Envelopes are at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass a donation of £5.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Members are *always happy* to hear from parishioners' ideas. Details of members are in the churches porches or email martin-foley73@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, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Arlene Slinn, 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.