

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A: Sunday 29th 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 29th March PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK BEGINS	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	People of the Parish
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	Mary Murphy Andrea la Barbera RIP; Tony McAndrew RIP Anniv.
Monday 30th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	11am Mass	~	Requiem: Fiona Kennedy RIP
Tuesday 31st <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	10am Mass	~	Rosamond O'Reilly RIP; <i>Flor Duckett RIP</i>
Wednesday 1st April <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	~	6pm Mass	Robin Broadbent RIP; <i>Lily Lucey RIP</i>
Thursday 2nd Thursday of Holy Week	~	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, watch before the BI Sacrament till 10pm	Vincent Hanratty RIP 30th Anniv.; <i>Mary McGivern RIP</i>
Friday 3rd Good Friday	3pm Liturgy of the Passion 6pm Stations of the Cross	10am Morning Prayer Noon Family Stations of the Cross	~
Saturday 4th Holy Saturday	<i>No Confession</i> No Morning Mass <i>No Confession</i> 8pm: Vigil Mass	10am Morning Prayer ~	~ Those Baptised & Received into the Church
SUNDAY 5th EASTER SUNDAY	11:15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	Bernard & Mary Mortimer RIP Dermot Collins RIP 10th Anniv.

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: Noel Clarke, George Bates, Edward Tierney, Michael Dillon, Isabel Cristobal, Peter Bosworth, Daniel Donovan, Vincent Hanratty, Mary Burford, Carmela Samperi, Margaret O'Farrell, Elizabeth Allcock, Margaret Wheeler, Dermot Collins, Most Rev. Archbishop Williams, Rt. Rev. Bishop Emery, Rev. Mgr. Cn. Daniel Leonard, Rev. Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Rev. Fr. Matthew Sheridan, Rev. Fr. John Callaghan, Rev. Fr. Philip O'Reilly, Rev. Fr. Lawrence King, Rev. Fr. Michael Glynn, Rev. Fr. Timothy Burke.

The recently deceased: Joe Gaughan (Ireland), Fiona Kennedy, John "Jack" Scarisbrick, Rev. Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi.

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

THIS IS HOLY WEEK!



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.*

We stand at the beginning of the Church's week of weeks. Everything that we commemorate this week is the deepest expression of God's love for us sinners, that we might be made good enough to share in Christ's resurrection. This is good news indeed. What can we do to enter more deeply into the mysteries of this week? First, let's try to take it all in, slowly and carefully. Let's try not to rush in to church, or worse still, rush out before Mass is over. What is God showing us and telling us this week? Give Him time, just as your time is His gift to you. Second, allow ourselves to be changed. This needs time too of course, but if we feel moved by the Holy Week story turn that into a time of prayer and praise. The centurion at the foot of the cross was unexpectedly able to see Jesus as the Son of God. Is there something we might see differently this year in the richness of God's love and mercy? Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter. **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

THIS WEEKEND IS PALM SUNDAY: The 5pm Mass begins with the blessing of Palms at the back of church. **9.15am** begins, if fine, outside the side door on the health hub side, blessing and procession. **11.15am** Blessing of Palms and Procession begin in the hall.

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER: 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 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.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: on Tuesday 12-3pm in SP Hall. Come and play or learn to play Whist in St. Peter's Hall. Sessions at 1:30pm.

RAISING OF THE CROSS ECUMENICAL EVENT: Come & join fellow Christians raising the cross, meet Good Friday 12 noon outside Holy Trinity Church

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

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: On Good Friday the 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is the liturgical experience of His mercy shown on the Cross. No devotions on 10 April. Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April, 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions, confession and Exposition. Fridays will restart on 17th April

NEXT WEEKEND: The First Mass of Easter is at 8pm Saturday night. Hear how God's saves His people, providing again and again, love and mercy for them. Please pray for all who are to be baptised, received in to the Church and be confirmed. We have a wonderful total of 12 people this year coming into the Church and rejoicing to receive the sacraments. We thank God!

COMING SOON

PASTIMES: Easter Raffle Tickets are on sale, these can be purchased from the Piety Shop or from Pastimes on Tuesdays.

PASTIMES BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 31 March at 1:30pm at the back of St. Peter's Hall. All welcome.

PETER DIMAMBRO MEMORIAL CREAM TEA: Saturday 11 April 2pm in St. Peter's Hall in Memory of Peter Dimambro RIP, tickets £10 each, **spaces are limited.** Tickets available from the Piety Shop or at Pastimes on Tuesdays.

OTHER INFORMATION

ST PETER'S PARISH ACCOUNTS AUDIT: Every parish's accounts are audited every 5 years by the diocese in conformity with Charity Commissioners' rules. Last week a diocesan auditor found that our book keeping and rec-

ords of expenditure and income were all done correctly. The auditor found that the parish needs more counters, however, to set a monitored budget each year and to develop the role of the Finance Committee. **If you might volunteer to count the collection, or if you have finance or accountancy skills you could offer on the Finance Committee please speak to or email Fr Stephen.** A big thank you to all who already help and to Royce, our office manager, who has day-to-day responsibility for the accounts & carried that out so well. Our Lady's accounts are due an audit another year.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues, Retrouvaille could help. www.retrouvaille.org.uk or 0797 3380443

PRESBYTERY PHONE: is now fixed.

OL CLEANING TEAM: More volunteers would be very welcome - flexible time & 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. Also on the deanery website.

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 @catholicclearingtonyag

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP: 1st - £636.28, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £396.01; OL: 1st - £240.41, 2nd (OL Vision) - £227.99. 2nd Colls. **this weekend at SP - Church Maintenance, OL - OL Vision.** NEXT WEEK: there is **one collection only, the Easter Offering** which is a gift to the priests of the parish. **Thank you for your kindness.**

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. There are available dates during the week.

7 DAY CANDLES: Envelopes are at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass with 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 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 the Fundraising Group meeting at 5pm this Sunday (29th) after Stations of the Cross. Please do come along if you're interested in finding out more. **Thank you**

CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH: Thank you to all who helped and who prayed for the children.

OL 100 CLUB: March winners. 1st prize of £25 to 182 - Mary Curran; 2nd prize of £15 to 259 - Sue Sugars. Congratulations! Don't forget, it's not too late to join. See Sue Sugars if you would like a chance to win each month.

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...

THANK YOU to **all** who helped with Jack Scarisbrick's funeral last week, and with the confirmation. **Our choir** is working very hard!

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.