

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday 19th February 2023

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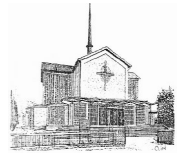
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### Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
Saturday 18th February <i>Opt. Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.15-9.45 Confession <i>in church</i> 10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i> 4.15-45pm Confession <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Durham East  Paddy, Nancy, John, Patrick & Finn Murphy RIP
<b>SUNDAY 19th</b> <b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Paddy Hartnett  Rosalia Alibrando Pino RIP; Margaret Flanagan
Monday 20th <i>Feria</i>	9:30am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Holy Souls; Joseph Formosa
Tuesday 21st <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop; Doctor of the Church</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Frank Garvey RIP; Anthony Lambert RIP
Wednesday 22nd <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>	10am Mass <i>in church</i>  7pm Mass <i>in church</i>	12noon Mass	Holy Souls People of the Parish Niamh Donnelly RIP
Thursday 23rd <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Michael & Family
Friday 24th <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Margaret & Family
Saturday 25th <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.15-9.45 Confession <i>in church</i> 10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i> 4.15-45pm Confession <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Sicilia Bl de Roszari; Patrick Mulholland RIP  Catherine Sugrue; Philip Doody
<b>SUNDAY 26th</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Mike, John & Stan Godwin; Paddy Hartnett Betty Keane, Fr. Joseph Fogerty RIP

**Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash.** Details on the website stjoseph47.org.uk  
**Sunday 10am & 5:30pm,** Weekday Masses are currently suspended until further notice.

*St Joseph's parish newsletter is available on its website*



### FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Elizabeth Reynolds, Eugene Fitzgerald, Cornelius Forde, Margaret McCarthy, Mary Bevan, Michael Hughes, Elizabeth McDermott, Joseph Connell, Edward McGerty, Frances Redmond, Percy Fitzgerald, Mary Philpott, John Behan, Josephine Hambalek, Denis Hunt, Dermot Murphy, Bartholomew Leahy, Bishop Joseph Kelly, Canon William Roughan, Canon Sean McTernan, Fr. Joseph McEvelly, Fr. Timothy Healy, Fr. Terence McDonnell, Fr. Francis Jordan, Fr. Alexander McGavin, Fr. Francis Coyle, Fr. Sean Farrell, Fr. Michael McCabe, Fr. Martin Meagher, Fr. John Collins, Fr. Oliver Kemp. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.***

**SAFEGUARDING:** St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk , Our Lady's Claire Walsh email sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

**Welcome to Mass** today.

We hear today once again of Christ's high standards and His calling us to holiness. As Lent approaches, we do well to take stock of ourselves and through spiritual and practical activities, reapply ourselves to answering His call during these great forty day.

We have added an extra sheet this week with details for Lent. A single sheet easily fills up.

God bless us all this coming week, *Fr Stephen*

**Children's Liturgy:** Our Lady's Sunday 9:15am. All welcome

**Church Heating Our Lady's.** We getting an engineer to return to have another go at putting things right. **St Peter's** Replacing the heating as we must do is obviously a long term project. In the meanwhile, thank you again for your patience.

**Weekday Mass Times:** Thank you to everyone who got in touch about earlier weekday Masses. It was clearly felt that 10am was preferred to 9.30am. We shall be moving to 10am but, as always, things will happen occasionally to move the time.

**Shrove Tuesday:** Pastimes Pancakes from 1pm in the Hall

**Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins on 22 February. Masses with ashing in both churches. **OL 12 noon SP 10am & 7pm**

**Lent. What will you do..?** Give up meat—especially on Lenten Fridays...Make a commitment to a particular charity...Read a Gospel all through...Come to a weekday Mass...Make your confession...Be at Mass in good time...Pray regularly each day

**J&P Stations of the Cross during Lent:** There will be Justice and Peace stations of the Cross (from CAFOD) on Fridays after Mass in the Hall – during Lent. The first will be on **24<sup>th</sup> February** following Mass. (Time TBC). Everyone welcome.

**Friday Luncheon Club:** Fri 24th Feb 1pm at Whittles Restaurant, Binswood Avenue. A menu is up for you to choose from, please email —[carmel.cleary@btinternet.com](mailto:carmel.cleary@btinternet.com), or text me on 07941 840433 to give me your orders.

**Young adults group:** (for those ages 18-30) Join us on Wednesday 1st March, 7pm, Dormer Conference Centre for a music jam. Any style of musical worship is welcome, from trad hymns, Latin, Catholic modern music to contemporary Christian. No musical expertise or experience required. Come praise the Lord!

**Christian Life Community:** There are three Christian Life Community groups in the Leamington/Warwick area and we are hoping to set up another group. There will be an information session on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm in the Martyrs Room at St. Mary Immaculate church in West Street, Warwick.** Contact Peter or Margaret on 01926 428399 for further information. Leaflets are in the local churches or via our website:

[www.clcew.org.uk](http://www.clcew.org.uk)

**World Day of Prayer:** (formerly Womens World Day of Prayer) This service will be held at Dale Street Methodist Church, on

3rd March 2.30pm. throughout the world we are joining with the women of Taiwan who have produced the prayers we will be using on this day. Please come and join us!

**Kindaid Bingo Night:** Our Lady's upper hall, Fri 10th March 7pm, Refreshments, Prizes, Everyone welcome, Help build the parish community and support KINDAID's charities.

**Holy Week:** Something to ponder is the clear fact that with only one full-time priest between the two parishes it will not be possible to celebrate Holy Week in full in both the churches. Fr Stephen is beginning conversations with musicians and servers first to see how we might proceed in celebrating between the parishes. *Whatever we do this year will not be fixed in stone for evermore:* after reflecting on how did things go it might well be possible to do them even better in the future.

**The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace:** prayer intention for February is: 'We pray that we may all pursue the common good as the basis for a just and peaceful world'

**Diocesan Directories:** This have now arrived and are available to purchase from the Piety Shop at both Churches the cost per copy is £3.50.

**Servers and Serving:** Thank you to our servers at both churches. **We'd love a few more!** See Fr Stephen at Our Lady's or St Peter's or Bob, the Master of Ceremonies, at St Peter's.

**Baptism Preparation:** See Fr Stephen if you might like to help.

**Mass Intentions:** *Please be aware* the earliest availability is from the start of May onwards.

**The Card Machine at St Peter's:** if the machine is playing up please use the QR Code as an Alternative. **Thank you**

**Walking Together in Catholic Leamington:** Signup sheets for you to express an interest in attending one (or more) meetings of the five areas for parish development can be found in all our churches. Meetings will take place after Easter. See [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod) for a summary leaflet or to register interest online.

**SPAN:** The SPAN Quiz on Friday night was an enjoyable and informative evening, thanks to all who attended. At last Monday's SPAN meeting it was confirmed that £ 1,000 has been sent to the earthquake appeal for Syria and Turkey through CAFOD. £ 250 was also agreed for: Hope House a home for abandoned babies in Kenya; Rosa Care assisting vulnerable children in Zimbabwe; and for EducAid's work in Sierra Leone.

**Catholic Leamington Website:** We would like to find a new volunteer to look after this. Could that be you?

**200 Club:** The St. Peter's 200 club draw for February took place on Tue 7th Feb - The winners are—1st (£50) - Claire Curran, 2nd (£20) - John Hornsby and 3rd (£10) - S. Hayes. Congratulations to the winners. If you would to join the 200 club for £12 per year please see Bill Quinn on a Tuesday or Sunday after Mass.



The QR code for today's readings. Please feel free to follow the readings during the Mass. Simply scan the box and your smartphone or tablet will take you to the readings. This works for any day, not just Sundays.

**Last Week's Plate Collections :12th February 2023**

1st Collection: **SP:** £576.25 & **OL:** £166.66

2nd Coll.: Church Maintenance **SP:** £287.42 & **OL:** £113.11

This weekend - **SP:** Church Maintenance, **OL:** Church Maintenance

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Clare Banner, Edward Behan, John Bell, Sean Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Patrick Campbell, Mary Craig, Peter Curran, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sheila Ireland, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Zainab Lawless, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Philip Morris, Jo Murphy, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Caleb O'Neill, Fr. Malcolm Prince, Patricia Robinson, Fr. Tony Rohan, Cyril Sheard, Peter Simmons, Marjorie Smedley, Margaret Smith, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright, Mary Yapp & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them. Our Lady, pray for them**

**The recently deceased:** Concepcion Bao, John O'Kelly, Canon Garry Byrne, Liam Dowling. **May they rest in peace.**

# LENT 2023

## *In St Peter's and Our Lady's*

**L**ENT begins on 22 February, Ash Wednesday. These forty days before Easter are kept to help us grow as Christians through works of fasting, prayer, almsgiving and penitence. In receiving the ashes we signify our understanding of ourselves as creatures, who need the grace and mercy of our Creator. The world is not all about us, our needs, our wants, our ambitions, our success. It is about this Creator who calls us into being so that He might love us and that we might serve Him and be saved by Him. That salvation comes through Jesus Christ. Like Him, we are called to defeat the devil, to stay close to the Father, and to serve others. Unlike Him, however, we are also called to repentance for it is in naming sin and asking His mercy that we refuse to be led astray by the devil and draw close to Christ for forgiveness that we might come closer still.

Lent means spring: as the earth begins to show the shoots of new life so in encouraging the shoots of a spiritual life we become evermore ready to celebrate and share in the new life of the Resurrection, the life we proclaim every Easter.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Masses at St Peter's at 10am and 7pm, and at Our Lady's 12 noon

### **LENTEN FRIDAYS**

Justice and Peace Group leads the Stations of the Cross at St Peters

### **FRIDAY 3 MARCH**

CAFOD Soup Lunch at St Peter's Hall

### **FRIDAY SUNDAY 12 MARCH & 2 APRIL**

Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's.

### **SATURDAY 18 MARCH**

'Hosanna Cantata' at Our Lady's—a presentation of the events of Holy Week and Easter

### **REGULAR WEEKDAY EVENTS**

The weekday Masses and confession times will continue: please make use of these this Lent.

### **'CHRIST IN THE HOME': SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

With both our churches suffering heating problems, holy hours in church may be very cold. But the idea of 'Christ in the Home' is that the Blessed Sacrament is taken to parishioners' houses for a Holy Hour, to which friends, family, fellow parishioners and nearby Catholics may be invited. To host this, it is simply necessary to invite participants (or ask to take part), provide a suitable space in a sitting room (flat surface covered by a white cloth with two candles alight), arrange chairs, and be generally welcoming. The Blessed sacrament is brought by Fr Stephen at the arranged time, and as soon as it is placed and exposed, the Holy Hour begins with times of silence, spoken prayer and scripture. It concludes with simple Benediction and then the Blessed Sacrament is taken away from the house. The key is simplicity—this is a devotion taking place at home. A cup of tea over a social time afterwards is a lovely opportunity for Fr Stephen and parishioners to meet one another. This will happen on Thursday afternoons of the first full week of Lent and end the Thursday before Palm Sunday. Please think about being prepared to host a Holy Hour

by opening your home up to Christ and to His people.

More details and sign up sheets available next week.

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

Details will be publicised soon but will of course include the annual events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. There will be children's Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's and we hope fitting celebrations of Mass *and* celebrations after Mass to greet the Risen Lord.