

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday 26th February 2023

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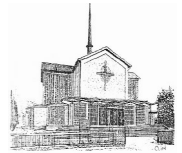
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Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
Saturday 25th February <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 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Sicilia Bl de Roszari; Patrick Mulholland RIP Catherine Sugrue; Philip Doody
SUNDAY 26th 1st Sunday of Lent	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Sue Robinson Vito La Barbera RIP; Ronald John Harbin
Monday 27th <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i>	10:00am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Frank Garvey RIP; John Hartle RIP
Tuesday 28th <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Oswald, Bp</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Holy Souls; David Manning RIP
Wednesday 1st March <i>Feast of St. David, Bp, Patron of Wales</i>	~	10am Mass	Holy Souls; Kuriakose Family's Intentions
Thursday 2nd <i>Feast of St. Chad, Bp, Patron of Diocese</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Mary Price RIP; John Turner RIP
Friday 3rd <i>Lent Feria: CAFOD Fast Day</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Patrick & Alfreda McHale
Saturday 4th <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Casimir</i>	9.15-9.45 Confession 10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i> 4.15-45pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Erich Winter RIP Brian McHale; Deceased Members of the Tudor Family
SUNDAY 5th 2nd Sunday of Lent	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Mike, John & Stan Godwin; Paddy Hartnett Betty Keane, Fr. Joseph Fogerty RIP

Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash—10am & 5:30pm. Details on the website: stjoseph47.org.uk

Weekday Masses are currently suspended until further notice. *St Joseph's parish newsletter is available on its website*

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS and EVENING PRAYER...

Wednesdays after Mass at Our Lady's

Fridays after Mass at St Peter's

Sundays at Our Lady's 26 Feb, 12 Mar, 2 Apr at 5pm

Evening Prayer at Our Lady's 5 & 26 March, 5pm

LENT EVENTS...

CAFOD Fast Day 3 March Soup Lunch at St Peter's 12-1.30pm

Second Collection for CAFOD 12 March

Confession Saturdays 9.15-45am, 4.15-45pm at St Peter's, and more opportunities as Lent progresses, and at request.

LENT MEANS SPRING—LET LENT LIFT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Mary Philpott, John Behan, Josephine Hambalek, Denis Hunt, Dermot Murphy, Bartholomew Leahy, Florence Dadson, Catherine Doyle, Thomas Mulleague, Bernadette Parker, Betty Cashmore, Patrick Keegan, Nunzia Arena, John Thurlow, Isabel Thurlow, Mary Duggan, Michael Curran, Catherine Collins, Paul Reszka, Bishop Joseph Kelly, Bishop Kevin Dunne, Fr. George Brewster, Fr. George Tarrant, Fr. John Flynn, Fr. William Diver, Fr. Douglas Carter, Fr. John Pinkman, Fr. Robert Wright. **The recently deceased:** Stephen Smith, John Daly, Carolyn Darnell, John O'Kelly, Concepcion Bao, Canon Garry Byrne, Liam Dowling. **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, especially if you are a visitor. Together, we continue our Lenten journey. In today's Gospel, Satan attempts to lure Jesus away from His mission by suggesting other tempting ways for Jesus to make Himself known. All these seem at first sight *reasonable*. That is the insidious nature of sin: we can so easily justify our actions to ourselves. Few of us are tempted to murder, but laziness, stealing and gossip can all be dressed up as reasonable in our own minds, in our own circumstances. Christ is strong in His resistance, using Scripture as His weapon. Let us not be misled by the devil and his abuse of Scripture: his work is to lead us away from Jesus, His love and salvation. Have a happy Lent, fortified by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. God bless us all this coming week, *Fr Stephen*

Children's Liturgy: Our Lady's during Sunday 9:15am Mass, in term time. All welcome.

Church Heating Our Lady's. It was so disappointing to find that after the engineer's visit, the heating still played up. He will be coming back. **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 so the usual time is now 10am. There will always be times when commitments in our schools, funerals and other events will sometimes mean a different time, of course. Please check this notice sheet, therefore.

Lent. What will you do...? Some suggestions. Give that apology that you know you should... Give up a grudge against someone who hasn't apologised to you... Miss a favourite soap opera episode and pray a rosary for those you love... Arrive at Mass in good time... Miss a weekly meal and give the cost to CAFOD... No meat on Fridays

Young Adults Group: Wednesday evening at St Peter's Hall. 'Heavenly Praise' - bring your favourite hymn or song along to sing with others.

Fair Trade Fortnight: Fair Trade fortnight 27th Feb to 12th March - so do try to look for the Fair trade mark as you shop. In this cost of living crisis it is tempting to look for the cheapest but this may be at the expense of those picking tea, making clothes and working the land in countries where people are extremely vulnerable. Fair Trade products always give them that bit extra - the 'fair trade premium' which makes all the difference. There will be a Traidcraft stall at Our Lady's on 5th March and St Peter's on 12th March. This may be the last as Traidcraft is sadly now in administration but FT products are in many shops now.

Christian Life Community: There are three Christian Life Community groups in the area and we are hoping to set up another group. There will be an information session on **Thursday 2nd March 7pm in the Martyrs Room, Mary Immaculate church in West Street, Warwick.** If you are interested in learning about CLC you will be most welcome to attend. Contact Peter or Margaret on 01926 428399 for further information. Leaflets are in the local churches or via our website:

www.clcew.org.uk

Cafod Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd March. Soup and roll lunch in St Peter's Hall, 12 -1.30pm. Delicious homemade soups and fresh rolls. All welcome, suggested donation £3. This Lent, donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Second collection for CAFOD is 10 March

Pastimes Community Hub: For many years Pastimes in the Hall on Tuesdays has provided a warm welcome to anyone seeking company and conversation, hot drinks and snacks, and a variety of games and activities. In these challenging cost of living times we are developing

into a warm hub, offering soup and rolls in addition to our usual refreshments and activities (Tuesdays 11am-3pm). Do come. Spread the word. You will be warmly welcomed!

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. Holy Thursday at Our Lady's and Good Friday and the Easter Vigil at St Peter's seems a sensible compromise. *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 Group: March prayer intention: We pray for peace in Ukraine and for refugees and displaced persons, and that we can help and support them.

Diocesan Directories: Now available in the piety shop.

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.

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

The Card Machine at St Peter's continues to be troublesome, claiming that the internet connection is too weak yet the WiFi is about ten feet from it! As an alternative, you might wish to scan this QR code to be taken to how to donate online.



Thank you for your giving.

Walking Together in Catholic Leamington Please take a leaflet about this new stage of Walking Together in our parishes, available after Mass this weekend or find it at

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

Earthquake Appeal: SPAN is sending £1,000 to the urgent appeal for help in Turkey and Syria after the Earthquake. This will go via CAFOD and for those who wish to donate individually the link is: Give.cafod.org.uk Please also pray for the communities, helpers and all who are involved. A further £400 was raised at St Peter's after Mass two weeks ago. *Thank you*

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

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

The QR code for today's readings. Simply scan on your smart phone. Works for every day.



Finance: Figures next week

Next Week the second collection is for **Cathedral Maintenance.** On 10 March it will be for **CAFOD Lent Fast Day.**

CHRIST IN THE HOME: HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION AT HOME

Two parishioners have so far volunteered and will be inviting people to take part, numbers of course limited by the size of their houses.

Thursday 9 March—Henny Thursday 16 March—Anna

If you would like to host a Holy Hour at Home or wish to know more, see last week's notice sheet or speak to Fr Stephen. If you could host on Thurs 23 (evening) or Thu 30 (afternoon or evening) please email or speak to Fr Stephen.



*Victor in the wilderness,
Help us not to swerve or fail!*

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, help of the sick, pray for them**