

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday 5th March 2023

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Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
Saturday 4th March <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
Monday 6th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Power & Mernagh Families; Private Intention
Tuesday 7th <i>Opt. Commemoration of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i> 7pm Confirmation	~	Norman Easter RIP; Stephen Clarke RIP The Confirmandi
Wednesday 8th March <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. John of God, Religious</i>	~	10am Mass	Holy Souls; Michael Howse RIP
Thursday 9th <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	David Manning RIP; Canon Garry Byrne RIP
Friday 10th <i>Lent Feria</i>	11am Mass	~	Requiem: Janet Masterson RIP
Saturday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15-9.45 Confession 10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i> 4.15-45pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Frank Garvey RIP; Maureen Abbott RIP Betty Keane RIP; Jim & Margaret McGreevy
SUNDAY 12th 3rd Sunday of Lent	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	James Dunne RIP Harold Fentener RIP; Sheila Collins RIP

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

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 12 Mar, 2 Apr at 5pm

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

LENT EVENTS...

Day Retreat 11 March

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: Peter Wreford-Bush, John Thurlow, Isabel Thurlow, Mary Duggan, Michael Curran, Catherine Collins, Paul Reszka, Zofia Domicewicz, Karen Wright, Ann Hopkins, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Mary Wall, John Moore, Patrick McKeown, David Manning, Eileen Falkous, Catherine Walsh, Virginia Simeone, Doreen Caffery, Michael Kundert, James Dunne, Louisa French, Canon Peter Taylor, Canon Anthony Allport, Canon Gerard Hanlon, Fr. John Pinkman, Fr. Robert Wright, Fr. Humphrey Crookenden CO, Fr. Terence Luxon, Fr. Thomas Fullerton CO, Fr. Francis Johnson, Fr. Joseph Purcell, Fr. Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Fr. Christopher Thornton, Fr. Connell Harkin, Deacon James Rowe, Deacon Patrick Duffy. **The recently deceased:** Janet Masterson, Stephen Smith, John Daly, Carolyn Darnell, Concepcion Bao, Canon Garry Byrne. **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.

We hear today of the Transfiguration of Jesus, the time when His heavenly glory is revealed to three of His apostles at the top of Mount Tabor. They are almost overcome. But this cannot yet be permanently shown on earth. At the bottom of the mountain, the ordinary, the humdrum and of course the suffering and sinfulness continues. No wonder Peter wants to build Tents to stay up the mountain! But Christ has come to be part of the ordinary and the humdrum, and to conquer suffering and sin. It is not on the mountain top in glory that He will triumph, but on the cross on the hill of Calvary.

Lent should help us see the glory of Christ but also thereby move us to share in His engagement with suffering and sin in the world, that we might reflect that glory and celebrate at Easter the joy of His triumph. Have a blessed and holy Lent, the springtime for the soul. *Fr Stephen*

Holy Communion: If you are not a Roman Catholic, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion may be given to Roman Catholics *only* 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 true unity among all Christians.

7 Day Candles: This week the Our Lady Sanctuary Candle burns for: **David Manning RIP**

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

Confirmation: Please pray for the 21 children from St Anthony's and St Patrick's school who will be confirmed at St Peter's on Tuesday evening. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, the episcopal vicar for Coventry, Warwickshire & Oxfordshire will be celebrating the Mass and confirming the children, after time in the parish and visiting its three schools.

Lent. What will you do..? Some suggestions. Contact the friend or relative you've not seen for years... Try to say nothing negative... Visit the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament... Pray for the person you like the least... Support a charity helping the hungry, homeless or sick.

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.

KindAid Bingo Night: Fri 10 March at Our Lady's Hall. Eyes down and looking in at 7pm. Bring your lucky dabber and see if you win!

St. Joseph's Ceili Night: will take place on Friday 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) at St. Joseph's Parish Centre from 7–10:30pm. Admission is £5 for Adults, £10 for families. Please pay at the door on the night. Tea and Coffee included, you may bring your own food and alcoholic drinks if you wish.

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: After speaking to musicians and servers and others about how to respond to the impossibility of Holy Week being fully celebrated in both parishes, we are going to try for this year Maundy Thursday at Our Lady's, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil at St Peter's. Please

regard these as *joint* events for all parishioners of Our Lady's and St Peter's. Until Fr Stephen achieves the spiritual greatness of Padre Pio and so can be in two places at once, we have to try something different. Both parishes have the skills and resources to celebrate Holy Week: let us bring them together in celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

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 shops.

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 June onwards.

The Card Machine at St Peter's continues to be troublesome, sometimes 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.

SPAN: As last year, there are gold envelopes available to donate to our triple causes of: helping local families through food vouchers; the baby hospice Zoe's Place in Coventry; and to Kiirua a mission hospital in Kenya supported by Kindaid for many years. The SPAN envelopes are available throughout Lent. Please consider Gift Aiding any donations. Updated SPAN booklets are available in our 3 churches.

Walking Together in Catholic Leamington: Signup sheets for you to be part of one (or more) meetings of the five areas for parish development are in all our churches. Meetings take place after Easter. See www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod for a summary leaflet or to register interest online. A meeting of the Walking Together Team is scheduled for Thursday 16th March, all are welcome.

Lenten Retreat: There will be a day of meditation based on the parable of the Prodigal Son, at St. Peter's on 11th March after 10am Mass, upstairs in the Davenport room, from 10:30am-4pm. Tea and Coffee provided, bring your own lunch. A donation of £5 will be welcome! Please contact Anne Elson on 01926 882 654 or 07851 756 979.

St. Joseph's 200 Club: Congratulations to Colin Jenkins and Len Gilbride who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in February's 200 Club draw. March's 200 Club collection and draw will take place on Sunday 12th March. New joiners are always welcome, it's £1 per month and all profits go to the Church Building Fund.

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: 19/2/23—SP 1st—£694.25, 2nd—£258.56, OL 1st—£181.66, 2nd—£111.14, 26/2/23—SP 1st—£545.77, 2nd—£227.56, OL 1st—£201.78, 2nd—£128.75.

This 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
Three parishioners have so far volunteered and will be inviting people to take part, numbers of course limited by the size of their houses.
Thur 9 March—Henny Thur 16 March—Anna Thu 23 March—Gill
Thank you to our hosts. Please speak to a host before planning to attend: private homes can only accommodate a limited number.

MARCH, MONTH OF ST JOSEPH.

PRAY FOR US, PROTECTOR OF JESUS AND MARY!

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**