

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday 12th March 2023

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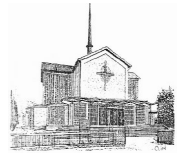
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Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 12th 3rd Sunday of Lent	5.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass for Sunday 11.15am Mass	~ 9.15am Mass	Betty Keane RIP; Jim & Margaret McGreevy James Dunne RIP Harold Fentener RIP; Sheila Collins RIP
Monday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Patricia Demisch RIP; Gloria Powers RIP
Tuesday 14th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Eileen O'Sullivan; David Manning RIP
Wednesday 15th <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	E. Kuriakose & family's Intention; Robert "Roy" Cuthbert RIP
Thursday 16th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	David Manning RIP
Friday 17th <i>Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	11am Mass (with St Peter's School)	~	Margaret Mann RIP; David & Liz Harard
Saturday 18th <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9.15-9.45 Confession & at 10.45-11.15 10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i> 4.15-4.45pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Phelim Brady RIP Delia Murphy RIP
SUNDAY 19th 4th Sunday of Lent <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Arlene Slinn; Milly & Les Harrop Maureen Wall

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 26 March, 5pm

LENT EVENTS...

Second Collection for CAFOD 12 March
Confession Saturdays 9.15-4.45am, 4.15-4.45pm 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: Michael Kundert, James Dunne, Louisa French, Kathleen Shortall, Keith Duxbury, Michael Dwyer, Eileen O'Sullivan, Denis O'Neill, Maureen Aylward, James Ballantine, Katherine Colenso, John Badger, Mary Martin, Ada Ashton, Bishop David Cashman, Canon Gerard Hanlon, Canon Raymond Walsh, Fr. Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Fr. Christopher Thornton, Fr. Connell Harkin, Fr. Vaughan Lloyd, Fr. Anthony Sims, Fr. Michael Crumpton, Fr. William Madden, Fr. Andrew Brennan, Deacon Patrick Duffy, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft. **The recently deceased:** Deacon Hugh Robinson, Janet Masterson, Stephen Smith, John Daly, Carolyn Darnell, Concepcion Bao. **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, especially if you are a visitor with us today.

The encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well, today's gospel, in a clear example of how meeting Christ can change us profoundly. We probably all know that Jews and Samaritans felt great animosity towards each other. This is brought out by the woman's surprise at Jesus asking her for a drink. But it is this question that in fact reveals Christ's thirst for souls, and how that can unlock our thirst for the salvation He offers. No one need be denied the water of life that is Christ, unless they refuse to accept it. The woman's faith watered by the words of Christ draws others to Jesus too.

Have a blessed and holy Lent, allowing our souls to be watered by Christ and loved by Him into our bearing the fruits of faith, hope and love. *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.

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

Confirmation: Thank you to everyone who supported the children by their prayer or presence last Tuesday, especially our servers and choir. The Episcopal Vicar visited St Peter's, St Anthony's and St Patrick's schools, and spent time with the children. He spent time with Fr Stephen asking about the two parishes and Catholic life in Leamington.

Lent. What will you do..? How about... Each day consider what went well and thank God for His blessings... Stop being late for Mass...

Get up 30mins earlier to start the day with a rosary... Give up gossip

Kindaid Bingo: This Friday, 7pm at Our Lady's

Fair Trade Fortnight: There will be a Fair Trade stall in the Church Hall after the 11.15 am Mass this weekend. Do come to support this and remember the fair trade logo when you buy – it supports many with the fair trade premium, giving a better quality of life. Sadly, as Traidcraft is in administration, this may be the last stall for their produce.

SPAN: This month's SPAN open meeting is on Monday, 13th at 7.30 in St Peter's Hall, all welcome. We will hear about One World Link and decide which appeals to support this month.

SPAN Lenten Appeal envelopes are available throughout Lent. Please consider Gift Aiding any donations.

St. Joseph's Ceili Night: Fri 17 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 consultation, this year **Maundy Thursday will be celebrated 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. Fr Stephen cannot be in two places at once. 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.

Heating X 2: Our Lady's will be visited by an engineer on Monday with instructions to service and repair everything. **St Peter's** We have been

recommended a diocesan approved heating consultant who will be visiting the church soon

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.

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.



Walking Together in Catholic Leamington: Your insights as parishioners are important to help our 3 parishes grow as Christian communities "Walking Together". Some names are on the topic group lists in our churches, but we need the spread of experience and ideas that far more of you could give. There are leaflets in the churches to help you decide which discussion you would most like to join. Any questions – contact Jonathan Holden: jaholden@virginmedia.com See also www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod. The Walking Together Team meet on Thurs 16 March at 7.30 in the Davenport Room, all welcome.

St Anthony's School Head Teacher Vacancy: St Anthony's is looking for a new head teacher to start in September. Please contact the school or visit the website to find out more.

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.



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 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 fit a limited number.

EXTRA: The March 2023 edition of EXTRA is now on our website.

ST PETER'S HALL

We have had to make the decision to stop letting St Peter's Hall to outside societies and organisations. Use by parish groups, parish societies and parish socials will **NOT** be affected.

Before the pandemic the hall ran at a healthy profit and the level of use was such that a caretaker could be employed and the costs of cleaning materials, rubbish collection and the servicing of the toilets were well worth paying to attract plentiful bookings.

After the pandemic, despite contacting all the previous users, all regular, day-long bookings have ceased. Organisations say that they do meet as they used to. Currently we have just six regular users making outside bookings. The huge increase in gas and electricity prices have hit us too. We'd need to *quadruple* hall hire to make any profit. In 2022, the hall cost us £14,000 more to run than we took in income. St Peter's parish finances simply can't take that loss any longer. This decision will allow us to review hall use and see how things go. St Peter's currently has £25,000 in the bank and £60,000 in restricted diocesan trusts, with a heating system needed and a building crying out for redecoration. Copies of the parish accounts for both parishes will be available later this year. Each parish has separate accounts.

MARCH, MONTH OF ST JOSEPH,

PRAY FOR US, PROTECTOR OF JESUS AND MARY!

Our prayers for the Sick: Gill Parker, 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**