

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 4th Sunday in Lent

## Sunday 19th March 2023

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### Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 19th</b> 4th Sunday of Lent <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	5.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass for Sunday  11.15am Mass	~ 9.15am Mass	Delia Murphy RIP Arlene Slinn; Milly & Les Harrop Maureen Wall
Monday 20th <i>Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10am Mass in Hall	~	John Cahill; Alberto Dimambro RIP
Tuesday 21st <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass in Hall	~	Margaret Barnes; Luke Aloysius Sweeney RIP
Wednesday 22nd <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP (First Anniversary)
Thursday 23rd <i>Opt. Commemoration of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bp.</i>	10am Mass in Hall	~	David Manning RIP; Frank Garvey RIP
Friday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass in Hall	~	Colin Dunphy RIP; Michael Howse RIP
Saturday 25th <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.15-9.45 Confession & at 10.45-11.15 10.00am Mass in hall 4.15-4.45pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Rita May RIP  John Long RIP
<b>SUNDAY 26th</b> 5th Sunday of Lent	~ 11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Paddy Dunbar RIP; Hilda & Arthur Robinson  Maria Lourdes Santos

**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 2 Apr at 5pm  
**Evening Prayer** at Our Lady's 26 March, 5pm

#### LENT EVENTS...

**Second Collection Today—Church Maintenance**  
**Confession** Saturdays 9.15-4.45am, 10.45-11.15, 4.15-4.45pm at St Peter's.

## LENT MEANS SPRING—LET LENT LIFT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Ada Ashton, Daniel Byrne, Margaret Clarke, Anthony Iwanikiw, Luke Sweeney, Natalie Burgielska, Michael Maxwell, Vesna Dokleja, Francis Charters, Margaret Collins, John Maguire, Peter Cronin, Mary Dillon, Martin Ryan, Julia Roddis, James Dunbar, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne OSB, Archbishop Francis Grimshaw, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Fr. Laurence Crowe, Fr. Joseph Donnelly, Deacon Joseph Louis Livesey. **The recently deceased:** Peter Simmons, Robert Davis, John Joseph Bell, Joseph Reilly, Deacon Hugh Robinson, Janet Masterson, Stephen Smith, John Daly, Carolyn Darnell. **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.

Today, the Archbishop has sent a Pastoral Letter to all the parishes. He asks us to reflect on the vision for the archdiocese as we cope with a reduction in the resources available to us, including the falling number of priests. What seems to work well? What seems to be a source of blessing? What could be changed to make the very best of what we have? The priests have been asked to reflect on this and you, the lay faithful, very much have a role too. The healing of the man born blind reminds us that we can never see the 'whole picture' as God does, but that faith can lead to great things, things as yet unseen. It is not the eyes in our heads that will save, but the eyes of faith. *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.

**Lent. What will you do..?** Arrive in good time for Mass... Donate to SPAN or Kindaid... Don't worry about others' failings, just your own...

**Justice & Peace:** Meets next Mon 20 March, 7.30 pm. in the Church Hall. All welcome. We will talk about sending cards to prisoners of conscience among other things.

**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.

This Thu 23 March 3pm—Ira

Thank you to our hosts. Please speak to Ira before planning to attend: private homes can only fit a limited number.

**SPAN:** This week we sent another £500 towards the CAFOD Food Crisis Appeal and £100 to Darfur- Sudan, resources to help 25 amputees across Africa access unwanted prosthetics from the UK and responding to local family needs for a Ukrainian family and one fleeing domestic abuse. SPAN Lenten Appeal gold envelopes are available. These donations go towards local families in our Primary schools, Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry and Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya.

**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 Latest News: Our Lady's** The issue is beyond a standard engineer and he has recommend that we have an engineer from the manufacturer. As a newcomer to their services Our Lady's will be charged £1,000 for a day's work plus any parts. This is being booked. Do we really have any choice? **St Peter's** A heating a diocesan recommended consultant is coming for a day next week to assess the needs and possible solutions for heating St Peter's. He will create a plan of action

and a proposal, and be responsible for managing the work. This will cost St Peter's £2,000. As soon as we know what he suggests and the cost this will be shared.

**The Parishes' Finances** To be clear, each parish maintains its own accounts—income stays with the church it's given to, expenses are paid by the parish that owes them. The joint Finance Committee will be meeting to look at the accounts and then they become available to all parishioners. There are expensive necessary projects looming in both parishes. Our Lady's needs attention to stop leaks and replace rotting woodwork at roof level. St Peter's needs a new heating system and then redecorating.

A great deal of expense has been cut back, which, although good, doesn't actually generate income. The suspension of outside bookings in St Peter's Hall will reduce outgoings further and later in the year we can look at letting in a different way that doesn't lose the parish money. We need a radical re-think if we are to turn its current £14,000 annual deficit into a profit once again.

**The Card Machine at St Peter's** If it's playing up, you might wish to scan this QR code to be taken to how to donate online. **Thank you**



**Walking Together in Catholic Leamington:** There is still time to join in. 64 names have appeared on the topic group lists in our churches, but we would like to increase the prayer power, the spread of experience and ideas that your participation could give. There are leaflets in our churches to help you decide which discussion you would like to join. Internationally, the seven Continental Phase Assemblies, contributed to by Bishops, Priests and Laity are submitting their reports by the end of March. See [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod) for links.

**The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace Group:** March intention: For peace in Ukraine, for refugees and displaced persons, and that we 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.

**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.



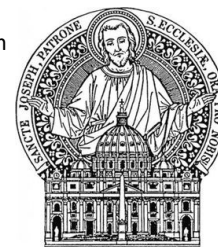
**EXTRA:** The March 2023 edition of EXTRA is now on our website.

**Fair Trade Fortnight:** Many thanks for your support at Our Lady's and St Peter's for the Traidcraft stall. We sold £158 worth of goods. Please look for the Fair Trade logo when you shop – Traidcraft may be finishing but there are plenty of goods on sale in supermarkets and places such as the Oxfam shop.

**John Bell RIP:** Please pray for John, a faithful parishioner at Our Lady's whose funeral service is at Canley Crematorium on Mon 3 April 1.45pm. A Mass will be offered for him at Our Lady's in due course.

**Peter Simmons RIP:** Please pray for Peter, many of you will know Peter and Margaret from St. Peter's. His Requiem is at Princethorpe Chapel on 25th March 2023 at 11am.

**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, Sean Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Patrick Campbell, Mary Craig, Peter Curran, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Joe Graham, David Grayling, Eileen Hiorns, Sheila Ireland, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Zainab Lawless, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Philip Morris, Jo Murphy, Andrew Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Caleb O'Neill, Gill Parker, Fr. Malcolm Prince, Patricia Robinson, Fr. Tony Rohan, Cyril Sheard, Peter Simmons, Marjorie Smedley, Margaret Smith, Christine Tam, 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.**