

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 5th Sunday in Lent

## Sunday 26th March 2023

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### Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 26th March</b> 5th Sunday of Lent	5.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass for Sunday  11.15am Mass	~  9.15am Mass	John Long RIP Paddy Dunbar RIP; Hilda & Arthur Robinson Maria Lourdes Santos
Monday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Palma Fucci RIP
Tuesday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Liam Dowling RIP
Wednesday 29th <i>Lent Feria</i>	~	10am Mass 11:15am	Lily & Vince Lucey <b>Funeral Service: Carolyn Darnell RIP</b>
Thursday 30th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	David Manning RIP
Friday 31st <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass <i>in Hall</i>	~	Fr. Stephen's Intentions
Saturday 1st April <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15-9.45 Confession & at 10.45-11.15 10.00am Mass <i>in hall</i> 4.15-45pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Rosa Dimambro RIP  Kennan & Woods Family & Doreen Burford RIP
<b>SUNDAY 2nd</b> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Bernard and Mary Mortimer  Tony McAndrew 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 2 Apr at 5pm  
**Evening Prayer** at Our Lady's 26 March, 5pm

#### LENT EVENTS...

**Second Collection Today—Church Maintenance**  
**Confession** at St Peter's Saturdays 9.15-45am, 10.45-11.15am,  
4.15-45pm at St Peter's. **At Our Lady's** by request  
**ALSO—Confession at St Peter's** Tuesday 4 April 12 Noon-8pm

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

**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, 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.**

**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. Lent now takes a more solemn tone as the great week of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection draws near. Christ's work of saving us on the cross comes at a great cost in showing such great love. Yet it is with great love that Jesus the Carpenter takes wood and nails and Himself to fashion our salvation. The consequences of this surpass by far even the great miracle of raising Lazarus, who is risen only to die again, for it opens to us the risen life, life to the full, that Christ came to bring. The carpenter's hands, pinned to the cross, nonetheless accomplish the fullness of the new creation, lifting humanity from our fallen state. Indeed, love to the loveless shown that they might love. God bless you all, *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...

**Christ in the Home: Holy Hour and Benediction at Home**

Thank you to all who supported this. There will be further opportunities in Advent.

**Holy Week:** There are leaflets giving details of our principal Liturgies in Holy Week. In summary -

**Palm Sunday Masses:** SP Sat Vigil 5pm, 11.15am, OL 9.15am

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at Our Lady's 7.00pm

**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Passion at St Peter's 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass:** 8.00pm at St Peter's

**Easter Day Masses:** OL 9.15am, SP 11.15am

**Confession Times Before Easter**

At **St Peter's** on **Saturday** before and after 10am Mass, and before the 5pm Mass

On **Tuesday 4 April** from 12 noon-8pm with visiting priests

At **Our Lady's** by request

**SPAN:** gold-coloured Lenten Appeal envelopes are available. Please consider Gift Aiding donations. We are targeting: local families in our Primary schools (we have ordered £2,500 in vouchers); Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry; and Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya – long supported by Kindaid. Place envelopes in any collection or a SPAN box

**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!

**Heating News: Our Lady's** The boiler manufacturer's engineer has returned the boiler to life! Our timing system is a little old-fashioned but needs resetting. Timers are vital to save wasting what is now very expensive gas indeed. **St Peter's** The heating expert came for a good look round last week and has now gone off to draw up details of our various options. He feels that replacement electric boilers, using the existing ducting in church will be a possibility. WE await details and costings. **In both churches** we have saved thousands of pounds by not using gas, the price of which has tripled since last winter.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Dorothy Bissell, Annie Andrews, Winifred Fox, Cyril Hey, Noel Clarke, George Bates, Catherine Monaghan, Mary Buckley, Edward Tierney, Michael Dillon, Margaret Gannon, Isabel Cristobel, Peter Bosworth, Mary Burford, Archbishop Thomas Williams, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Mgr. Canon John Welch, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Mgr. Henry Davis, Fr. John Donnelly, Fr. John McManus, Fr. Thomas Cockburn, Fr. Matthew Sheridan, Fr. John Callaghan, Fr. Philip O'Reilly, Deacon Louis Livesey, Deacon Raymond Zacaoli. **The recently deceased:** David Connolly, Martin Ahern, Con Twomey, Virginia Geraghty, Peter Simmons, Robert Davis, John Joseph Bell, Joseph Reilly, 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.**

**The Parishes' Finances** The Finance Committee for both parishes is meeting next week and will consider the parishes' accounts and then make them available to parishioners. Both parishes are slowly using up reserves, and both face considerable expense on buildings over the next few years. It will doubtless be helpful to establish small groups of parishioners to consider and facilitate fund raising, work on the buildings and a hall committee for St Peter's. Please think about volunteering. There will be more about this after Easter when volunteers will be called for: you have time to ponder.

**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:** The 5 topic group leaders are: Gp1 (Community) Roger Elson ([elson\\_roger@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elson_roger@yahoo.co.uk)); Gp2 (Inclusive) Gill Ayers-Hunt ([ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk)); Gp3 (Faith) Liz Mottram ([liz.mottram@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.mottram@ntlworld.com)); Gp4 (Young) Mary Rouse ([maryrouse@rocketmail.com](mailto:maryrouse@rocketmail.com)); Gp5 (Infrastructure) Jane Rebika ([j\\_f\\_rebika@hotmail.com](mailto:j_f_rebika@hotmail.com)). Their first task is to decide discussion priorities. If you are signed up for a group, please let your leader know this week what you see as the most important issue in your topic area.

**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 July 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.

**Ukraine Appeal:** The Polish Centre are collecting Easter eggs which they will convey to Ukraine in time for Easter. The collection point is the "Aid for Ukraine Shop" in the Royal Priors. The last date for donations is 31st March.

**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.

**Easter Bingo:** St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Easter Bingo, Wednesday 29 March, doors open 5.30pm for Eyes down at 6pm. Prizes of Easter Eggs/Chocolate. Raffle. Refreshments available. Children must be accompanied/supervised by an Adult.

**St Peter's Hall:** Even though this is being closed to outside bookings, the hall is open as usual for parish use. Please remember that there is now no longer a hall caretaker and we must clean up after ourselves. In order to avoid clashes and double bookings, use of the hall must still be arranged through the parish office. Thank you.

**MARCH, MONTH OF ST JOSEPH  
PRAY FOR US, PROTECTOR OF  
JESUS AND MARY!**

