CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday 2nd April 2023

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Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 2nd April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	5.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass for Sunday 11.15am Mass	~ 9.15am Mass	Kennan & Woods Fam, Doreen BurfordR IP Bernard and Mary Mortimer Tony McAndrew RIP
Monday 3rd Monday of Holy Week	10am Mass in Hall	~	Intentions of Fr. Stephen
Tuesday 4th Tuesday of Holy Week	10am Mass in Hall 12-8pm Confession in church	~	Rodney Knight RIP
Wednesday 5th Wednesday of Holy Week	~	6.30pm Mass	Grandmother of Leo Bretelle; John Joseph Bell RIP
Thursday 6th Mass of the Lord's Supper (at OL) & Watch before the Altar of Repose	~	7pm Mass Confession after Mass	Rory & Peggy O'Rourke RIP
Friday 7th Good Friday	3pm Liturgy of the Passion 6pm Stations of the Cross	10am Sung Morning Prayer 12 Noon Family Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 8th Holy Saturday	8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass	10am Sung Morning Prayer	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 9th Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Philip Kirkbride RIP Dermot Collins RIP

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

THIS IS HOLY WEEK:

LORD, BY YOUR DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOU HAVE SET US FREE

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.

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk PLEASÉ BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE—space is limited.

Welcome to Mass, on this the first day of Holy Week, especially if you Hospice in Coventry; and Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya – long supare a visitor. The 9.15 Mass begins outside the side door at Our Lady's. The 11.15am Mass begins in the hall at St. Peter's. We then process with blessed palms into church.

This unique week in the Church's year commemorates that unique week in Jerusalem when Jesus suffers, dies and rises again for our salvation. Today, We hear how the welcoming cries of 'Hosanna!' turn into the hate-filled shouts of 'Crucify Him!'. Christ the King, arriving like no other on a donkey, becomes Christ the King, reigning like no other from the Cross. This week we come face to face with sin and mercy, death and resurrection.

> My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love for me Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake, My Lord should take frail flesh and die? God bless you all this great week, Fr Stephen

Holy Communion: If you are not a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, or an Orthodox unable to attend an Orthodox Liturgy, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion cannot be given to all 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, as God wills. Children's Liturgy: Our Lady's during Sunday 9:15am Mass, in term time. All welcome. The Children's Liturgy is looking for adult volun-

teers to allow the session to continue on Sunday 9:15am Mass. Support is needed for preparation and running of sessions. If you are interested or for more information please contact Sharon or Lucy after

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

Holy Week: There are leaflets giving details of our principal Liturgies in Holy Week, as noted on the front page of this sheet. Please note that worship is spread across Our Lady's and St Peter's this year, the inevitable consequence of having one priest only. But these liturgies are for everyone, and there will be use of combined resources between the two parishes. If you are away for Easter, travel safely and may the risen Christ bless you.

Chrism Mass: This Wednesday morning at 1130 the priests of the arch diocese gather with Archbishop Bernard in his cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass at which priestly vows are renewed and the Holy Oils consecrated. Please pray for our priests and bishops that day, and for vocations. In Leamington we already see the changes forced upon us by the declining number of priests.

Holy Week Serving Rehearsals Our servers will be practising their skills for the unique liturgies of Holy Week at practices on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, all at 10am. We owe the servers a debt of thanks.

Bishop David McGough RIP Last week, Bishop David, a retired auxiliary bishop working in the north of the diocese died suddenly. Please pray for him and his family at this time. Funeral details are still be made known.

Confession Times Before Easter

At St Peter's this Tuesday 4 April from 12 noon-8pm with visiting priests, and again after the Good Friday Liturgy

At Our Lady's this week after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Young Adults Group: If you're between 18-30 come along for Evening Prayer and a Lenten catch up with an egg hunt on Wednesday 5th April 7-9pm at the Dormer Conference Centre.

SPAN: Gold-coloured Lenten Appeal envelopes are available. Please consider Gift Aiding donations. We are targeting: local families in our Primary schools (vouchers going home this week); Zoe's Place Baby

ported by Kindaid. Place envelopes in any collection or a SPAN box Energy Bills: The cost of gas and electricity is now so high that it is vital to turn off unused lights and heating. Had our boilers been working throughout the winter we would have spent about £200 per Sunday Mass! That's a lot of the weekly collection, and most of it at Our

Heating News: Our Lady's The repaired boiler does work. Please do **NOT** adjust any controls, so if you have been involved with the boiler, simply turn it on at the wall switches.

St Peter's The heating firm that we had to assess our needs reckons that we should either have two new gas boilers and heat as before (a system we know warms the building) or go for electric radiant heater—a system we have not used and will have an impact on the interior of the church, which will need diocesan approval. We are awaiting approximate costings.

Walking Together in Catholic Leamington: The 5 topic group leaders are: Gp1 (Community) Roger Elson (<u>elson_roger@yahoo.co.uk</u>); Gp2 (Inclusive) Gill Ayers-Hunt (ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk); Gp3 (Faith) Liz Mottram (liz.mottram@ntlworld.com); Gp4 (Young) Mary Rouse (maryrouse@rocketmail.com); Gp5 (Infrastructure) Leader pending. Their first tasks are to decide discussion priorities and explore meeting times. 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. 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.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 13 May <u>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:</u> 27 May—2 June. Details are on the

diocesan website Catholic Leamington Website: We would like to find a new volunteer

to look after this. Could that be you? St Peter's Church 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. A couple of people have expressed an interest in joining a hall committee to manage the building and its letting. A proper appeal for this will be made after Easter. Thank you.

<u>Collections:</u> On Friday there is the annual collection for the Holy Places, a fund to support the churches and the sites of Christ's life and death in the Holy Land. Next week, the collection is the Easter Offering, for which your clergy are very grateful. Thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

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

7 Day Candles: The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for Max & Ophelia Unitt & Family. The Sacred Heart Chapel candle burns for Henny & David Manning





Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Joy Barry, Mary Burford, Carmela Samperi, Margaret O'Farrell, Elizabeth Allcock, Michelle Connolly, Pawel Sowa, Margaret Wheeler, Brendan O'Regan, Anthony McAndrew, Dermot Collins, Luke Ryan, Siobhan Hannan, Gemma Waddell, Richard Collins, Joseph McGrath, Avis Charman, Eileen Lawless, Ernesta Guerrini, Bishop Anthony Emery, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Fr. Lawrence King, Fr. Michael Glynn, Fr. Timothy Burke, Fr. Kevin Preston, Deacon Jack Foxall. The recently deceased: Bishop David McGough, David Connolly, Martin Ahern, Con Twomey, Mary Geraghty, 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.