

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 9th April 2023

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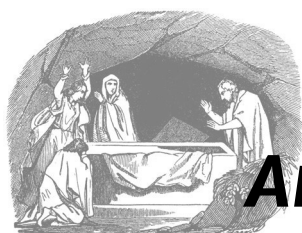
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Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 9th Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	5.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass for Sunday 11.15am Mass	~ 9.15am Mass	People of the Parish Philip Kirkbride RIP Dermot Collins RIP
Monday 10th Easter Monday	10am Mass	~	Jacob Xavier Dos Santos RIP
Tuesday 11th Easter Tuesday	10am Mass 1pm: Funeral Service	~	Frank Garvey RIP John Joseph Reilly RIP
Wednesday 12th Easter Wednesday	~	10am Mass	William Gibbin RIP
Thursday 13th Easter Thursday	10am Mass	~	James Lee RIP
Friday 14th Easter Friday	10am Mass	~	Betty Connor
Saturday 15th Easter Saturday	10am Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Mike Rohan Eileen Godfrey
SUNDAY 16th 2nd Sunday of Easter: the Octave Day Divine Mercy Sunday	11.15am Mass 4pm Divine Mercy Devotions	9.15am Mass	People of the Parish Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP; Michael & Siobhan Hannan

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



CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Claire 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.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Ernesta Guerrini, Michael Hannan, Thomas O'Donnell, Anna-Maria Stoneham, Michael Tierney, Francis Malaghan, Madeline Reading, Calogero Rizzo, Francis Garvey, Christina Kavanagh, Mary Jones, Concetta Frondella, John Herlihy, Philomena Dawkes, Christina Collins, William Allerton, Mary Pettipher, Richard O'Mahony, Bridget Punch, John Sheehan, Canon Peter Jones, Fr. Eamon Clarke, Fr. Kenneth William Collins, Fr. Patrick Emmanuel, Fr. Joseph Barr, Fr. Michael McManus, Fr. Walter Edwards, Fr. Anthony Browne, Deacon Jack Foxall. **The recently deceased:** Bishop David McGough, David Connolly, Martin Ahern, Con Twomey, Mary Geraghty, John Joseph Bell, Joseph Reilly. **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, on this Easter Day. Christ is risen, alleluia!

Fr Christopher and I wish you all a very happy Easter. Thank you for your Easter greetings, kind words and gifts. At the centre of the Christian faith is the Risen Christ. God reveals His power in the suffering and death of Jesus by raising Him from the dead. Nothing can contain Jesus Christ, not even the tomb. Nothing can therefore separate us from His love, not even death. It is hard for us to imagine the experience of the disciples who went through that first Holy Week and Easter. After all, we know the full story whereas for them—apart from those very few who heard and understood Jesus correctly—the resurrection was an unknown and unexpected event.

But Christ is risen and His Body still bears the marks of His suffering. Those marks of love, the hands, feet and pierced side, are still there in testimony that it is in knowing suffering and death that these are transformed into the new life of the resurrection. Without death, there can be no resurrection. Without Christ's death, there can be no hope. And today we celebrate that hope, revealed in Christ risen from the dead. Alleluia!

May the risen Christ bless you and your loved ones this Easter season.
Fr Stephen

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



The Easter Offering: The Easter Offering is traditionally a gift to the clergy of each parish. Thank you all for your kindness, and for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

Thank You to singers, servers, readers, flower arrangers, musicians, cleaners, setters-up and clearers-away, and to all who came to pray this Holy Week and Easter. A great deal of time and effort has gone into our celebrations. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

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 volunteers 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 Mass, or speak to Fr Stephen

This Week: We may rest in the peace of the risen Christ and enjoy some relaxation over the Bank Holiday. From Easter Monday the Masses return to church. It may be a little less warm than the heated hall but Spring is here and it will only get warmer.

SPAN: The SPAN and Kindaid Lenten Appeal finishes the week. Please place envelopes in any collection or a SPAN box. Our SPAN meeting for April will be held on Monday 17th.

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 Lady's.

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. And then turn it off—gas prices have trebled since last winter.

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 heaters—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: Signup sheets for Topic Groups 1 to 4 are still displayed. Dates and times for meetings are being considered and will be available from Sunday 23rd April, to start

in May. Our group leaders are: Gp1 (Community) Roger Elson (elson_roger@yahoo.co.uk); 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) will be held later. If you are signed up for a group, please let your leader know 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 13 May

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 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 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.

Parish Finances: The Finance Committee meeting was posted for two weeks and so will meet soon. After that, the parishes' accounts will be available. Both parishes will have financial challenges to meet in caring for their buildings and in keeping up regular income. A great deal of cost cutting has been done, but routine maintenance must continue or we store up growing problems for the future. But cost cutting can go only so far. It is now time that we began to think about income. It would seem sensible to establish a fund raising team: details soon.

7 Day Candles: The **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns for **David Manning RIP**. If you would like to dedicate a 7-day candle please complete a envelope with your donation—£10 and post through the Presbytery or in the collection.

Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace: April prayer intention: 'We thank God for the wonderful diversity of people living in Leamington and worshipping in Catholic Leamington.'

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

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 to the parish online. *Thank you for all your giving of prayer, time, effort and money*



May the jubilant voice of the Church reach all of you with the words which the ancient hymn puts on the lips of Mary Magdalene, the first to encounter the risen Jesus on Easter morning. She ran to the other disciples and breathlessly announced: "I have seen the Lord!" (Jn 20:18). We too, who have journeyed through the desert of Lent and the sorrowful days of the Passion, today raise the cry of victory: "He has risen! He has truly risen!"

Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique Man who lets us experience all God's goodness and truth, who frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus "my hope": he was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. "Christ my hope" means that all my yearnings for goodness find in him a real possibility of fulfilment: with him I can hope for a life that is good, full and eternal, for God himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity.

Pope Benedict XVI, Easter 2012

