

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: *Second Sunday of Easter*

Sunday 16th April 2023

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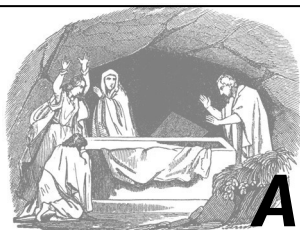
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Mass Schedule

DAY	ST PETER'S	OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 16th April 2nd Sunday of Easter: the Octave Day <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass for Sunday 11.15am Mass 4pm Divine Mercy Devotions	9.15am Mass	Eileen Godfrey People of the Parish Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP; Michael & Siobhan Hannan
Monday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Service of the Word & Holy Communion	~	~
Tuesday 18th <i>Easter Feria</i>	9am Funeral Service Noon Mass	~	Martin Ahern RIP Private Intention
Wednesday 19th <i>Easter Feria</i>	11am Requiem Mass	6pm Mass	Mary Geraghty RIP E. C. Kuriakose & Family
Thursday 20th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Mrs Cody & family; Marcelino Mota RIP
Friday 21st <i>Opt. Mem. Of St. Anselm, Bp., Doc</i>	10am Mass	~	Birthday Intention
Saturday 22nd <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.15-45 Exposition & Benediction 10am Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Slawek & Family John Doody; John Shannon
SUNDAY 23rd 3rd Sunday of Easter	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Michael State The Church Family

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-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.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: William Allerton, Mary Pettipher, Richard O'Mahony, Bridget Punch, John Sheehan, Ellen Cleary, James Baker, Anne Alexander, Catherine Cronin, Lily Jenkins, Maureen Finnesey, Rosa Venetico, Vincent Reilly, Serafina Nigliazzo, Edward Burns, Judith Gregory, Donna Waters, Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr. Anthony Browne, Fr. Peter Moore, Fr. Reginald Slade, Fr. Patrick Downey, Fr. Antony Conlon, Fr. Hugh Griffin, Fr. Andrew Kenny, Fr. Oswald Joyce, Fr. Liam Bouchier, Deacon Peter Seeneey. **The recently deceased:** Bishop David McGough, Deacon John Higgins, Peter Sprawson, Jimmy Dunbar, David Connolly, Martin Ahern, Con Twomey, Mary Geraghty, 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, - *Christ is risen, alleluia!*

This Sunday, the octave Day of Easter, has several names: Low Sunday, for the obvious reason of the liturgy being more usual this week after the proclamation of Christ's resurrection last week: the Second Sunday of Easter in recognition of the season of Easter, a feast deserving seven weeks of celebration: and Divine Mercy Sunday, in recognition of God's merciful nature, revealed in today's gospel by the gift of the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. God's love and mercy in Jesus do not come cheap. Christ's glorified, risen Body carries the Sacred wounds in feet, hands and side as a reminder that suffering and death (the 'lows' of life) cannot be avoided but are in fact the way to salvation and eternal life (the 'highs' of life). Thomas won't believe without sight of those wounds, yet when he does, his belief it is total: 'My Lord and my God!'. But Jesus then speaks about you and me, and to you and me: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe!'. 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: Thank for your generosity expressed through the Easter Offering. God bless you all.

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—and yes, this notice was on last week's sheet but such a wonderful effort deserves proper thanks!

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

SPAN: Our SPAN meeting for April will be held this Monday 17th in St Peter's Church Hall at 7.30pm, all are welcome.

Parish Finances: The Finance Committee meets this week. After that, both the parishes' accounts will be available. On the agenda is St Peter's heating replacement, 2022's financial reports, maximising income and much else. Both parishes will have financial challenges this year 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.

Bishop David McGough RIP: Bishop McGough's body will be received into Sacred Heart RC Church, Queens Avenue, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6EE, on Wednesday 19 April at 6pm, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. The Funeral Mass will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Thursday 20 April at 12 Noon. Archbishop Bernard Longley presiding.

Warwick District Faiths Forum: The annual Faiths Trail is taking place on **22nd April**, meeting outside the Shri Krishna Hindu Mandir, Crown Plaza, High Street at 9:15am. Following this a coach will take us all to Our Lady's Church, Valley Road, and then onto Lillington Free Church; Foundry Wood and return to lunch at the Hindu Mandir. All free to attend. Please contact Anne Elson on 07851 756 979 to confirm your attendance.

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: Next weekend, 22nd and 23rd April at St Peter's and Our Lady's, Justice and Peace will have cards at Mass destined for prisoners of conscience for you to sign to show your concern and support. These are for people in countries where they are not allowed to or express their views or to exercise their freedom to

worship. Many will not be allowed Christian messages, so good wishes only can be sent, but such encouragement is very helpful for the prisoners' wellbeing. Please support this and we do ask a donation of £2 per card to cover postage please. Cash needed please!

Friday Luncheon Club: the next lunch will be on Friday 28th April at 1pm at Whittles Restaurant, on Binswood Avenue. There is a notice in the Church porch notice board, please add your names if you would like to attend. I will be sending a menu the week before we attend, please text me your choices. If anyone new is joining the group, please text me your number so that I can add you to my group contacts. Enquiries - Carmel on 07941 840433

Our Lady's: is hosting - 'A Right Royal Celebration' places are filling up fast, the celebration will take place in Our Lady's hall at 7pm on **Saturday 29th April**. Tickets £8 adults, £5 children to include hot supper, pudding, entertainment and other fun and games. For tickets contact Jo Mander on 07980 315575 or speak to any Kindaid member.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 13 May

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27 May—2 June. Details are on the diocesan website

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.

Walking Together in Catholic Leamington: Dates and times for our topic group meetings will be available from next Sunday. 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).

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.

Catholic Leamington Website: We would like to find a new volunteer to look after this. Could that be you?

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

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*



Our Lady's Eastertide Anthem

Regina coeli, Laetare, alleluia.

Qui quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia! For the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Divine Mercy

It is the very nature of God to be merciful and to call us to be merciful too. Think of Holy Scripture—'I desire not the death of a sinner, but that he might turn from his wickedness and live': 'Forgive us our trespasses as forgive those who trespass against us': "'Lord have mercy on me, a sinner'" It was this man who went home at right with God': 'Father forgive them, they know not what they are doing'. And He wants a sacramental ministry of mercy in His Church 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven'. Over the centuries, devotion to God's mercy has been strong—in mediaeval times devotion to the wounds of Jesus was common. This evolved into the revelations of Jesus's Divine Heart, pierced for our salvation. In the 1930s St Faustina was granted visions of the Divine Mercy in her convent in Krakow. These teachings were popularised by that great Pole Pope St John Paul II, who promoted the use of the image, novena and chaplet of Divine Mercy. 'Jesus, I trust in You!'.
