

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: *Third Sunday of Easter*

Sunday 23rd April 2023

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Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 23rd April 3rd Sunday of Easter	4.15-45pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass		John Doody; John Shannon
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass & Baptisms	Michael State The Church Family
Monday 24th <i>Solemnity of St. George, M, Patron of England</i>	10am Mass	~	Rod Isaac
Tuesday 25th <i>Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	10am Mass	~	Baby Ophelia Unitt & Thanksgiving baby Max Unitt
Wednesday 26th <i>Easter Feria</i>	1pm Funeral Service	10am Mass	Joy Barry RIP David Connolly RIP
Thursday 27th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Christine Tam - Healing
Friday 28th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Peter Chanel, P, M</i>	10am Mass	~	T. M. Francis RIP
Saturday 29th <i>Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</i>	Exposition 9am Confession 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	Graeme Pietersz
SUNDAY 30th 4th Sunday of Easter	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Antonio Costa RIP
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Joy Barry RIP John Bradley RIP

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: Serafina Nigliazzo, Edward Burns, Judith Gregory, Donna Waters, James Lambe, Judith Endean, Kathleen Donovan, Molly Mulrone, Bernard Abbott, Mary Maguire, Kathleen Walsh, Mary Frawley, William Leahy, Mary Collins, Cornelius O'Mahony, Walerian Przeniczka, Margaret Tew, John Quigley, Margaret Marum, Margery Cuthbert, Bozena Przeniczka, Carmel O'Neill, Bishop Leo McCarty, Fr. Oswald Joyce, Fr. Liam Bouchier, Fr. Benjamin Cox, Fr. Wilfrid Davenport, Fr. Desmond Donnelly, Fr. Peter Dennison, Fr. Peter Cooney, Fr. Peter Heath, Deacon Pat Seeney, Deacon James Fantham. **The recently deceased:** Bishop David McGough, Deacon John Higgins, Margaret O'Brien, Peter Sprawson, Jimmy Dunbar, David Connolly, Martin Ahern, Mary Geraghty. **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 Today whether you are a regular parishioner here, a visitor, student or simply here to see what we believe and do: *welcome*. Today's Gospel of the events on the road to Emmaus when, at the breaking of bread, two disciples find that they have unknowingly been in the company of the risen Jesus is infused with joy, excitement and urgency. Despite His clear teaching before His death, Jesus's disciples seem not to grasp that He had to die and rise again. They could not bear His death and now they cannot believe His resurrection. On a human level this is of course completely understandable. But, nonetheless, Jesus had been clear. And now, of course He is keen to help them see and know Him in His risen life. We can put so many obstacles in the way of Christ coming to us, that despite His loving presence and His wanting us to know Him, we simply don't see Him. Our own assumptions, attitudes and way of life must open up a way for Him to reveal Himself to us. The two disciples made time over supper for Christ to reveal Himself, and their response is one of faith and hope. After Easter, how could it not be? - *Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Fr Stephen

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



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: At 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

Seven Day Candle: This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for: Fr. Pat Sayles' Golden Jubilee.

The Our Lady Chapel Candle burns for: Bishop David McGough RIP.

SPAN: At our recent meeting we agreed to support various charitable appeals. More next week.

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: This weekend, 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: Friday 28th April at 1pm at Whittles Restaurant, on Binswood Avenue. See church porch notice board, to sign up. A menu will be sent 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.

Sunday Roast Notice: The next Sunday Roast will be on 30th April 2023 at St. Peter's after the 11:15am Mass. Price is £15 per person and includes a 3 course dinner and glass of wine. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of St. Peter's and Our Lady's.

Peter Sprawson RIP: Please pray for Peter, many of you will know Peter from St. Peter's Church. His Requiem will take place here on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 10:30am followed by committal at Oakley Wood Crematorium.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 13 May

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

Thank You: to all who supported Pastimes Jumble Sale!

Energy Bills: The cost of gas and electricity is now so high that it is *important 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 money...

Walking Together in Catholic Leamington: This weekend our list of meetings for the first 4 topic groups should be available across Catholic Leamington, and also the questions for discernment at each meeting. Over the next 2 weeks, please put your name down for a meeting of your topic group. If there are not enough names for a particular meeting, it may be cancelled. But provided a meeting goes ahead, we shall try to accommodate participants who have not put their names on the list, if there are spaces available. (Grp 5 on parish infrastructure will not be meeting in the next few months, but may do so later in the year.)

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.'

Thank you for all your giving of prayer, time, effort and money

Parish Finances: The parishes' accounts will be presented to parishioners with a brief explanatory talk in a few weeks. They are both a mixed picture with both much to be thankful for and some large bills to come too.

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.



Church Heating: Some encouraging news for both buildings. **At Our Lady's** it is now the antiquated timer that is preventing reliable use of the heating. This timer is being replaced with something much more modern and easy to use. We need not to waste heating by not being able to set the timing accurately. **At St Peter's:** the recommendation (by our heating consultants and the diocese) of replacing the old gas boilers with new ones has been accepted by the Finance Committee. The consultants have now been asked to begin the process of tendering. The work is expected to take several months but be finished by the autumn. The rationale not to go electric yet is: we know the gas hot air systems works effectively, we can use existing ducting and other fittings to save costs, it is not yet possible to say with any certainty what will happen to the supply of gas and its cost, and in any case a boiler's life is about 25 years—so the next replacement will come when the picture is clear.

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First of all, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Stephen *in person* after a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few simple facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family. Parents are required to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr Stephen is necessary so that the canonical and civil processes can be explained and correctly followed. Couples need to give at least six months' notice.

OUR LADY'S EASTERTIDE ANTHEM

Regina coeli, Laetare, alleluia.
Qui quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!
(Rejoice, Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia,
has arisen as He said, alleluia. Pray to God for us, alleluia)

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

