

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 7th May 2023

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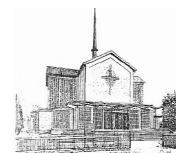
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Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 7th May 5th Sunday of Easter	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	John Long RIP
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	John Bell RIP Gerry Quinn RIP Anniversary; John Walsh RIP
Monday 8th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Fr. Stephen's Intentions
Tuesday 9th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Good Health (S.P. & Family)
Wednesday 10th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John of Avila, Pr., Dr. of the Church</i>	10:30 Mass	~	Requiem: Peter Sprawson RIP
Thursday 11th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	E. C. Kuriakose & Family's Intention
Friday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Pancras, Martyr</i>	10am Mass	~	Peter Sidoli RIP
Saturday 13th <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Exposition 9am Confession 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	Bishop McGough RIP; Lucy & Nisha Pietersz
SUNDAY 14th 6th Sunday of Easter	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	John Doody
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Stephen Boyer Joao Vaz; Maria Alice Spencer

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, Brian 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: Rosa Castrofilippo, John Kundert, Michael Hurley, Geraldine Quinn, Marie Allen, Philip Banholzer, John Long, Stephanie Norton, Ryan Newsham, Laura Ferreira, Michael Carney, Victor Scott, Lawrence Gibbins, Bridget Mulhearn, Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Bernard Hirill, Canon Francis Woodward, Fr. James Dutton, Fr. Donal O'Connor, Fr. Francis Carr, Fr. Walter Joret, Fr. Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy. **The recently deceased:** Bishop David McGough, Deacon John Higgins, Peter D'Souza, Joseph Wright, Margaret O'Brien, Peter Sprawson, Jimmy Dunbar, David Connolly. **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. To you all **welcome!**

I apologise for my absence over the past week, and want to **thank you** for your prayers and best wishes. I was genuinely greatly encouraged by that. My balance has largely returned and I should be at one or two of this weekend's Masses. We all thank Bishop Kenney, Fr. Damian Nwankwo and Fr. Ryan Service for covering the Masses in Catholic Leamington last weekend. Our current level of priests really does mean that we are moving ever closer to having to cancel Sunday Masses if any of us falls ill unexpectedly. It is important that people realise the reality of things—I have met people surprised that St Peter's alone doesn't still have four priests!

Today's Gospel has Jesus preparing his disciples for His return to the Father. This leaving them has the disciples confused, but as Jesus points out, this departure is our hope. He goes so that we may follow, and not just to some 'happy place' but a place prepared by Christ Himself in the Father's house for each of His faithful. The Good Shepherd brings His flock to those perfect pastures Himself—after all, He is the way, the truth and the life. God bless, Fr Stephen

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

The Coronation: Please keep in your prayers our newly-crowned King, his family and this country. May God grant him the graces of wisdom and love, that this country may enjoy peace, justice and prosperity, and do all it can to build up those things in the world. There are prayer cards available in church.

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. As for Catholics, we need always to remember the truth of the Blessed Sacrament and receive It with care, attention and reverence.

Livestream at St. Peter's: We are sorry this is not working, the fault is serious enough to need an engineer. We are trying to have things put right as soon as possible: this is taking longer than we would like.

St. Patrick's School: Ofted inspected the school last week. Please pray for the school community as we await the result.

SPAN: Our SPAN meeting for May will be held this Monday 8th in St Peter's Church Hall at 7.30pm, all are welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 13 May

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

Pentecost Party: Sunday 28th May. To welcome into the Church Matthew, Jesus and Mostafa, who will be received into the Catholic Church at 11.15am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, there will be a special celebratory shared lunch from 1pm in St. Peter's parish centre. **All parishioners** are invited. Please bring a plate of food for the shared table, savory or sweet, if possible representing your country of origin. Further details from Margaret on 428399.

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 Mass** simply on heat. Finances in both parishes would have been in trouble.

Kindaid: *Thank you* to everyone who supported the Coronation Celebration. It was a wonderful parish community event and raised £800 for KINDAID charities. The next fundraising cake sale will be after 9.15 mass on Sunday 21st May. Sunday 2nd July Cream tea and Family Choir concert 3pm in the upper hall at Our Lady's.

Sunday Mass! That's a lot of money...

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?

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

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.

Justice and Peace: Thank you to all who wrote cards for Prisoners of conscience – we have 54 to send. The cards and information will be available this weekend at Our Lady's also.

Those who missed the opportunity can go to the ACAT website to see the list of names. <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/>

— WALKING TOGETHER —

The Topic Meetings are about to happen this week and so to participate you need to sign up **as soon as possible**.

The meeting schedule can be found on www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod You are welcome to join a meeting but please get in touch through church lists or using the contact information. This week our meetings are:

Wednesday 10 May 7 pm St Peter's on **Topic 1, Community**, contact Roger Elson (elson_roger@yahoo.co.uk);

Thursday 11 May 7 pm St Peter's on **Topic 2, Inclusive**, contact Gill Ayers-Hunt (ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk);

Friday 12 May 7 pm Our Lady's on **Topic 1, Community**, contact Roger Elson (elson_roger@yahoo.co.uk);

Contact **Topic 3 Faith** Liz Mottram (liz.mottram@ntlworld.com) and for **Topic 4 Youth** Mary Rouse (maryrouse@rocketmail.com) - meetings next week.

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)