

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Sunday 14th May 2023

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### Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 14th May 2023</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	John Doody
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Stephen Boyer Joao Vaz; Maria Alice Spencer
Monday 15th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Jimmy Dunbar RIP
Tuesday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass <b>12:30pm Service</b>	~	Angel Lorenza; Timothy Myers <b>Funeral Service: Margaret O'Brien RIP</b>
Wednesday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	1pm Mass	~	<b>Requiem: Peter D'Souza RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 18th</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	10am Mass 7.00pm Mass	12 noon	Good Health (M & D D); E. C. Kuriakose & Family's Intentions The People of the Parish Peter & Grace Sprawson RIP
Friday 19th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Dunstan, Bp.</i>	10am Mass	~	J & P Perrins
Saturday 20th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary</i>	Exposition 9am Confession 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	Kenneth Wolstenholme; Ranjith Atukorale RIP
<b>SUNDAY 21st</b> <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	John Doody
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	James Dunne RIP Irene Dias Costa

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

**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:** Ryan Newsham, Laura Ferreira, Michael Carney, Victor Scott, Lawrence Gibbins, Bridget Mulhearn, Mary O'Leary, Mary Willis, Catherine Gleeson, Bridget Ryan, Mary Andrews, Richard Cotter, Mary Donovan, Samuel Hortin, Aniela Lepkowski, Mary Rose, Elizabeth McGillicuddy, Helena Stockford, Louisa Beard, Nora Connolly, Maudie Kafno, Bridget McGerty, Bernard Geraghty, Oliver Cosgrove, Christopher Marum, Mgr. John Humphreys, Canon Wilfrid Smith, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, Fr. Denis Hickling, Fr. Joseph Griffin, Fr. Ernest Cook, Fr. William Lyons. **The recently deceased:** Stephen Lee, Adrian Johnson, Peter D'Souza, Joseph Wright, Margaret O'Brien, Peter Sprawson, Jimmy Dunbar. **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.



# CHRIST IS RISEN!

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**



**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!**

**At Our Lady's 9.15am Mass** we welcome the children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time, and their families. May the grace of the Blessed Sacrament lead them always closer to Christ and His Church. Christ continues in the Gospel today to prepare His followers for not only His Ascension when they will see Him no more, but also for the great feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit will come down upon them. Christ's departure is not the time for discouragement or introspection, but through the Holy Spirit's gifts to turn outwards to the world, that all might know the good news of the Gospel. As St Peter tells us 'always have your answer ready for those who ask you the reason for the hope that is in you'. It is often by our own expression in words or deeds of our faith that others are moved by the Spirit to see that hope too.

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 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.

**7-Day Candles:** This week the Sacred Heart Chapel candle burns for: **Fr. Stephen's Intentions.** The Our Lady Chapel candle burns for: **Fr. Chris' Intentions**

**Last weekends Collections:** SP 1st: £560.47, 2nd £268.78, OL 1st £212.62, 2nd £162.41. Second Collection this weekend for: SP—Church Boilers OL—Church Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity. **Thank you for all your giving of money, time and effort.**

**Livestream at St. Peter's:** We are sorry this is **still 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.

**Ascension Day:** There will be Masses in both churches in the morning, noon and evening—see front page. The Lord goes up with trumpet blast!

**Next Saturday 5pm Mass:** Eight children from St Patrick's School will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray for them and their families.

**SPAN:** Thursday 8th June SPAN open evening with wine and cheese. It is 50 years since SPAN was founded; how are we doing? What could we be do better? 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Our May meeting supported sustainable projects in Malawi, the Jesuit Refugee Service in Syria and a local mother needing a cooker; this was alongside our core beneficiaries.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Saturday 13 May

**Justice and Peace:** Many thanks to those who signed cards for prisoners of conscience recently. We had over 60 to post to the four people we highlighted through Action by Christians against Torture. <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/> It is such a comfort to those unjustly held that they are not forgotten. **Our Justice and Peace meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm** in the Hall. We would love some new members – do come along to share ideas. Contact [jenarmstrong@talktalk.net](mailto:jenarmstrong@talktalk.net)

**Kindaid:** 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.

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

**Pentecost Party: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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, sa-

vory or sweet, if possible representing your country of origin. Further details from Margaret on 428399.

**'Tea for Gas':** 2.30pm Sat 3 June, cream teas in St Peter's Hall. Save the date. In aid of the heating at St Peter's.

**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. 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. **Thank you.**



**Church Heating:** Some encouraging news for both buildings.

**At St Peter's:** an engineering firm has made a site visit and will shortly be submitting our first detailed estimate. The new boilers will be able to use the existing ducts in the church and so interior change will be almost unnoticeable. A **rough** costing is £90,000 (though don't forget that we were considering spending £28,000 just on a repair job). We shall need to be thinking about and doing some fundraising. **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.

## — WALKING TOGETHER —

Our meeting schedule can be found on [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod) This week our meetings are:

**Tuesday 16 May 2 pm Our Lady's on topic 3 (Faith),** contact Liz Mottram ([liz.mottram@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.mottram@ntlworld.com))

**Tuesday 16 May 7.30 pm Our Lady's on topic 4 (Youth),** contact Mary Rouse ([maryrouse@rocketmail.com](mailto:maryrouse@rocketmail.com))

**Wednesday 17 May 11 am Our Lady's on topic 2 (Inclusive),** contact Gill Ayers-Hunt ([ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk));

**Thursday 18 May 2 pm St Peter's on topic 1 (Community),** contact Roger Elson ([elson\\_roger@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elson_roger@yahoo.co.uk));

**Friday 19 May 7 pm St Joseph's on topic 2 (Inclusive),** contact Gill Ayers-Hunt ([ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ayershunt@hotmail.co.uk))

## 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



**R**egina coeli, Laetare, alleluia.

Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

(Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia, has arisen as He said, alleluia.

Pray to God for us, alleluia)

