

# St Peter's Parish & Our Lady's Parish: *Part of Catholic Leamington*

## 5th Sunday of Lent Year A: Sunday 22nd March 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 22nd March</b> <b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Joan & Luke Sweeney RIP
	<b>11:15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	Joe Gaughan RIP; Rev. Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP (4th Anniv)  Piedade Fonseca; Gary Evans RIP
Monday 23rd <i>Mem. S. Turibius of Mongrovejo, B</i>	10am Mass, <i>followed by</i> J&P Stations of the Cross	~	Rev. Fr. Laurence Crowe RIP; Clement Shaw RIP
Tuesday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Martin Lowry RIP; <i>Colin Dunphy RIP</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY 25TH</b> <b>THE ANNUNCIATION</b>	<b>7pm Mass &amp; Confirmation</b>	10am Mass, <i>followed by</i> Stations of the Cross	Deceased of the Hedgecox Family  The schools of the parish; <i>Margaret Higgerson RIP</i>
Thursday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10am Mass 5pm Reception	~	Private Intention; <i>Thomas Ryan RIP</i> <b>Jack Scarisbrick RIP</b>
Friday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.30am Mass <b>12 noon Mass</b> 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Kathleen Smith RIP <b>Requiem: Jack Scarisbrick RIP</b>
Saturday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass  Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~  ~	Benefactors of the Johnson Fund; <i>Jarlath Perera RIP</i>  People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 29th March</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>	<b>11:15am Sung Mass</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> 4pm Evening Prayer	Mary Murphy  Andrea la Barbera RIP; Tony McAndrew RIP Anniv.

### SAFEGUARDING

The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Our Lady's** Claire Walsh [sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk)

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Luke Sweeney, Mary Geraghty, Michael Maxwell, Vesna Dokleja, Mary Dillon, Martin Ryan, James Dunbar, Winifred Fox, Noel Clarke, George Bates, Most Rev. Archbishop Ullathorne OSB, Most Rev. Archbishop Grimshaw, Rt. Rev. Bishop McGough, Rt. Rev. Bishop Bright, Rev. Mgr. Cn. John Welch, Rev. Mgr. Henry Davis, Rev. Fr. Laurence Crowe, Rev. Fr. John Donnelly, Rev. Fr. John McManus

**The recently deceased:** Joe Gaughan (Ireland), Fiona Kennedy, John "Jack" Scarisbrick, Rev. Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

## LENT—SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL

### PRAYER AND FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PENITENCE



SCAN TO SEE THE  
MASS READINGS

### TEA & COFFEE

After Sunday  
Morning Masses in the  
church halls  
**All Welcome!**

### FACEBOOK PAGES

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON is [here](#)

OUR LADY'S is [here](#)

Links from website too

### MORE ALTAR SERVERS

**ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at  
St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

**WELCOME TO MASS:** *If you are a visitor, or a new arrival in the area, do say hello to Fr Stephen, Deacon Paul or Fr Kevin. There is tea and coffee and conversation available after both Masses on Sundays in the hall.*

God keeps His promises. Through the prophet Ezekiel, He promises resurrection—graves opened and the dead lifted out to life. ‘You will know that I am the Lord when I open your graves’. So, with this in mind, those who were present as Jesus commanded that Lazarus’ grave be opened and called him to come out would have been both astounded at the miracle and aware of the promise of God.

This Gospel passage is full of human detail. It is emotional—we are dealing with sickness, death, and mourning after all. Jesus Himself is caught up in this and He weeps. It is practical—how can Lazarus possibly be called back to life four days after death? It is prophetic—revealing Jesus’ power over even death that will be manifest on Easter Day in Himself and yet is to be shared with all who believe in Him. Yet all these things are brought together in Jesus’ final instruction ‘Unbind him and let him go’. Lazarus is to be set free not just of the burial cloths but of his death: and so are we, once the Resurrection of Jesus triumphs for ever at His rising.

**God bless you, Fr Stephen**

**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 unity among all Christians, as God wills. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

#### **THIS WEEKEND & WEEK AHEAD**

**DIOCESAN PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN:** this weekend we hear our third of three planned talks. This is part of the diocesan vision and reflects the challenge of ‘our parish, our responsibility’. Ordinary giving for basic bills across the diocese has not kept pace with rising costs, alas. All *our* parish everyday bills have to be met by *us*. There will be information about figures, ways to give and Gift Aid. Our Lady’s has its own parallel campaign to raise vital funds for the roof, so there’s no planned giving campaign there.

**HOLY ROSARY DEVOTION:** Sunday 8:45am at OL and 10:45am at SP for discerning the renewed future of the parishes.

**HAVE A GOOD VAC!** Students, as term ends we wish you well for the break and for a joyful celebration of Easter. We look forward to seeing you again, and those of you not going away, do celebrate with us.

**PRESBYTERY PHONE:** has failed *again*. Engineers coming on Tuesday.

**PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB:** on Tuesday 12-3pm in SP Hall. Come and play or learn to play Whist in St. Peter’s Hall. Sessions at 1:30pm.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG) BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday 7pm in the Flint Room. **Cancelled Tuesday of Holy Week**

**CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER’S CHURCH:** 25 March 7pm (The Annunciation) for pupils of St Patrick’s, St Anthony’s, and St Peter’s Schools. Bishop Richard Walker will celebrate Mass and Confirmation.

**SPARK YOUTH GROUP:** The next SPARK meeting will take place on **Thurs 26 March 7 - 8:30pm** at SP Hall.

**LENT DAY OF CONFESSION AT ST PETER’S:** Thurs 26 March beginning after 10am Mass and ending at 4.30pm. (Same day, confession at St Joseph’s from 6pm before the evening Mass there).

**JACK SCARISBRICK RIP:** His funeral is at St Peter’s on **27 March at noon**. Please pray for him, for Nuala his late wife, and for his family. May he rest in peace. *The car park will be for family and nominated guests only.*

**YAG SOCIAL:** Friday 27th at 7pm at St Peter’s Church

**STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS:** On **Fridays** from **11am-12pm** Davenport Room upstairs in SP hall. All welcome.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** **Fridays 3pm St Peter’s**. At the hour of Mercy come to implore mercy for the world and to praise God!

#### **COMING SOON**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER:** Palm Sunday 29 March 5pm SP with blessing of palms, 9.15 OL with procession starting by the side doors 11.15 SP with procession beginning in the parish hall. **Maundy Thursday** 7pm at Our Lady’s followed by the Watch, **Good Friday** 3pm at St Peter’s, **Easter Vigil** 8pm

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Leticia Alvarez-Shanahan, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Jim Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joan Gibbons, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, David Mander, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Arlene Slinn, Nell Smyth, Bridie Streeter, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright, & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, and hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home.

**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.**

at St Peter’s. **Easter Day** 9.15 at OL 11.15 at SP

**ALTAR SERVERS & PARENTS:** Rehearsals for **Holy Week** take place at **10.30am at Our Lady’s on Maundy Thursday, 10:30am on Good Friday at St Peter’s and 10:30am on Holy Saturday at St Peter’s**. Please make every effort to attend, as these Masses and liturgies are unique to Holy Week. **We’d love more servers! See Bob at St Peter’s, or Adrian at Our Lady’s.**

**PASTIMES:** Easter Raffle Tickets are on sale, these can be purchased from the Piety Shop or from Pastimes on Tuesdays.

**PASTIMES BOOK CLUB:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 31 March at 1:30pm at the back of St. Peter’s Hall. All welcome.

**PETER DIMAMBRO MEMORIAL TEA:** Cream Tea will Saturday 11 April 2pm in St. Peter’s Hall in Memory of Peter Dimambro RIP, tickets are £10 each and **spaces are limited**. Tickets can be purchased from the Piety Shop or from Pastimes on Tuesdays.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues, Retrouvaille could be the solution. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or 0797 3380443

**OL CLEANING TEAM:** There is already a good team of hard working volunteers who help on a Monday afternoon. More volunteers would be very welcome - flexible time and doesn’t have to be every week. Please contact Jenny Hayden if you would like to help.

**DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM NEWSHEET:** A summary of the Deanery Pastoral Forum’s role and activity is available on paper in the porch. Also pinned up on the notice board, so do have a look. Also on the deanery website.

**SPAN:** Lenten Alms – We are supporting 60 local families with food vouchers, Friends of the Holy Land in Gaza and House of Light and Hope in Lebanon. Please use the gold envelopes and Gift Aid if you pay tax or use <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent26>

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG):** text Freya 07565 142204 (WhatsApp) or connect via Instagram @catholiclearningtonyag

**LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTIONS:** SP: 1st - £631.37, 2nd (Church Maintenance) - £323.11; OL: 1st - £231.81, 2nd (OL Vision) - £216.41 2<sup>nd</sup> Colls. **this weekend at SP - Church Maintenance, OL - OL Vision.**

**MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE NOTE:** The **minimum amount of time** needed to book dates is **2 weeks from date of request**. 11.15am is booked until Aug. There are available dates during the week.

**7 DAY CANDLES:** The Sacred Heart Chapel candle burns **In Memory of Sue Maher RIP**. Envelopes are at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass with a donation of £5.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Members are **always happy** to hear from parishioners’ ideas. Details of members are in the churches porches or email martinfoley73@gmail.com.

**PUTTING OUR VISION FOR OUR LADY’S INTO ACTION:** If you haven’t already, please fill in a yellow Talents Challenge Card & pop it into the secure box on the Vision Table. Introductory sessions are continuing for Vision & Action groups with the Parish Life & Mission meeting at 5pm this Sunday (22nd) after the Lenten Evening Prayer service. Please do come along if you’re interested in finding out more. *Thank you*

**OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 1 March:** The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£28,260.43**. The **next update** will be 5th April 2026. **All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled! Thank you for your generosity.**

**CANDLES FOR UKRAINE:** These can be placed in the box at the back of SP Church or in the Hall. Please, **no** tin or glass, just candles— any candle that’s unwanted or unusable, stubs, left overs...

#### **ARRANGING A WEDDING**

*Congratulations on your engagement!* To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical (Church) and civil processes can be followed. At least six months’ notice needed.

#### **ARRANGING A BAPTISM**

*Congratulations on the birth of your baby!* Parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Stephen in person at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few facts and give out a baptism application form. We can’t deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other family members, but face to face—you are asking for your child to join the community of the Church, so we welcome you to come and meet its members here.