

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 7th August 2022

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St Joseph's

St Peter's & Our Lady's

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9:00: James McGarvey RIP;
Har Doyle RIP

5:30: Roisin, Tommy & Malachy Blair and Peter A Watts

Monday 8th

9:30: James Gallagher RIP;
Iris Windmill RIP

Tuesday 9th

9:30: Jean & Wilf Feely

Thursday 11th

7:00: Andy Deasy RIP

Friday 12th

9:30: John Ireson RIP 1st Anniversary

Saturday 13th

9:30: Catherine Cuthbertson RIP;
Dolores Eales RIP

Sunday 14th

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00: Roger Charters RIP

5:30: Teresa Green's Intentions

Saturday 6th August

SP: 10:00: Frank Garvey RIP

SP: 5:00: Ellen Barrow Anniversary

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OL: 9:15: People of the Parish

OL: 10:30—Coffee Morning after Mass

SP: 11:15: Daniel Warburton;
Fr. Francis Gwinnett RIP

SP: 12:30—Coffee Morning after Mass

Monday 8th

SP: 9:30: Christopher McKeon

SP: 10:00—Coffee Morning after Mass

Tuesday 9th

SP: 10:00: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SP: 10:30: Rosary

SP: 11:00: Arlene Slinn

Wednesday 10th

OL: 12:00: Thomas Ryan;
Teresio & Giuciana Del Fino RIP

Thursday 11th

SP: 11:00: Ahmed Musa

Friday 12th

SP: 11:00: Jennifer Caroline Konopka

Saturday 13th

SP: 10:00: Mr. & Mrs. Caves RIP

SP: 5:00: Jim & Margaret McGreevy

Sunday 14th

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OL: 9:15: In Remembrance of Milly Harrop

OL: 10:30—Coffee Morning after Mass

SP: 11:15: Sarah O'Mullane & Mary O'Mullane

SP: 12:30—Coffee Morning after Mass

Saints of the week

Saturday 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday 8th August

Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

Tuesday 9th August

**Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr,
Patron of Europe**

Wednesday 10th August

Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Thursday 11th August

Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin

Friday 12th August

Opt. Memorial of St. Jane de Chantal

Saturday 13th August

Memorial of Blessed William Freeman, Priest, Martyr

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 9:15—9:45am, 4:15—4:45pm

Our Lady's: After Mass if a priest is available.

St Joseph's: On Request

Exposition:

St. Peter's: Tuesdays: 10 - 10:45am

Our prayers for the Sick: Mary Yapp, Norma Byrne, Bernard Kirwan, Wilfrid Feely, Fr. Tony Rohan, Vincent Coleman, Ahmed Musa, Fina Monastero, Stanley Godwin, Patrick Campbell, Margaret Smith, Peter Simmons, Sheila Ireland, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Fraser, John Curran, Peter Curran, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Clare Banner, Patricia Robinson, Marjorie Smedley, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioners,

It is with excitement and trepidation that I have arrived in Leamington to take up the responsibility and privilege of being the new parish priest of St Peter's and Our Lady's. I am conscious of the good work of the long list of previous parish priests, and I must thank Fr John for his help and his time spent talking to me about the parishes.

Before being asked to move, I had been to St Peter's just once, for the ordination of Fr. Paul Moss, but as a friend of Fr. Laurence Crowe, I had been to Our Lady's Presbytery many times. Both churches are remarkable buildings indeed but it is of course the people who form the Church, and I look forward to getting to know you all in due course.

Perhaps you are curious about me? I became a Catholic in 1994, after eight years as an Anglican minister (the last five of which were as Fr Laurence's curate in the Black Country).

Thanks to the generosity and welcome of Pope St John Paul II and Archbishop Maurice, I was ordained as a married man in 1998. I spent six years teaching in a Catholic secondary school while helping out in the local parish before becoming a parish priest in Nuneaton, and then Coventry. I arrive here with Kate, who is a GP, daughter Theresa and son Joseph (another daughter Maggie works in Dorset) and with Ginny, a rescued and now elderly greyhound.

A bare outline, but of course you'll discover more about me as time passes, as I shall about you. I have already been told many good things!

We live in a time in which much is changing. In the Church, we see fewer priests – indeed, my being the only priest here is now a sign of that – and we have been called by Pope Francis to speak as we believe the Holy Spirit prompts and to listen to one another in love: the synodal process. I hope to be listening to the parishes, that by the Spirit's guidance we may go forward as God's holy people, building up the Kingdom together in Leamington, in the service of Jesus Christ and our fellow men and women.

Please pray for me as I shall you, forgive me if I don't remember your name as quickly as I'd like to, and do say hello.

May God bless you all, and all that the future holds for us.

Fr Stephen

St Joseph's

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2022: Dates are available from 25th September, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns this week for:
**The Blair & Watts
Families**

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you are a taxpayer and would like to contribute weekly via a weekly envelope please contact the office.

Internal Repairs: This work is due to be ongoing over the next few weeks and will include the repairs & decorating required inside the Sacristy/Piety Shop area. Please use the front entrance to the church

wherever possible.

Welcome: We welcome any visitors that may be joining us at Mass this week, especially those who are staying in the area for the Commonwealth Games.

Change of Mass Time: from Sunday 4th September the Sunday morning Mass time will be changing to 10am. The afternoon Mass will remain at 5:30pm.

St. Bernadette Relics Tour 2022: The relics of St. Bernadette will be on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England for the very first time from September to November. This special once in a lifetime event will provide people of all ages and backgrounds the chance to experience the special gifts and charms of Lourdes in a Church or Cathedral near to home, with a valuable opportunity for prayer and healing. The relics will be at St. Chad's Cathedral on 7th & 8th October, due to the large numbers expected to attend please reserve your attendance at stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ There are details on the poster in the Narthex.

Last week's Plate Collections

1st: SP (2 Masses): **£554-55** & OL (1 Mass): **TBA next week**

2nd: SP: Boiler Repairs: **£212-72** & OL: Church Maint.: **TBA next week**

The 2nd Collections this weekend are: **SP: Boiler Repairs & OL: Church Maint.**

Thank you for your Generosity

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Thomas Browne, Laura De Magalheas Ferreira.
May they rest in peace.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: John Rellis, Jerzy Kajkowski, William Stack, Mary Woolley, Margaret Soomro, Anna Foley, Noel Edwards, Carina Smith, Mairead Lewis, Kathleen Couzens, Mary Kearney, Winifred Moore, Mary O'Mullane, Ronald Jones, Minnie Stack, Columba Kidd, Frank Pare, Joseph McAndrew, Alice Dawson, George Kajkowski, James McGarvey, Luke Bogue, Muriel Sinnott, Robert Liscoe, John Ireson, Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Fr. Francis Gwinnett, Fr. Basil Lynch CO, Fr. Michael Day CO, Fr. Denis Manion, Fr. John Clavin, Fr. Thomas Dennison, Fr. Michael McGrath. *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.*

Parish Social Events at St. Peter's this year

We are running several Social Fundraising Events this year. Dates for your diary this year:

Saturday 17th September: Fashion Show—Price £10.00 p/person. The return of the very successful Fashion show we previously held in 2019. This is a joint fundraiser with a percentage of the funds going to Helping Hands.

Friday 21st October: Tapas Evening—Price: £10.00 p/person. The return of the very well attended Tapas evening. To include a Tapas meal, Bar and DJ.

Saturday 3rd December: To be Announced.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of the events above or would like to join the newly reformed Social Committee please email the Parish Office on stpeterapostle.leafington@rcaob.org.uk with the title Social Committee.

Pastimes: is up and running every Tuesday from 11-30am until 3 pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall. We are a friendly, welcoming and inclusive group and would love you to join us!, There are various activities such as Scrabble, jigsaws, crafts, book club, sewing and of course opportunities for fundraising! There is always a listening ear and the opportunity for a chat. The Nations favourite cup of tea, and cake, is provided!! You can do as much or as little as you like.....no pressure!

Young Adults Group: The Young Adults Group is open to all Catholics between the ages of 18-30. We meet on the Second Monday of the month, 7pm at St Peter's Church. Our group meets for a talk in the parish hall, or a time of prayer in church, followed by a social time together. You would be most welcome. For up to date information please check out the updated church website: <https://www.catholicleafington.org.uk/young-adults-18-30.html> or contact Rose on rose-mary.pauling@btinternet.com

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Parish visiting: Can you help with visiting; would you like to be visited? Now that home visits can begin again, after nearly two years of Covid restrictions, the Parish Visiting Team and the Welcoming Group are re-starting. They are appealing for new members to join them. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

Can you support your priest with a Mass intention?: If you would like to have Mass celebrated for an intention, please fill out one of the large yellow envelopes found at the back of Church, enclose your offering (£10 is sufficient), and place it in the collection or post it through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage: The Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall—Shine to the English Martyrs is on Sunday 4th September 2022. Mass is at 3pm with Confessions between 1:45—2:30pm. Please see the poster on the Notice Boards at St. Peter's, St. Joseph's and Our Lady's. There is a sign up sheet available and if enough people wish to go we can arrange a coach.

SPAN: We have received thank you letters for your support through CAFOD agencies; for the latest £ 500 sent for the Ukraine appeal and £ 250 for the food, water and shelter to vulnerable and displaced people in the Afghanistan appeal. Also for the £ 250 to the East Africa Children's Project relieving poverty in Kenya and Uganda.

There are SPAN yellow envelopes in our church entrances that can be used for donations, these can be placed in boxes at St Joseph's and St Peter's or placed in any collection. Please see www.catholicleafington.org.uk/span on other ways to give aid to the needy through SPAN.

SYNOD: The Bishops of England and Wales have published a 5-page reflection on their synthesis of Diocesan Synod Reports (or Diocesan Syntheses of Parish reports), it is called "Seeking Our Hearts' Desire". Please see www.catholicleafington.org.uk/synod to download either of these documents. The Catholic Leafington synod report and links to interesting synod reports from other parishes and dioceses are also available from this page.

Quilt of Hope: has now moved to All Saint's Parish Church.

Come and See: and learn about the Catholic Faith. Do you have a spouse, relative, friend, neighbour, work colleague who might be interested in finding out what being a Catholic is all about? He/she could be a non-Catholic or a non-churchgoing Catholic. Would you like to refresh your own Faith? Our weekly "Come and See" sessions will be starting on **Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm**, in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Contact 01926 428399, or email rcia.cathleaf@gmail.com to register interest or for more information. More details also available at <https://www.catholicleafington.org.uk/exploring-the-catholic-faith.html>

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SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk , Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; 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.

The Catholic Leamington Justice & Peace: Rosary intention for August is 'We pray that as Fr. John and Fr. Benedict leave St. Peter's their ministry will be strengthened in their new parishes and we pray that Fr. Stephen will find a warm welcome in Catholic Leamington.

This weekend we shall be commemorating the anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima (6th August 1945) and Nagasaki (9th August 1945) killing between 125,000 and 225,000 people, almost all civilians. Those figure dwarf the deaths in Ukraine (currently estimated as 10,000) and would of course be dwarfed by anyone dropping a modern nuclear weapon on Moscow, New York or London. On Saturday 6 August all are welcome to a Remembrance Service at Coventry Cathedral, with music, poetry and peace activities from 1 to 3.30 pm.

Ukraine Appeal: The Polish Centre Aid For Ukraine campaign continues at the Army Surplus Store container storage site at Harbury Lane. We are no longer using the hangar but items are still collected on site (please drop in to the Army Surplus Store Mon. — Sat. 9am-4pm) and stored in a container before they are packed and transported to Ukraine. They are currently looking for the following goods for the Ukrainian Aid Effort: **MEDICAL:** Linear vascular prostheses d 5-10mm, Vacuum aspiration equipment, External bone fixation devices, Detralex, Pantoprazole, Painkillers, Bandages, wound dressings, Sterile disposable gloves, Tourniquets, Disinfectant fluids, Syringes, Suturing equipment, Cannulas (various), Sterile PCs, Drip systems. **PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS:** Incontinence pads. **BASIC NECESSITIES:** Torches, Matches, Batteries, Power banks, power Generators. **FOOD:** Soups - canned & instant, Oil, Flour, Sugar, Pasta. Cereals, rice, couscous, bulgur wheat, buckwheat & pearl barley groats., Canned vegetables, meat and fish., Energy bars., Coffee, Tea, Dried fruit, Peanuts. **CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS:** Baby food, Children's medications, syrups. If you would like to donate items to the collection but can not get to Harbury Lane, please drop the items into St. Peter's Presbytery between 12pm—5pm Monday to Friday marked "Ukraine" and we will drop them up to Harbury Lane.

Bernardo's Report: An independent review undertaken by the charity Barnardo's on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in relation to the management of concerns about Joseph Quigley, a priest in the Archdiocese, is now available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk.

The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have accepted this review and its 18 recommendations in full and you can also see the full response on the website. As an institution it is for the present Bishops and Trustees to take corporate responsibility, to apologise, learn and ensure best safeguarding practice now and in the future. There has been a significant amount of positive change in Diocesan safeguarding practice. However, these recommendations will help inform ongoing learning and improvement within the Archdiocese.

Catholic Leamington Synod Report: Dreams: *This is the report by the Parish Synodal Team, based on the questionnaires received and the subsequent discussions. The views expressed are not necessarily representative of the views of Fr. Stephen, Fr. Noel or the Archdiocese of Birmingham:*

Over the last 6 weeks we have published here page 3 of the report produced last February. "If you were asked to 'dare to dream' about how you see the Church in the third millennium, what might your dream be?"

Part 6. A synodal pathway of honest reflection and prayerful discernment will continue to shape and form the Church of our dreams. It will renew our confidence and resolve to embrace the message of the Gospel that binds us together, and to look outwards to a world that needs to hear it.

The whole 15-page report plus appendices can be found at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages - Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

March for Life UK: happens in London on Sat 3rd Sept. We have aborted 10 million of our children and so many women and men have been left hurting – we can be bystanders no more. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event in saying "10 Million Too Many!" Full details can be found at www.marchforlife.co.uk