

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 18th August 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 18th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:15-45pm - Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Pro Populo
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Holy Souls Jacqueline Barton RIP
Monday 19th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John Eudes, Pr.</i>	10am Mass	~	Katharine Harbison RIP
Tuesday 20th <i>Mem. of St. Bernard Abbot, Dr. of the Church</i>	10am Mass	~	Intentions of Jim & Maria Murphy
Wednesday 21st <i>Mem. of St. Pius X, Pope</i>		10am Mass <i>Coffee & chat follow</i>	Graham & Mary's Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 22nd <i>Mem. of the Queenship of the BVM</i>	~	~	No Mass
Friday 23rd <i>Feast of St. John Wall, Pr., Martyr</i>	3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	No Mass
Saturday 24th Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	9-10am Exposition No Confession	~	No Mass
	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Maria & John Hawkes RIP; Mary Shannon
SUNDAY 25th August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Natalie & Hywel Marriage Celebration Ted Cunningham RIP; Peter Huckle Illness

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 email sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **The Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Christopher Daly, Mary Shannon, Helen Bowen, Marguerite Ayres, Bartholomew O'Driscoll, Flor Duckett, Mary O'Connor, Bernadette Bradshaw, Patrick McDermott, Cecilia Bates, Elizabeth Hastings, Charles Jeffries, Marjorie Timmis, Seamus Caden, William Cleary, Fr. Terence Smith, Fr. Alan Smith, Fr. Patrick Branagan, Fr. Francis Rowe, Dcn. Douglas Taylor.

The recently deceased: Fr. Malcolm Prince, Ann Marshall, Margaret Locke, Ellen Birmingham, Anne Dibb, Antonio Di Luciano.

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

Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, John Collins, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sandra Hunt, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Jo Murphy, Andrew Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Fr. Tony Rohan, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Uta Winter, Peter Wright, Mary Yapp & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, & hospitals of the Parish, or who receive Holy Communion at home. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**



AUGUST:

MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

'Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'. Luke 2,19

St Peter's, & Our Lady's and St Joseph's Churches working together as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

WELCOME TO MASS: The personification of Wisdom occurs many times in the Old Testament, particularly in the book that bears its name. She lays her table and invites her guests to eat. It is the foolish and the ignorant who need her sustenance, and none of us hasn't done or won't do something very unwise! Of course Jesus, who calls Himself the Truth invites all to share in His food too, His flesh that will bring salvation. Yet, just as some feel they need no help to be wise, so some feel they need no help to receive eternal life. To come to Jesus fully is of course to accept our need of what He has to offer. Just as Our Lady embraced her calling to be closer than anyone else to Jesus, so we too must not be distracted by foolishness or self-reliance. **God bless you all, 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 unity among all Christians, as God wills. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OL: is on its summer break, back on 8 Sept.

ST PETER'S CHOIR: is currently having a summer break, and returns in September. We thank them for their faithful hard work in providing the music for Mass. They are always happy to receive new members: there is a notice in the porch or simply have a word as choristers leave from the choir loft.

AFTER MASS TEA & COFFEE: at Our Lady's after 9.15am and after the 11:15am Mass at St Peter's. Also Tea & Coffee after Weds Mass at Our lady's. **All Welcome.**

LATIN DANCE FIT FOR LADIES: NEW Dance base exercise class in the hall on **Mondays 10am-10.45**, for all ages and abilities, to book 07780543976.

COME & PLAY: Tuesdays 9:30—11am in SP Hall. We welcome mothers and children, no charge. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002. We'd be grateful for a dolls pram, little tyke car, pots, pans and tea set for the lovely play kitchen we have been given.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. Join our lively community for good company and activities including a session of chair based exercises. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret.

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON MEN'S GROUP: Tues 7.45pm at the "Old Library" Pub, Leamington. Contact Peter Lawson 01926 430176 **All welcome!**

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS: Fridays in the Daventry Room 11 - 12 looking at the next Sunday's readings. **All welcome.**

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Fridays 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of mercy come to implore mercy for the world and praise God for that mercy revealed to us by Jesus on the Cross, pierced for our sins.

NEW: THE CHOSEN: Online drama based on biblical characters, to be viewed one episode at a time, followed by discussion/study: every Friday 6pm, St Peter's. See poster for more details.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or want to know more? Or wish to be confirmed as an adult? Then 'Come & See' is for you. Starts 6 Oct

BRUSH UP YOUR BRIDGE SKILLS: 6 week beginners course at Pastimes 1:30pm prompt start. Start Tuesday 3 Sept and every Tue until 8 Oct. More info please contact Margaret Davies at margomatt@icloud.com or pop into Pastimes and leave your name.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Sat 7 Sept. Defend the rights of the preborn. See march-forlife.co.uk Coaches from B'ham, Coventry and Warwick Parkway.

YOUTH GROUP: SPARK. St Peter's Group for yrs 6,7 and 8 starts **Thu 26 September 7-8.30pm**—full details soon.

PASTIMES SALE: Pastimes Jumble Sale on Saturday 28 September in SP Hall. If you have any jumble to donate please bring it along to Pastimes on Tuesdays where one of the team will be happy to receive it.

NEW READINGS TRANSLATION: For all readers and anyone interested: Sat 26 Oct 11am SP. A session on the new translation of the lectionary. Please come: what you read will be changing and this is the chance to see the new books and try the new translation. If you can't attend, an online resource provided by Fr Allen Morris, a liturgist who works in the Archdiocese, is available—<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/preparing-for-the-lectionary-refresher-programme-for-ministers-of-the-word>

PARISH ACTIVITIES: The Walking Together team have produced an initial list of activities which parishioners are involved in. Please do have a look in the red folder at the back of the church at St. Peter's and in the coffee area

of Our Lady's church. For additions and amendments contact Mary Holden by Email—mcxholden@virginmedia.com

SVP APPEAL: for any spare suitcases and travel bags for families moving house. Please let David know on 07713 246987.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady Sanctuary** candle burns for: **Peter Drew's Recovery.** If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete an envelope titled 7-day candles, at the back of Church with your donation of £10. Thank you.

SERVERS AND SERVING: Thank you to our servers at both churches. **We'd love a few more!** See Bob at St Peter's or Adrian at Our Lady's

SPAN: Mid-year reports have been received for Temwa and Starfish Malawi working in Malawi. Your SPAN donations continue to support many people both locally and abroad. Thank you.

NEW TRANSLATION MISSALS: should be available in time for Advent, if you would like the new Missal please register either with the office via email or at the Piety Shop, we will then order these and contact you to collect them. Due the cost there will be no spare copies so please order beforehand. They should be available from 14 Oct onwards. As an alternative, the online resource 'Universalis' for a one off fee of £19.99 provides the text of Mass, the lectionary, the Breviary and devotional reading.

THE PIETY SHOPS: at both churches are open for Catholic items including Rosaries, Prayer cards, candles, medals, Children's books, books, and cards for every occasion. Please do pop in after Mass and have a browse.

MASS INTENTIONS: The earliest 11:15am Mass availability is **Sept 2024**, if you would like a Mass said sooner, do consider SP Sat 5pm, OL Sun 9:15am or during the week at SP, when demand is less.

SP 200 CLUB: The August draw took place at Pastimes on Tuesday and the winners are: 1st (£50) - 157 D. Boos, 2nd (£20) - 37 E. Lee, and 3rd (£10) - T. Boos. Congratulations to the winners. If you would like to join the 200 club please speak to Bill at Pastimes on Tuesdays.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st —£534.40, 2nd (Church Maint.)—£286.63, OL 1st—£294.17, 2nd (Church Maint.) —£155.45. This weekend the second collections are for **Church Maintenance. Thank you** for your generosity.

BUILDINGS LATEST: Our Lady's. The Fire Regulations Inspection has been carried out and unsurprisingly Our Lady's halls have many issues. Once the written report is received we shall seek quotes for the works: at least a fire alarm, revised emergency lighting, fire proof doors, fire proofing the kitchen hatch, widening the entrance door, creating a safe fire exit from the upper hall with ramp. This could prove very expensive: and for a 70 year old wooden building. **St Peter's.** We await initial recommendations by professionals about what might be best for the presbytery and hall in order to secure the financial future of the parish. Nothing will be done with either parishes' buildings **before** the Diocese, the Finance Committee, the Pastoral Council, and the parishes as a whole have made decisions, based on proper assessments of costs, benefits and timescales. **Change there will have to be:** we cannot afford to stay as we are, but we can shape change.

DONATING TO THE PARISHES

As well as the collection bags, the website, the card machine at St Peter's, via standing order, you may give by scanning this code with your smartphone. **Thank you for your support!**



ARRANGING A WEDDING

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

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Stephen **in person** at 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, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LORD GOD, your Son Jesus Christ took flesh and trod the soil of His homeland. We pray for all who live on that same soil today that hatred and violence may be replaced by justice and peace. Turn savage hearts from the way of death and let Your message of peace and life be heard once again as it was on the hills of Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**