

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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 25th August 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 25th August 2024</b> <b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Maria & John Hawkes RIP; Mary Shannon
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Natalie & Hywel Marriage Celebration Ted Cunningham RIP; Peter Huckle RIP
Monday 26th <i>Feast of Blsd Dominic Barberi, Pr., Rel.</i>	~	~	<b>9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash</b>
Tuesday 27th <i>Mem. of St. Monica</i>	~	~	~
Wednesday 28th <i>Mem. of St. Augustine, Bp., Dr. of the Church</i>	~	10am Mass <i>Coffee &amp; chat follow</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 29th <i>Mem. of the Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr</i>	<b>12 noon Mass</b>	~	Christine Lawrence RIP
Friday 30th <i>Opt. Mem. of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Virgin, Martyrs</i>	3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	~
Saturday 31st <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Aidan, Bp., &amp; the Saints of Lindesfarne.</i>	9-10am Exposition No Confession	~	~
	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Mary Healy RIP; Mary McGivern RIP
<b>SUNDAY 1st September</b> <b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Joy Barry RIP  Joseph Doyle RIP

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Charles Jeffries, Marjorie Timmis, Seamus Caden, William Cleary, Martina Stenson, Nicholas Duffy, Antonia Erroi, Christina Boyle, Annette Hancox, Mary McGivern, Catherine Lynn, Margaret Nally, Mary Herlihy, Vincenzo Scinaldi, Grace Cleaver, Thomas Duggan, Winifred Jennings, Eileen Long, Nuala Scarisbrick, Una Forde, Czeslaw Golub, Dariusz Celinski, Jason Kelsey, Mgr. Richard Foster, Cn. Joseph Nightingale, Fr. Patrick Branagan, Fr. Francis Rowe, Fr. James Downey, Fr. Brendan O'Malley, Dcn. Peter Kilgallon, Dcn. David McCarroll.

**The recently deceased:** Peter Huckle, 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, George Pearson, 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*

**WELCOME TO MASS:** There is an element of choice in the first reading and the Gospel today. The people, wavering their devotions are given a straight choice by Joshua if not the true God then which false gods? They announce their intention to do right. Jesus' teaching about being the Bread of Life, His flesh being that Bread, the necessity of eating it, is intolerable to some of His followers. Yet when He asks the Apostles if they too wish to leave Him, it is Simon Peter who asks 'Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life... you are the Holy One of God'. Some of the teachings of Jesus and His Church are hard, without a doubt. Yet who is it that gives them to us? What do we believe about Him? That is enough reason to stand with Peter, then and now.

*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 8th 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:** 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.

**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:** The next showing of the Chosen is back on **Friday 30 August at 6pm** and will be Season 1 Episode 4.

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

**MARCH FOR LIFE: Sat 7th Sept.** Defend the rights of the preborn. See [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) Coaches from B'ham, Coventry, and Warwick Parkway.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** retreat (18-35) on Saturday 14th September 10.30am-4pm we are off on retreat nearby with lunch included. Cost for retreat is £25. Prebook and pay before Thursday 5th September. There are limited numbers so first come first served. Contact Rose on 07484127253 for further information.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY HELPERS, OLD AND NEW: Thur 26 Sept 7pm at Our Lady's**—a meeting for **all who help with Children's Liturgy currently, and any who'd like to help** whether in Our Lady's or to start something new at St Peter's. The purpose of, resources for and helps to lead Children's Liturgy will all be addressed.

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

**PASTIMES SALE: Pastimes Jumble Sale on Saturday 28th 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.

**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 **9 Oct**

**NEW READINGS TRANSLATION: For all readers and anyone interested:**

**Sat 26th 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 red folders detailing activities by parishioners are located 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 email Mary Holden—[mcxholden@virginmedia.com](mailto: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:** 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

**NEW TRANSLATION MISSALS:** We have now placed the order for those who have previously signed up, if you would like one and haven't signed up please do so as soon as possible via the piety shop. Once they have arrived we will contact you to collect them. £20 each. 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 **Oct 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.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** SP 1st.—£621.30, 2nd (Church Maint.)—£312.10, OL 1st—£237.08, 2nd (Church Maint.)—£198.47. 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

**L**ORD 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.**