

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

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 8th September 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 8th September 2024</b> <b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Patrick McHale RIP; Vincent Holleron RIP 40th Anniversary
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Pro Populo  Thanksgiving to St. Peter; Choir Members
Monday 9th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Osburg, Abbess</i>	~	~	<b>9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash</b>
Tuesday 10th <i>Opt. Mem. of Blssd Agnellus of Pisa</i>	10am Mass	~	Anne Russell (nee Nichol) RIP
Wednesday 11th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	A Mother RIP
Thursday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10am Mass 4.00pm Reception	~	Intentions of Neenu
Friday 13th <i>Mem. of St. John Chrysostom, Bp., Dr. of the Church.</i>	10am Mass 1pm Funeral Service 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	James & Annie Bishop RIP <b>Margaret Locke RIP</b>
Saturday 14th <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass	~	Anne Reilly RIP
	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Col. David Houlton
<b>SUNDAY 15th September</b> <b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Stanley Wilfred Taylor RIP  Friso Westheim 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](mailto:sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk) ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email [sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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:** William Welsh, Mary Connolly, Michael Lilley, John O'Callaghan, John Wilson, Anne Cronin, Cissie Hanrahan, Dean Connolly, Francis Connolly, Patrick Forde, Christina Finn, Philomena Mulligan, Patrick Kennedy, John Kehily, Maureen Brophy, Marcel Louis, Leopoldine Esslinger, David Scannell, John Stephens, Elizabeth Burt, Una Hartle, Daniel McCann, Clarence Gowing, Ita Edwards, Flora De Matteis, Helmut Jagusz, Mgr. Thomas Fallon, Fr. Anthony Taylor, Fr. Arthur McCrystal, Fr. David Hutt, Fr. Dominic Round, Fr. Guy Coleman, Fr. Richard Dinnis, Fr. Patrick Meagher, Dcn. Michael McGrail. **The recently deceased:** Peter Huckle, Fr. Malcolm Prince, Ann Marshall, Margaret Locke, Ellen Birmingham. **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.**



### SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY'S SEVEN SORROWS

‘And a sword shall pierce your own heart... Luke 2,35

O sorrowful Mother, pray for those in sorrow today.

**WELCOME TO MASS:** Especially visitors and those returning to study for the new academic year.

Today's readings reflect on the joy of the Lord's coming. Nature and people will all be renewed. Isaiah's hope filled prophecy is taken up by the coming of Jesus who, as Mark tells us, does all things well. The deaf and dumb man is healed, his life renewed with the abilities God has willed for Him restored. The transforming presence can renew us all. 'I never knew I could do that' is an expression of joy at a newly found skill. If God indeed does all things well, then what He may do in us could transform us and others in revealing His loving presence.

This autumn sees several meetings of the Parish Finance Committee, Pastoral Council, and the Hall Management Group. The Deanery Pastoral Council also meets. As a parish, we are still awaiting detailed quotes for the work needed at Our Lady's and for professional advice about how the hall and presbytery at St Peter's might be put to generating income. Despite much work at trying to let it, the large hall complex remains a large drain on parish funds. Gathering all this information takes time. When there is news, we shall all be informed and have the chance to be involved in decision-making. *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!*

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH:** will be open for the Heritage Open Days between 2-4pm this Saturday and Sunday. Guided tours, children's activities and refreshments will be available.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OL:** Returns this weekend.

**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*.

**SPAN:** Our next Open meeting is on Monday, 7.30 at St Peter's Hall. Updates and appeals to consider.

**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 DRAMA SERIES:** Every Friday at 6pm in SP Hall. Next Friday Season one episode 6

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

**YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT (18-35) ON SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER** 10.30am -4pm we are off on retreat nearby with lunch included. Cost for retreat is £25. Prebook and pay before Thur 5 Sept. There are limited numbers so first come first served. Contact Rose on 07484127253 for further information. Meetings continue monthly with an event for students in October.

**MEN'S GROUP:** Next meal 7.45pm Thurs 19 Sept at The Cricketers Arms, Archery Road, Leamington Spa. Please contact Peter Lawson 01926 430176 to confirm attendance by 17 Sept.

**FR HUDSON'S SOCIETY:** The annual second collection for the diocesan social care agency is on 21st & 22nd September.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY HELPERS, OLD AND NEW:** Thurs 26th 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 at St Peter's hall.

**PASTIMES SALE:** Pastimes Jumble Sale—in aid of the Church Hall 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 9th Oct. Email [rcia.cathlearn@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.cathlearn@gmail.com) to make contact.

**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>

**LEAMINGTON PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Mon 18-Thu 21 Nov. Make a note—details soon. Please consider joining in.

**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 St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle burns for: Dymphna and her family. If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete a 7-day candles envelope, at the back of Church. Suggested donation £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:** If you would like one please register either with the office via email or at the Piety Shop, we will then order these and contact you to collect them. £20 each. Due the cost there will be very few 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. 'Magnificat', the monthly prayer book will be using the new translation from Advent. It is marketed in the UK by the Catholic Herald in a British version. See <https://catholiceraid.co.uk/magnificat/>

**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. \*NEW\* Christmas cards now in stock. Please do pop in after Mass and have a browse.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** SP 1st - £344.52, 2nd (Church Maint.) - £635.47, OL 1st - £216.02, 2nd (Church Maint.) - £193.05. This weekend the second collections are for **Church Maintenance**. *Thank you* for your generosity.

**TO KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST CHURCH NEWS...** Have a look at these sites

**Vatican website:** [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

**Diocesan website:** [birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish website:** [catholicleamington.org.uk](http://catholicleamington.org.uk) (with link to St Joseph's)

#### 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.**