

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 6th October 2024



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 6th October 2024 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Bill Dunphy RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Anne Dibb RIP Patricia Keane RIP
Monday 7th: The Pope's Day of prayer & fasting for peace <i>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 8th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Sir Domenico Beatrice RIP Anniversary
Wednesday 9th Feast of St. John Henry Newman, Pr.	10am Mass 11am Funeral Service	~	Rachel Durham Funeral: John Collins RIP
Thursday 10th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John Leonardi, Pr.</i>	9am Mass	~	Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
Friday 11th <i>Opt. Mem. of Bld. William Howard, Layman, Martyr</i>	~ 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	10am Mass	Monica Gaffney RIP
Saturday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Wilfrid, Bp.</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass	~	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
	4:15-45pm - Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Austin Mulvanny
SUNDAY 13th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Eileen O'Brien RIP Patrick Mullan 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 sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
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Anniversaries of the faithful departed: William Morey, Mary O'Connor, Margaret Hanratty, Rhiannon Alton, William Geaney, Bridget Hughes, Zofia Sawczyc, Margaret Fitzmaurice, Elizabeth Maughan, Mary Ryan, Mary Harrington, Kitty Ballantine, John Stephens, Jill Kubiak, Patricia Kenny, Donald Binks, Margaret Gallimore, Daniel Looney, Ernest Turner, Cn. Anthony Piercy, Fr. Philip Casey, Fr. John Fitzpatrick, Fr. Thomas Power, Fr. Terence Whatmore, Fr. Seamus Gilroy, Dcn. Patrick Selwood, Dcn Louis Kelly. **The recently deceased:** Ron Hall & John Collins. **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: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnallie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sandra Hunt, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, 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.**



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

St Peter's, & Our Lady's and St Joseph's Churches working together as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.
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WELCOME TO MASS: Especially visitors and those returning to study for the new academic year. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen. The complementarity of the sexes and the dignity and worth of the sacrament of marriage are stressed in today's readings. Jesus is asked about whether divorce is possible, yet under Jewish Law expressed in Deuteronomy, it is. Jesus uses this to point to a higher law, if you like, embedded in creation and the natural order of things designed by God from the very beginning. Men and women are equally for each other, and the loving commitment of marriage is a sacrament imparting God's blessing. Why is marriage today so lacking in popularity? Here Jesus gives equal rights and responsibilities to husband and wife: neither is free to simply give up on the other, both are caught up in a life-giving and life-affirming celebration of love. And not only theirs, but also God's whose love it was that brought creation into being, and whose love gave His Son to redeem it.

God bless you all, Fr Stephen

THE QR CODE FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Simply scan or your smart phone. This works for every day. This link takes you to *Universalis* who will be using the new translation from Advent.



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!**

TO PARISH USERS OF ST PETER'S HALL: because of the unaffordable high costs of keeping the hall going as it is, we are trying to reduce costs by - **Grouping bookings into as few days each week as possible** to save heating **Removing the Flint and Jeffries rooms from use** completely

Asking all small groups NOT to use the main hall: the cost of heating that huge space for a small number is a waste

Having the hall unused for several days each week

Outside bookings will have to cease at the end of the year

Asking all users, provided they have the means, to contribute to hall costs generated by using it.

We are sorry for this but the seriousness of the situation means that the Finance Committee felt that there is no choice. Just as we cannot afford to redecorate the church, or fully maintain the presbytery at the moment, so we cannot afford to run the hall as it has been. We simply must try something to cut bills. On the positive side, it will mean reducing our carbon output too. Again, this highlights the need for the review of the hall and presbytery for possible redevelopment. We need these buildings to contribute to parish funds and not be a constant maintenance drain on those funds. The results of this review should be with us in a few weeks.

OUR LADY'S HEATING: There have been problems needing several days of an engineer's work. Various faulty items have been traced and the final one was to be replaced last Friday, after this goes to print.

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

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!

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 in St Peter's hall. Email rcia.cathleam@gmail.com or phone Gareth on 07539 502436 to make contact and find out more.

'THE CHOSEN' DRAMA SERIES: Every Friday at 6pm in SP Hall from 11 Oct

TEA DANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S: Saturday 19 October – see EXTRA for details: For those with experience or beginners. Enjoy an introduction to a few dances or watch the demo included.

LEAMINGTON & WARWICK CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS: The Next Meeting of St. Peter's YG for Years 6, 7, & 8 will take place in St. Peter's Church Hall

at 7pm on Thursday 24 October.

CAFOD SOUP & ROLL LUNCH: Fri 25 Oct St Peter's Hall, 12 - 1.30pm. **All welcome**

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP & STUDENTS: Mass on Friday 25th Oct, 6.30pm at St Peter's. Those in the age group (18-35), **especially students**, are warmly invited to join us for this and afterwards for food - please sign up in St Peter's church narthex.

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> There are **ONLY SEVEN MORE SUNDAYS OF THE CURRENT TRANSLATION...**

NEW TRANSLATION MISSALS: Those who have reserved their copy will be contacted from 14 Oct onwards. **As alternatives**, the online resource '*Universalis*' provides the text of Mass, the lectionary, the Breviary and devotional reading, on your phone, tablet or PC for a one off fee of just £19.99. '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://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/>

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sat 9th Nov in the hall. Make a date now!

LEAMINGTON PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Mon 18-Thu 21 Nov. Make a note. To book, please collect a booking form from Fr Stephen or from the presbytery and return with a £100 deposit (any cheques payable to 'St Peter's Church')—details soon. Final cost depends on transport arrangements which can't be made until we know how many are going.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Preparation for this begins in the new year. There will be details of how to sign up and parents' meetings nearer the time. Watch this space...

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

SPAN: St. Paul Muko Catholic School in Bugarama, Rwanda has thanked us for helping to provide much needed meals to street children.

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: concludes with a month-long meeting in Rome. We pray for the 368 Bishops, religious and lay people participating in this journeying or walking together with the Holy Spirit on the themes of Communion, Participation and Mission.

7 DAY CANDLES: 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.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP 1st – £557.71, 2nd (Church Maint.)- £232.97, OL 1st—£248.10, 2nd (Church Roof) - £178.79. This weekend the 2nd collections are for **CAFOD**. **Thank you**.

THANK YOU TO PASTIMES for organising last week's jumble sale and to all who came. Over £1,200 was raised. **Thank you**

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 the code at the top left on the first page of this sheet with **your smartphone**. **Thank you**

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.**

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 friends or other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.