

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 6th July 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 6th 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	People of the Parish
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	Andrew Daly RIP Aniv. Holy Souls
Monday 7th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Mary Immaculate, Warwick
Tuesday 8th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Ahmed Musa RIP
Wednesday 9th <i>Opt. Mem. of Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, P. & Companions, M.</i>	~	10am Mass 7pm Confirm. Mass	People of the Parish The Confirmandi
Thursday 10th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Ellie & Andy
Friday 11th Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs	~	Brendan Twissell RIP
Saturday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9am Holy Hour 9.15-4.5am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Stephanus & Emilia Bl de Rozari RIP
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Annie McHale RIP Aniv.; Keith Banner RIP
SUNDAY 13th 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	Clemency Jarvis RIP Alain Beyiha's Intentions

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](mailto:sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) **These emails are for safeguarding matters only** **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: Tara Fitzpatrick, Patrick Thornton, Edmund Piper, Marie Houlihan, Catherine O'Sullivan, Patrick Nestor, John "Denis" Dineen, Sean Hayden, Patrick Kenny, June Moore, Ellen Basham, Margaret Eggington, Hildegard Jackson, Philomena Vale, Mgr. Louis McRaye, Cn. Francis Grady, Fr. Leonard Joppe, Fr. Vincent Armishaw, Fr. Joseph Pires, Fr. Michael Gaffney, Fr. Bernard Maddox, Fr. Brendan Donlon, Fr. Anthony Maguire, Fr. Seamus Hetherington, Fr. John Molyneux, Fr. Plunkett Shannon, Fr. Edmund Whelan. **The recently deceased:** Lillian Lavery, Maureen Behan, Michael Connolly, Kevin O'Halloran, Margaret Higgerson, Dcn. Walter "Terry" Hum, Dcn. Tony Hewitt, Fred Pauling, Margaret Dewar, Lourdes Samper, Rev. Fr. John Baggley, Patrick Gregory. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**



SCAN TO SEE THE MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE
 After Sunday
 Morning Masses in the church halls
All Welcome!



Online news [here](#)

MORE SERVERS ALWAYS WELCOME
 Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

FACEBOOK PAGES

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON is [here](#)

OUR LADY'S is [here](#)

Links from website too



JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

'Glory be to Jesus who in bitter pains poured for me the life blood from His Sacred Veins!'



WELCOME TO MASS The Gospel today sees Jesus sending out 72 disciples in preparation for His own arrival in various towns. This work—know as ‘pre-evangelisation’ today—is to set the scene and open the way for Christ to speak to people’s hearts and in meeting them, change them. Their mission is direct and urgent. Their first words are to be ‘Peace be to this house!’. An announcement of peace is always welcome news of course, but this is not just an expression wishing people well but is a fundamental statement of the Gospel. Christ comes to bring peace between God and humanity, and between humans themselves. Remember the angels announcement in the sky above Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth ‘Glory to God in the highest and peace to people with whom he is well pleased’?

The first reading speaks about a bountiful and peaceful Jerusalem—the city’s very name means ‘foundation of peace’ - a place of blessing for all humanity. The risen Christ came among His disciples and said ‘My peace I give you’. The peace at Mass echoes all this and is a reminder that true peace rests not in a handshake but in sacrifice, the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. The 72 sacrificed ordinary life to be missionaries and like them, all disciples need to sacrifice all that does not build up the peace and reconciliation won for us in Christ. **God bless, Fr Stephen**

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 both parishes—Thank you to *all* involved!

HOLY ROSARY DEVOTION: On **Sundays 10:45am St Peter’s Church** an offering of the Rosary for discerning the renewed future of the parish.

COME & PLAY: Tues 9:30—11am in SP Hall. We welcome parents and children, no charge. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. A warm welcome awaits you at this lively weekly gathering in St. Peter’s Hall.

OUR LADY’S CONFIRMATION On **9 July at 7pm** Bishop Richard Walker will confirm candidates at Our Lady’s. Please pray for them.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: Every Friday from 11-12 Davenport Room in SP hall. **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!

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: Next Sunday **Paul Milton** will be ordained **13 July at 3pm.** By Archbishop Bernard in St Chad’s Cathedral. Please pray for him and please be at the Cathedral. **A coach has been booked** from St Peter’s. The fare is £14. Please sign up on the sheet. Please see the third page of this sheet for more information about what a deacon is and what he does.

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE At **Oscott College 25-28 July.** Attend all or part of this national celebration with noted speakers, musicians, and worship. Details on the Archdiocese’s website events page [here](#)

BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE: **Aug 11-15** St. John’s Hotel Solihull. info@bccrc.org.uk ; or call **Ray Russell 07818851964.** See Poster in the porch.



OUR LADY’S HERITAGE OPEN DAY: afternoon of **14 Sept 2025**

ST PETER’S HERITAGE OPEN DAY: **20 Sept** from 11am—4pm.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: For all 18-30s seeking to enjoy Catholic life together. Please contact Gabriel on 07778 184 345 for more information and the next meeting.

SPAN: this month appeals for support for **a school for the blind** and the **Kiirua Mission Hospital**, both in Kenya, **displaced children** with play and learning and to **CAFOD working in Darfur**, Sudan.

Next meeting - **Mon 14 July 7.30pm**, Davenport Rm. **All welcome.**

JUSTICE & PEACE JULY PRAYER INTENTION: : “We pray that we may all be aware how precious water is to us and use it with care.”

ST PETER’S HALL—NEWS WE’LL ALL LIKE! The parishes’ Pastoral Council met on 18 June and amongst many other things, discussed St Peter’s Hall. Given the encouraging level of keenness to support the hall and the positive ideas that came from the AGM, the decision to close the hall has been postponed. It will be reviewed once these ideas have been fully explored.

A VISION FOR ST PETER’S AND OUR LADY’S The Pastoral Council drafted, at the diocese’s request, a vision for each of our parishes. These were shared at the AGM and can be seen on the Catholic Leamington website Parish Pastoral Council page. Please do have a look. Comments, suggestions or questions welcome, of course.

Please speak to any Pastoral Council member in person (membership details on the same web pages) or email its chair, Martin, at martinfoley73@gmail.com or email the parish office.

PICK UP YOUR POST-IT: Lots of varied comments and ideas appearing on our post-a-comment boards. Have your say about what you value about our parishes, any fundraising ideas and any offers of particular skills. Thank you.

COULD YOU BE A SERVER? COULD YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER?:

Thank you to our servers at both churches. **We’d love more!** See Bob at St Peter’s or Adrian at Our Lady’s.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION: SP 1st: £719.17, 2nd (Peter’s Pence): £423.10; OL 1st: £347.59, 2nd: £201.62 (Peter’s Pence). Plus direct debits and online donations. The second collection this week - SP: Church Maintenance, & OL: Church Roof Repairs. **Thank you.**

7 DAY CANDLES: If you would like a candle lit for your intentions or for a friend or relative, there are envelopes at back of church. Post in the collection at Mass with the donation of £10. Thank you.

NEW VESTMENTS: The imminent arrival of a deacon means the need of new vestments for Mass including deacon’s dalmatics. A couple of sizeable donations have been given, for which we are grateful. If you would like to contribute please speak to Fr Stephen.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? WANT TO KNOW MORE? In the autumn our sessions for adult enquirers will begin once more. In the meanwhile, please say hello to Fr Stephen.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be followed. At least six months’ notice is needed.

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 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.

Our prayers for the Sick: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Alfreda McHale, Una Maddocks, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Andrew Murray, Paula Newton, Marcella Nicholls, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, Fr. Tony Rohan, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Uta Winter, Peter Wright, and all those at home, or in the nursing homes, & hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion.

Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them. Our Lady, help of the sick, pray for them.

COMING VERY SOON—AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN PARISH LIFE: NEW PERMANENT DEACON FOR ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY'S

Next week, on Sunday 13 July, 3pm at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, Paul Milton will be ordained by Archbishop Bernard as a permanent deacon to serve in the parishes of St Peter and Our Lady's but also beyond.

What is a permanent Deacon?



The ministry of the deacon – like the ministries of bishop and priest – can be traced back in the pages of the New Testament to the Church's earliest times. In the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6, we read how the apostles were starting to become overburdened by the administration involved in caring for the poor and vulnerable. Their primary vocation of preaching and evangelisation is being restricted. Seven men are chosen (including St Stephen, the first martyr) to carry out this role, and are ordained as deacons, that is servants or ministers.

Over the Christian centuries, the ministry of the deacon ceased to become a distinctive one in its own right and served as a step on the way to priesthood. Besides St Stephen, other notable deacons in the Church's life include St Lawrence who when asked to bring out the Church's treasure for the Emperor to steal, displayed the sick and the poor – and was martyred. St Francis of Assisi was a deacon too and never ordained a priest. Only exceptionally will any priest today not have been ordained a deacon first, but after weeks or months he is then ordained a priest. It was at the Second Vatican Council that the ministry of a permanent diaconate, men ordained to be deacons but not as part of their formation for the priesthood, was revived. It is an ordained ministry in its own right, therefore.

After a time of discerning a vocation and four years of formation, the diaconate is received by ordination from a bishop with, just as the Acts of the Apostles records, hands laid on the candidate's head. As an ordained minister the deacon wears clerical dress and may formally be described as 'the Rev Mr Smith' or informally as Deacon Fred. Married men may be ordained to the permanent diaconate but deacons, just like priests, may not marry after ordination.



What does a Deacon do?



In church, a permanent deacon assists at Mass by proclaiming the Gospel and leading the intercessions, by setting up the sacred vessels on the altar, by helping the priest receive the people's gifts of bread and wine, he distributes Holy Communion as an ordinary minister of Communion, tidies the altar and cleanses the vessels and at the very end, dismisses the people. He may also preach from time to time. He has a distinctive vestment, the dalmatic, and wears a stole differently to a priest, across the body joined on the right side.

Deacons are also ministers of baptism, and may take marriage and funeral services. Beyond this, as ministers of charity, deacons may visit the sick, take out Communion and engage in any pastoral and catechetical activity in the service of the Church. A deacon cannot of course exercise the priestly ministry of leading the celebration of Mass, hearing confessions or anointing the sick.

As a new deacon, Paul will be feeling his way for a while as he gathers experience of ministry. Like all deacons, Paul is not supported by the Church but works in the secular world to support his wife and family. Paul is by profession a solicitor and so has a wealth of experience to bring from that. Do pray for Paul and his family and do come along to the ordination if you can. Paul is a member of the Pastoral Council and will continue to be, and as an ordained minister of the parish he will join the Finance Committee too.

I look forward very much to working with Paul and the blessing his ministry will bring.

There's a coach organised from St Peter's car park with lists to sign up at the back of St Peter's and at Our Lady's.

Ordination by Archbishop Bernard: 3pm Sunday 13 July at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

Coach leaves St Peter's at 1.30pm, and will leave the Cathedral at 5.30pm (there will be refreshments after the ordination). Return fare £14.

St Stephen, St Lawrence, St Francis, and all holy deacons of the Church, pray for us!

Fr Stephen

