

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

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 20th July 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 20th</b> <b>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.</b>	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	McVeigh Family
	No Children's Liturgy 11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass No Children's Liturgy	Mary Fitzpatrick RIP; Anna Dalli RIP James Hannan RIP
Monday 21st Opt. Mem. St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Mary Immaculate, Warwick
Tuesday 22nd <b>Feast St Mary Magdalene</b>	1pm Requiem Mass	~	Michael Connolly RIP
Wednesday 23rd <b>Feast St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe</b>	~	10am Mass	Margaret & Toby Thorne RIP; Mark Lilly RIP
Thursday 24th Opt. Mem. St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest	~	~	6:30pm Adoration followed by 7pm Mass at St Joseph's, Whitnash
Friday 25th <b>Feast St James, Apostle</b>	3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	10am Mass at St Joseph's, Whitnash
Saturday 26th Mem. of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am Holy Hour	~	No Mass and No Confession this morning
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Special Intentions & Divine Mercy; Margaret Higgerson RIP
<b>SUNDAY 27th</b> <b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.</b>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	James & Eithne Dunne RIP; Thomas Ryan RIP Rev. Fr Fred Sheldon 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 **These emails are for safeguarding matters only.**

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Rose Thurlow, Antonio Rivera, Robert McManus, Christine Williamson, Pasquale Abbruscato, Timothy Canty, John Mannion, Hannah Falvey, Peter Wright, Elizabeth Hastings, Thomas McGreavy, Timothy O'Connell, Mgr. Peter Ryall, Cn. Laurence Kelly, Fr. Thomas Rock, Fr. Albert Leo Kelly, Fr. Anthony Owen, Fr. Euan Henderson, Fr. Joseph Tynan, Fr. Denis O'Shea, Fr. Basil Wrighton **The recently deceased:** Jimmy Bell, Agnes Pauling, Noel Mincher, Dcn. Adrian Davies, Maureen Behan, Lillian Lavery, Michael Connolly, Kevin O'Halloran, Margaret Higgerson, Dcn. Walter "Terry" Hum, Dcn. Tony Hewitt, Fred Pauling, Margaret Dewar. **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** Abraham and Sarah are the perfect hosts. He busies himself with practical details to make the three visitors welcome. She provides a proper meal. Abraham stands reverently and respectfully nearby, ready to see to his guests' needs. There is more to this visit than meets the eye, for it is an Old Testament disclosure of the three-fold nature of God Himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Notice how the singular and plural descriptions are both used in describing who comes, this is in the original Hebrew). In the Gospel reading, God again pays a visit for a meal. Jesus arrives at Martha and Mary's house. Martha immediately gets 'stuck in' bustling about to get things ready for this special guest whom she loves and respects. Unlike Abraham, however, she begins to lose sight of the real point of welcoming a guest: to give him or her loving and receptive attention. Jesus does not need us to dash around doing a thousand and one things we think He needs us to do. No, He wants us to welcome Him with a child's enthusiasm, happy in His presence, wanting to hear what He has to say, and do what He wants us to do. Martha is not doing wrong, she is simply misguided and allowed her concerns to get things right for her guest to run away with her. She is distracted from her guest by her chores to welcome Him. What Jesus wants is her—and our—attention. **God bless, Fr Stephen**

**AT ST PETER'S 11:15 MASS** we welcome Canon Edward Stuart who will celebrate the Mass this morning.

**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!**

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE:** Congratulations to the **Rev Paul Milton** who, at a very joyful occasion, was ordained Deacon last Sunday. There are links to the diocesan photographs of the events from the Catholic Leamington website and from our FaceBook page. Do have a look! Many parishioners of both our parishes attended, with a number forming part of the diocesan choir.

**CELEBRATING THIS ORDINATION:** This Sunday, Deacon Paul will be at Mass at Our Lady's and stay afterwards to meet parishioners properly over refreshments, impossible to do usually because of Mass times.

**Next Sunday** Deacon Paul will greet parishioners after the 11:15am Mass with refreshments in the hall at St Peter's.

**NEW VESTMENTS:** The arrival of our deacon means you will see new vestments in use. Thank you to all our donors.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN BOTH PARISHES:** Restarts after the summer holidays.

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

**COME & PLAY:** is on holiday until Tue 2 Sept 9.30-11. 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.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Bible Study continues on **Thursdays at 7pm** via zoom please contact Gabriel on 07778184345 for the link.

**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!

**PICK UP YOUR POST-IT:** Thank you to all who have had their say about what you value about our parishes, any fundraising ideas and any offers of particular skills. The notes will come down to be on 27 July for the Pastoral Council to consider.

**B'HAM 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.

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

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

**SPAN:** appeals £2,600 this month Thank you for your support to so many people. See [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span) for details.

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH BUILDING:** Some *good news*—an inspection last Thursday confirmed definitively that the building has no RAAC, a form of concrete popular in construction in the 60s and 70s that after all this time becomes prone to sudden collapse. Not therefore a worry for us! **PLUS** a group of nearly 20 volunteer parishioners met last week to begin to plan the practicalities of listing all the building work we need, of fundraising and writing grant applications and of driving the life of the parish forward. This is very much a 'doing' group, putting vision into action. It was very positive indeed!

**ST PETER'S HALL:** Member of the hall management team, the Finance Committee, the Pastoral Council and others have met one of the founders of 'Heart of Warwick' a charitable trust formed to take on the running of St Mary Immaculate's hall. There were many parallels there with the problems we face here. The work of trustees with a band of practical volunteers working hard has begun to turn things around in Warwick, minimising costs and maximising income. We would need a band of practical workers able to do the cleaning, light maintenance and any other practical work here too. The Pastoral Council and Finance Committee are considering whether to pay the parish's architect to draft some costed options for minimising the hall's running costs and maximising its appeal to hirers and users, which he has done for other parishes. The building as it is has many issues—the *whole* building, that is, beyond just the hall space which is what we mainly use. Once again *we repeat* that there will be **no decisions** about redevelopment, demolition, remodelling or sale of any building without the parish being consulted. ***This has been the clearly stated position of the Pastoral Council since the start and will continue to be so.***

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

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

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** SP 1st- £431.27, SP 2nd- £254.55; OL 1st- £253.07, OL 2nd- £208.09 *Plus standing orders and card donations.* 2nd Collection was for the Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris.

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

#### **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.**

**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, & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, & hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home.

**Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**