

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 27th July 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 27th 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Special Intentions & Divine Mercy ; Margaret Higgerson <i>RIP</i>
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	James & Eithne Dunne <i>RIP</i> ; Thomas Ryan <i>RIP</i> Fr Fred Sheldon <i>RIP</i>
Monday 28th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 29th <i>Mem. Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	10am Mass 1pm Requiem Mass	~	Ahmed Musa <i>RIP</i> Mary Behan <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 30th <i>Opt. Mem. St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	~	10am Mass	Maureen Colclough <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 31st <i>Mem. St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	10am Mass	~	Pat Mullin
Friday 1st June <i>Mem. St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Yvonne Grall <i>RIP</i>
Saturday 2nd <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9am Holy Hour 9:15-45am Confession 10am Mass	~	Thanksgiving Intentions of Henny & Aline
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Maureen King <i>RIP</i> ; Jarlath Perera <i>RIP Anniversary</i>
SUNDAY 3rd 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	Thanksgiving Daniel Warburton <i>RIP</i>

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: Thomas McGreavy, Timothy O'Connell, Mary Carruthers, Carol Geaney, Peter Corley, Czeslaw Golub, Sarah O'Rourke, Nora Quirke, Ellen Bermingham, Ellen Barrow, Rev. Fr. Denis O'Shea, Rev. Fr. Basil Wrighton, Rev. Fr. Thomas Duffy. **The recently deceased:** Agnes Pauling, Rev. Fr. Anthony "Tony" Rohan, Dcn. Brian Cox, Michael Connolly, Margaret Higgerson, Dcn. Walter "Terry" Hum, Dcn. Tony Hewitt. ***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 first and last readings this Sunday speak about prayer and our relationship with God. Abraham's discussion with God about saving the city of Sodom for the sake of fewer and fewer good people who might be in it, is of course an appeal to God's mercy. As such, Abraham has already begun to pray in accordance with God's nature: he is not presenting a 'wish list' to change God's mind about something. In the end, it is only Lot's family who are found to be righteous and escape, and the dreadful sins of the city are dreadfully punished. So when Jesus gives His disciples a model for prayer that we know as the 'Our Father' He leads us towards praying for what God wills. Beyond the obvious 'Thy will be done' the prayer is offered in the plural; we are a praying community engaged in the common task of serving God and neighbour. Furthermore, in asking for what we need both spiritually and physically we are indeed aligning ourselves with God's will as Jesus points out. Which father wouldn't want the good of his children? Our prayers may be answered in ways and times we cannot yet grasp. **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!**

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 greet parishioners after the 11:15am Mass with refreshments in the hall at St Peter's.

MASS INTENTIONS: The minimum amount of time needed to process intentions and reserve dates is 2 weeks from date of request. The earliest available Sunday Mass at OL is the end of August and at SP is the end of September.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN BOTH PARISHES: Restarts after 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 in person and via zoom please contact Gabriel on 07778184345 for the link.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: Every Friday from 11-12 Daventry 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 be considered by the Pastoral Council.

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.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH BUILDING: Some good news—a recent inspection 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 recently to begin planning the practicalities of listing all the building work we need, of fundraising, 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: Members 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.

SPAN: received thanks for your support of feeding programmes in Kenya and Uganda. A child cannot benefit from education when they have hunger.

JUSTICE & PEACE PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST : "80 years after the destruction of Hiroshima & Nagasaki, we pray that Pope Francis' condemnation of even the possession of nuclear weapons as immoral may be widely accepted as Catholic Social Teaching"

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: SP 1st— £522.78, SP 2nd (Ch. Maint.)- £385.96; OL 1st- £296.22, OL 2nd (Ch. Roof Repairs)- £233.38 Plus standing orders and card donations.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Main Altar** Sanctuary lamps burn for: **Jonathan McCollok**, The **St. Joseph Chapel** Lamp burns for: **Mark Lilly RIP**. 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.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME or SHARE WITH A
HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONER
OR RETURN IT TO THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR OTHERS
TO SEE
OR GIVE IT TO A PARISHIONER UNABLE TO COME.**

*Please don't leave in the pew!
Information and evangelisation... Thank you*

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, 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.