

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 3rd August 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 3rd 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Maureen King <i>RIP</i> ; Jarlath Perera <i>RIP</i>
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	Thanksgiving Daviel Warburton <i>RIP</i>
	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Monday 4th <i>Mem. St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>	~	~	
Tuesday 5th <i>Opt. Mem. Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>	10am Mass	~	Ahmed Musa <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 6th Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	6.00pm Mass	~	Ellen Barrow <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 7th <i>Opt. Mem. St Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	~	10am Mass	Patricia Robinson <i>RIP</i> 2nd anniv.
Friday 8th <i>Mem. St Dominic, Priest</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Private Intentions
Saturday 9th Feast St Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Rev. Fr. Jacob Lewis <i>RIP</i>
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Graham Quick <i>RIP</i>
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	Sinead O'Grady <i>RIP</i> Billy Lonsdale
SUNDAY 10th 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.	11.15am Sung Mass		

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: Ellen Barrow, Arthur Thurlow, Deirdre McConville, Donald Byrne, John Rellis, Antonio Munoz, Margaret Locke, Patrick Petticrew, Patricia Robinson, Maura Meade, Mary Woolley, Margaret Soomro, Anna Foley, Rev. Fr. David Ford, Rev. Fr. Cuthbert Brown, Rev. Fr. Francis Gwinnett. **The recently deceased:** Mary Hastings, Denis Meade, Noel Mincher, Dcn. Adrian Davies, Maureen Behan, Agnes Pauling, Rev. Fr. Anthony "Tony" Rohan, Dcn. Brian Cox, Michael Connolly. **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

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AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY

'Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home'. Pope John Paul II



WELCOME TO MASS: What can we achieve by ourselves? The author of Ecclesiastes, today's first reading, reflects on how sometimes despite our labours and our skills we do not come to enjoy what they have created. We must leave it all behind. In the Gospel Jesus' story, the rich man storing his possessions and his abundant crops in bigger and bigger barns, feeling safe and protected, suddenly has it all no more when he is called from this life. Paul, in the second reading, points us towards heavenly things and the imperishability of life with Christ. Thus, all the readings this week tug us away from reliance on the fruits of our own earthly labours. They point us towards what really matters and the absolute realities of faith, hope and love. These are not tangible and cannot be stored up in earthly barns, but create a richness with God, pointing us towards Him and our fellow human beings. We may take our faith inspired good deeds with us, as Revelation tells us, but our possessions, however we came by them, will never accompany us as we go forth from this world. **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!**

DENIS MEADE RIP: As those present know, just before the beginning of last Sunday's Mass at St Peter's faithful parishioner Denis Meade suddenly became unconscious in his pew. Despite the immediate efforts of medical professionals and first aiders in the congregation and the attempts of ambulance medics, sadly Denis never regained consciousness. Thank you for joining in prayers for him and for your understanding as Mass began late and differently, with part of the church inaccessible. Thank you to all who attended to him so quickly. Please pray for him and his family. His funeral will be on 20 Aug at 11am, St Peter's. May he rest in peace.

If you are troubled in any way by what happened please speak to others and you may find this resource helpful <https://suddencardiacarrestuk.org/get-support/resuscitation-attempt/>

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: May all parishioners who have been or are going away travel safely and return refreshed from happy holidays. Please holiday with God—almost every parish everywhere has a website with its Mass times. And please use the parish's website, some other websites claiming to list lots of parishes' Mass times are often out of date and not properly maintained. Only last year, we had visitors demanding why there was no noon Mass when it was on the internet—but it wasn't our own website!

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

HOLY ROSARY DEVOTION: Sunday 8:45am at Our Lady's and 10:45am at St Peter's an offering of the Rosary for discerning the renewed future of the parishes.

COME & PLAY: is on holiday until Tue 2 Sept 9.30-11. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887002

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

The draw of the **July 200 Club** took place at Pastimes on Tuesday. 1st Prize (£50) - no. 43 M. LaBarbera, 2nd Prize (£20) - no. 50 M. Wilson and 3rd Prize (£10) - no. 62 B. Quinn. Congratulations to the winners. If you would like to join the 200 Club please speak to Bill after the Sunday 11:15am Mass or at Pastimes on Tuesdays.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Bible Study is on **Thursdays 7pm** in person and via zoom. please contact Freya on **WHATSAPP** 07749929284 for the link.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: Every **Friday from 11-12** Daventry Room upstairs 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!

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, FRI 15 AUG: (Holy Day of Obligation). Mass at **St Peter's at 10am** and at **Our Lady's at 7pm**, refreshments follow.

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, Lily Lucey, 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.

SOMETHING GREATER: A course of foundation level preparation for exploring becoming a parish catechist. This is a very important ministry as clergy numbers decline: we cannot do without people passing on the faith to children and adults eager to learn, in preparation for receiving the sacraments. The introductory session is **Wed 10 Sept, 7.15pm St Mary Immaculate, Warwick**. To register email canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk

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

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

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: **17-19 Oct**. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

ST PETER'S HALL: The Hall management team needs a band of practical workers able to do the cleaning, light maintenance, and any other practical work in the hall in order to cut costs. 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. We may face problems that we simply can't afford to put right. 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 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 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: although not meeting in August, maintains all monthly core support locally and overseas. Thank you for your donations.

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

SOME LOCAL CLERGY MOVES NOW PUBLIC: **Fr Arul Samy** is to move to Tipton and Dudley, and **Fr Des Devenney** from Coventry to Southam. **Fr Ryan Service** from Sutton Coldfield moves to Kenilworth as **Fr Kevin Hooper** retires and will help in Leamington and Lillington. Pray for all moving.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: SP 1st—£379.11, SP 2nd (Ch. Maint.)—£182.79; OL 1st—£295.70, OL 2nd (Ch. Roof Repairs)—£279.87 Plus standing orders and card donations via the machine and internet.

MASS INTENTIONS: The minimum amount of time needed to book 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.

SP 200 CLUB: 7 DAY CANDLES: Following a new supply of candles, we are happy to announce that the preferred donation is going from £10 down to £5. 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 £5. 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.

FAKE EMAILS: At least one parishioner has had a fake email coming from someone pretending to be Fr Stephen. It can easily be spotted if you check the address it came from: all emails from Fr Stephen will be from either stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org or fr.stephen.day@rcaob.org

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.