

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 10th August 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 10th 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Graham Quick RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass	Sinead O'Grady RIP
			Billy Lonsdale
Monday 11th <i>Mem. of St. Clare, Virgin</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	10am Mass Reception: Lily Lucey 6pm	~	Margaret Higgerson RIP
Wednesday 13th <i>Blsd William Freeman, Pr., M.</i>	11am Requiem Mass		Lily Lucey RIP
Thursday 14th <i>Mem. St. Maximillian Mary Kolbe, Pr., M.</i>	~	10am Mass	Private Intention (S.A.F.)
Friday 15th SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM <i>(Holy Day of Obligation.)</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	7pm Mass	Kathleen Hannan RIP & Elizabeth Clancy RIP The People of the Parish
Saturday 16th <i>Opt. Mem. St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Mary & Sarah O'Mullane RIP
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Mary Shannon
SUNDAY 17th 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.		9.15am Sung Mass	Noel Mincher RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass		Alain Beyiha's Birthday 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 **These emails are for safeguarding matters only.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Margaret Soomro, Anna Foley, Mairead Lewis, Kathleen Couzens, Mary Kearney, Winifred Moore, John "Vince" Coleman, Mary O'Mullane, Jonas Kunigskis, Christopher Daly, Mary Shannon, Rev. Fr. Denis Manion, Rev. Fr. Thomas Dennison, Rev. Fr. Michael McGrath, Rev. Fr. Kevin Keany, Rev. Fr. Keith Enston, Rev. Fr. Terence Smith.

The recently deceased: Fr Paul Johnson, Lily Lucey, Mary Hastings, Denis Meade, Noel Mincher, Dcn. Adrian Davies, Maureen Behan, Agnes Pauling, Rev. Fr. Anthony "Tony" Rohan, Dcn. Brian Cox.

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](#)

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AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY

'It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death.' Pope Pius XII



WELCOME TO MASS: Today's readings sound almost as if they should be used in Advent with their theme of watching and waiting for the Lord. We are called to be ready for him. What are to get ready for? Of course, ultimately, we must be ready for Lord to come again at the great last day of resurrection and reward, but before that there is not only preparation for our own deaths and the encounter with God that will follow, but also for those encounters with God now. When does He break into our lives? In suffering or in joy, in church or in the street, in the sacraments and in one another, He is present in different ways. So the idea is not to be sleeping the sleep of carelessness, where ignoring or forgetting God's presence means we do as we please, but to know that God is not absent and not somewhere else. St Basil wrote that waiting and watchfulness are hallmarks of the Christian, standing prepared in a state of responsiveness to God, knowing that He will come. And not always as we might think. **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!

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 website they'd looked at!

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.

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

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 Lady's great summer feast, celebrating the heavenly destiny of Christ's perfect disciple—His Mother. May our following of Jesus lead us to glory too. There is also a Vigil Mass at St Joseph's, Whitnash at 7pm the night before (Thursday).

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: Every Friday from 11-12 Davenport 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!

NEXT SUNDAY—WARWICK MARTYRS' WALK 3pm departure from St Peter's to meet pilgrims from Warwick and Whitnash at Martyr's Field for evening prayer. There is a chance for refreshment on the way back.

FUTURE FUNERALS: Fr Tony Rohan RIP: reception at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch Mon 18 Aug 6pm, funeral Mass Tue 19 at noon. Denis Meade RIP: reception 4pm Tue 19 Aug, funeral Mass 11am 20 Aug.

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**. Email canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk

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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? WANT TO KNOW MORE?

ABOUT YOUR FAITH? FEELING THE CALL TOO BE CONFIRMED? Our annual *Come and See* sessions will begin again in the autumn. We shall be looking to register interest next month.

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.

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Not known at time of printing. **Thank you** for all your giving in cash, by card machine, via the internet or by standing order.

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.

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 two parishioners have 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.uk.

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! 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 can't deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other family members, but face to face.