

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

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 31st August 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 31st</b> <b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.</b>	Confession 4.15-4.45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Patrick McHale <i>RIP</i> anniv; Mary McGivern <i>RIP</i> ; Lily Lucey <i>RIP</i>
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b>	David Ayres <i>RIP</i> ; Private Intention Pro Populo
Monday 1st <i>Feria</i> <b>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</b>	~	~	<b>9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash</b>
Tuesday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Christine Lawrence <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 3rd <b>Feast St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor</b>	~	<b>1pm Mass</b>	<b>Requiem: Mary Hastings <i>RIP</i></b>
Thursday 4th <i>Opt. Mem. St Cuthbert, Bishop</i>	10am Mass	~	Rev. Gwyn Clement <i>RIP</i>
Friday 5th <i>Feria: First Friday</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Diane Convey <i>RIP</i> ; Sheila Sprawson <i>RIP</i> Aniv.
Saturday 6th <i>Opt. Mem. Our Lady on Saturday: First Saturday</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	The Deceased members of the Holland & Price family
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Agnes Pauling <i>RIP</i>
<b>SUNDAY 7th</b> <b>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.</b>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b>	Agnes & Fredrick Pauling <i>RIP</i> Choir Members; Henny & Aline Thanksgiving

**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](mailto: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.**

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Winifred Jennings, Eileen Long, Nuala Scarisbrick, Una Forde, Jason Kelsey, Paul Bidmead, Christine Lawrence, Anthony McKenna, Paul Doyle, Ann Reilly, Attilio DeMatteis, Theresa Hortas, David Dimambro, Bridget Purcell, John Collins, Mary Connolly. Cn. John Nightingale, Mgr. James Dunlop-Crichton, Rev. Fr. Brendan O'Malley, Rev. Fr. Thomas O'Doherty, Rev. Fr. James Holland, Rev. Fr. Paul Devaney, Rev. Fr. Edwin Cownley.

**The recently deceased:** Christopher O'Sullivan, Stan Phipps, Josephine Mander, Alison Young, Rev. Fr Paul Johnson, Mary Hastings, Denis Meade, Noel Mincher, Agnes Pauling.

**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



SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF  
THE HOLY CROSS & OF OUR BLESSED LADY'S BIRTHDAY AND IS  
DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

*'At the Cross, her station keeping, stood the mournful mother weeping'* The *Stabat Mater*

St Peter's & Our Lady's Churches, working with St Joseph's Church as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

**WELCOME TO MASS:** The readings today speak of how it is God who exalts us and not ourselves. Sirach speaks of the need for meekness and humility which bring favour from God. Jesus tells the parable of the wedding guest who assumes a more honoured place than he should and has to be moved down, and contracts that with sitting in a lowly place and being asked to move up higher. We are not told these things in order to encourage rank or personal importance, but to recognise that being open to God's grace is best done from meekness and humility. After all, the Lord tells us elsewhere that we are to be like children if we are to enter the kingdom of God. A realisation of the worth of other people comes from not being obsessed with our own. Likewise, our understanding of God's glory should prompt a response that notices not only what He wants us to do but also the people He wants us to serve. **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:** returns at both parishes next week

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

**WORD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION:** Pope Francis established **1 Sept** as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging Catholics around the world to pray for our common home. Let us join together to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary for the care of creation. See CAFOD Creation prayer or CAFOD family prayer

**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. Please email Gareth at [rcia.cathleam@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.cathleam@gmail.com) to register your interest.

**COME & PLAY:** Recommences this week on **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 **07749929284** The Young Adult Group is open to **all 18-35 Catholics**.

**STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS:** Every **Friday from 11am-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!

**FORTHCOMING FUNERALS:** **Mary Hastings** RIP: Requiem Our Lady's Wed 3 Sept 1pm. **Josephine Mander** RIP: Requiem Our Lady's Wed 10 Sept 1pm. **Christopher O'Sullivan** RIP Requiem St Peter's Thu 11 Sept 12 noon. **Alison Young** RIP: Service Our Lady's Thurs 18 Sept 1pm.

**SOMETHING GREATER:** A course of foundation level preparation for exploring becoming a parish catechist. This introductory session is on **Wed 10 Sept, 7.15pm St Mary Immaculate, Warwick**. Email [canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk). Being able to pass on the faith with confidence is a vital part of the Church's mission.

**OUR LADY'S HERITAGE OPEN DAY:** **14 Sept 2025** from 2-4pm.

**ST PETER'S HERITAGE OPEN DAY:** **13 and 20 Sept** from 11am—4pm. Some helpers to 'meet and greet' and help with refreshments would be welcome. Please see Clare Burdett.

**THE COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCIL** for St Peter's and Our Lady's meets next on **17 Sept**. Don't forget that you can speak to any Council

member about anything in the life of the parishes. There are details of members on the Catholic Leamington website, how to contact them if you miss them at church, and the meetings' minutes are there too. Members are Martin Foley (chair) SP, Anne Elson SP, Ira Winter SP, Dcn Paul Milton, Simon Tibke OL, Gill Ayers-Hunt OL and Fr Stephen.

**PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH:** St. Peter's hall, **28 Sept 1pm**. £15 for 3-course lunch plus wine. Sign up on the list at back of church, or contact **Giovanna 07780 543976**.

**JUMBLE SALE:** **4 October** in St Peter's hall, organised by Pastimes

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

**ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS FAIR:** **15 Nov** in St Peter's Hall, organised by Pastimes.

**OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR:** **29 Nov** at Our Lady's

**A VISION FOR ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY'S:** Please speak to or email its chair, Martin, at [martinfoley73@gmail.com](mailto:martinfoley73@gmail.com) or any Pastoral Council member in person (membership details on the same web pages) or email the parish office. Next meeting of the Pastoral Council is **17 Sept**. **200 Club:** The 200 Club draw took place at Pastimes on Tuesday, the winners are 1st Prize (£50) V. Oppenheimer; 2nd Prize (£20) M. Haggins; and 3rd Prize (£10) M. Curran. Congratulations to the Winners, if you would like to join the 200 Club please speak to Bill at Pastimes or after the 11:15am Mass on Sundays.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** **SP** 1st Collection - £1,073.28, 2nd Collection (Church Maintenance) - £786.63; **OL** 1st Collection - £261.86, 2nd Collection (Church Roof Repairs) - £188, plus giving, by card machine, via the internet and by standing order. **Thank you.**

**SPAN** We received thanks for giving life-changing access to clean water in Togo – West Africa. Thank you for your donations.

**SYNODALITY:** A summary of the **Pathways for the Implementation Phase of the Synod 2025-2028** can be found in August EXTRA.

**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 start of October and at SP is the end of September.

**7 DAY CANDLES:** The **St. Joseph's Chapel** candle burns for **Aline, in Thanksgiving**. The **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns for **Deceased members of the Burns & Lee Family**.

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.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** Beth Sharpe, the newly appointed Headteacher of Trinity Catholic School and a member of our St Peter's congregation, would be very happy to answer any questions you may have about the role. You can contact Beth directly at [bsharpe@tcs.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:bsharpe@tcs.magnificat.org.uk) or 07512 767025, or catch her before or after Sunday Mass. To understand more about the importance of Foundation Governors, you can watch Archbishop Bernard's video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fadeh5QR9wA>

**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.

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Jim Bell, 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, David Mander, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Paula Newton, Marcella Nicholls, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, 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.*