

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

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 7th September 2025: Holy Year



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THANK YOU!

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 7th</b> <b>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.</b>	Confession 4.15-4.45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Agnes Pauling RIP
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>With Children's Lit.</i>	Agnes & Fredrick Pauling RIP  Choir Members; Henny & Aline Thanksgiving
Monday 8th <b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	~	~	<b>9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash</b>
Tuesday 9th <i>Mem. St Osburg of Coventry, Abbess</i>	10am Mass	~	7th Wedding anniv. of Theodora Francis & Daniel Boos
Wednesday 10th <i>Mem. Bl. Agnellus of Pisa</i>	~	<b>1pm Mass</b>	<b>Requiem: Josephine Mander RIP</b>
Thursday 11th <i>Feria</i>	<b>12Noon Mass</b>	~	<b>Requiem: Christopher O'Sullivan RIP</b>
Friday 12th <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10am Mass <i>with SP Sch</i> 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Intentions of Anne McHale; Gina Rint RIP
Saturday 13th <i>Mem. St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Lily Lucey RIP
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Eileen Godfrey RIP
<b>SUNDAY 14th</b> <b>FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>With Children's Lit.</i>	Mary Hastings RIP  Martin Lowry RIP; Zainab Lawless 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](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:** Vincent O'Halloran, Zainab Lawless, David Dimambro, Bridget Purcell, John Collins, Mary Connolly, John O'Callaghan, John Wilson, Anne Cronin, Christina Finn, Ronald Hall, Patrick Kennedy, John Kehily, Maureen Brophy, Leopoldine Esslinger, David Scannell, John Stephens, Elizabeth Burt, Rev. Mgr. Thomas Fallon, Rev. Fr. Edwin Cownley, Rev. Fr. Anthony Taylor, Rev. Fr. David Hutt, Rev. Fr. Dominic Round, Rev. Fr. Guy Colman.

**The recently deceased:** Rev. Paul Mayland, Eileen Drew, Patricia Bishop, Christopher O'Sullivan, Stan Phipps, Josephine Mander, Alison Young, Rev. Fr Paul Johnson, Mary Hastings, and Sr. Angela McCormack.

**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:** Jesus speaks forthright words to us today. Of course, He calls us to love not hate. To focus our attention on Him is to see the Cross and the vast depths of love Christ displayed by dying on it for us. We follow a God who is love, and that should always lead us to love in return. We cannot be like Jesus without being loving. His risen body is scarred by His sacrificial loving on the cross. Perhaps some of us have loved at great personal cost and may feel scarred by its effects. Too often the world chooses violence, injustice and revenge but like Jesus it should choose peace, love and mercy. That might not be easy and it might indeed be painful, but to choose Christ is to choose mercy and peace over fear, hostility and anger every day. The cross is at the heart of who Jesus is and what He came to do, and is therefore at the heart of our faith. We sign it on bodies that we might live it in our lives. **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!**

**THIS SUNDAY** **Bl Carlo Acutis** and **Bl Pier Giorgio** will be canonised in Rome. Both died young and displayed a great love of Jesus and His Church.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: returns** at both parishes this 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.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION:** 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. 1 Sept—4 Oct

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

**ABOUT YOUR FAITH? FEELING THE CALL TO 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.

**SPAN:** Our September meeting is on Mon. 7pm in SP Davenport Room.

**COME & PLAY: Tue 9.30-11** in SP Hall

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

**SOMETHING GREATER:** A course of foundation level preparation for exploring becoming a parish catechist, or simply deepening your knowledge of the faith. This introductory session is **this Wed, 7.15pm St Mary Immaculate, Warwick**. Being able to pass on the faith with confidence is a vital part of the Church's mission. Email [canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk). **Do come along to see what it's about.**

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Bible Study is on **Thurs 7pm** in person and via zoom. Please contact Freya on **07749929284** The Young Adults Group is open to **all 18-35 year olds**. Plenty of other events too.

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

**Patricia "Pat" Bishop** RIP Requiem St. Peter's 24 Sep 12 noon. **Eileen Drew** RIP Requiem St Peter's 26 Sep 11am

**SR ANGELA MCCORMACK** RIP Some of you remember Sr Angela's ministry in the area. Her funeral is at Selly Park Convent, 10 Sept, 11am

**NEXT SUNDAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY:** a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop on the this day we keep to pray for Catholic schools.

**OUR LADY'S HERITAGE OPEN DAY: Next Sunday** from 2-4pm.

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

**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.

**KINDAID QUIZ NGHT Fri 19 Sept** Our Lady's Hall. £5. Bar & sandwiches.

**PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH:** SP hall, **28 Sept 1pm**. £15 for 3-courses plus wine. Sign up on at back of church, or ring **Giovanna 07780 543976**.

**GET READY TO JUMBLE SALE!:** Commencing at **1pm on 4 October** in St Peter's hall, the Pastimes group has organised this event and are looking for volunteers to help. We also require donations of jumble. Please see **Mary Curran** at Pastimes, or contact **Freya** from the **Young Adult Group** to make your interest known. Thank you.

**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** St Peter's Hall, run by Pastimes

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

**DISABILITY AUDIT:** Father Hudson's Caritas and the Archdiocese are carrying out an audit and listening exercise across the parishes to look at how well people with disabilities are included. The idea is to consider what happens now and to consider what can be improved. What would a truly inclusive and welcoming church look like? Would you like to be part of a group looking at this? Do you experience disability yourself or an interest in the issues? As a first step, we will meet to complete the draft audit and to share ideas or you can respond individually. The draft audit needs to be responded to by Sept 22. If you wish to be involved please contact Mary Holden on **01926 420045** or email [mcxhold-en@virginmedia.com](mailto:mcxhold-en@virginmedia.com)

**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**.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: SP** 1st Collection - £581.71, 2nd Collection (Church Maintenance) - £293.95; **OL** 1st Collection - £266.20, 2nd Collection (Church Roof Repairs) - £228.66, plus giving, by card machine, via the internet and by standing order. 2nd Collections this week are: SP: Church Maintenance and OL: Church Roof Repairs **Thank you.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** The minimum amount of time needed to book dates is **2 weeks from date of request.**

**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 £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.

#### **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.*