

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

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C: Sunday 21st September 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 21st 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: MISSION	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Mr. & Mrs. P. Moran <i>RIP</i> ; Sean Bell <i>RIP</i>
	11.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Lit.</i>	John Salt <i>RIP</i> John Anthony Kiernan b'day, Sheila Griffin <i>RIP</i>
Monday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 23rd <i>Mem. St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	10am Mass	~	Steiner Family; John Smith <i>RIP</i> Birthday anniv.
Wednesday 24th Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	12pm Requiem Mass	9.30am Mass in OLST Sch	Private Intention Requiem: Patricia Bishop <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 25th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Kitty & Jack Ryan <i>RIP</i>
Friday 26th <i>Opt. Mem. Ss Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs</i>	11am Requiem Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Requiem: Eileen Drew
Saturday 27th <i>Mem. St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Deceased of the Maestri Family
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Deacon Paul Milton
SUNDAY 28th 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Lit.</i>	Elizabeth & Adrian Pauling 30th Wedding anniv. Marie Louise Beyiha <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 Susan Chan sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **These emails are for safeguarding matters ONLY.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: James Dunbar, Giulietta, Browne, Caroline Mancini, John Daly, Noel O'Sullivan, Catherine Ryan, Teresa D'Souza, Brigid Dunbar, John Cronin, Sheila Griffin, Mary McCann. Rev. Mgr. Michael McTernan, Rev. Mgr. Henry Farrelly, Rev. Cn. David Mellor, Rev. Cn. Albert Adams, Cn. Peter Reilly, Rev. Fr John Steward, Rev. Fr. John Roddy, Rev. Bernard McAllister, Rev. Fr. Peter Lloyd, Rev. Fr John Bale, Rev. Fr Gordon Bancks, Rev. Fr. Paul Orchard.

The recently deceased: Rev. Fr Noel Breslin, Paula Hodgkinson, Christine Prior, Alfreda McHale, Sue Maher, Rev. Paul Mayland, Eileen Drew, Patricia Bishop, Alison Young.

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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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: If you are a visitor, a new arrival in the area, or a student returning or arriving, please say hello to Fr Stephen or Deacon Paul. There is tea and coffee and conversation available after Mass on Sunday mornings in the hall. Today we celebrate and pray for the worldwide mission of the Church, its work to proclaim the Gospel to all. Today's parable must rank as one of the oddest Jesus tells. But it is good to remember its context: immediately before this He tells the parables of the Lost Coin and of the Prodigal Son. Perhaps there is something about God's mercy in here too? Jewish law forbade the charging of interest and so a complex accounting system developed to get round that. Managers (or stewards) were an important part of the practical dealings of any merchant or tradesman. This one is caught fiddling and will be sacked but with an astuteness that even his master can appreciate, the manager creates a final reckoning that seems to suit everyone.

If we imagine a kind spiritual wealth analogous to money, we may ask ourselves what are we doing to protect and develop that? Are we reading, talking and reflecting about our faith? Do we get going like the Manager when the good of our relationship with God needs it? Sometimes our broken relationships and failings just need the door to God's grace and mercy kept open, that the faith we have may lead to yet more. No one in this parable is cast out: if we are children of light then that precious gift must be tended even more than our bank accounts, pensions, and investments. **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!
PARISH GROUPS & NEWS

FR NOEL BRESLIN RIP: It is with great sadness that we relay the news that Fr Noel died last Tuesday. He will be missed by many in Leamington and Lillington and beyond. Pray for him and his family. May he rest in peace.

FR KEVIN HOOPER: Fr Kevin will retire as parish priest of Kenilworth in the first weekend of Oct. He moves to Leamington, and once settled in will begin a retirement ministry helping in Leamington and beyond. The new priest at Kenilworth is Fr Ryan Service, assistant at Sutton Coldfield

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS: Patricia 'Pat' Bishop RIP Requiem St. Peter's 24 Sep 12 noon. Eileen Drew RIP Requiem St Peter's 26 Sep 11am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: At both parishes on Sunday mornings.

COME & PLAY: Tue 9.30-11 in St Peter's Hall

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm In St Peter's Hall.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP: contact Freya on 07749 929284 or 07565 142204

STUDY & REFLECTION ON MASS READINGS: Every Friday from 11am-12 Davenport Room upstairs in SP hall. All welcome.

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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Fridays 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of Mercy come to implore mercy for the world and praise God!

DISABILITY AUDIT: At Our Lady's an informal meeting will be held after the 9:15 Mass today to share any issues that make it difficult for some to fully participate in the life of the church. Please speak to Anna Godwin on Tel: 01926 259496 or email: annagodwin@talktalk.net The draft audit needs to be responded to by Sept 22. At St Peter's Please contact Mary Holden on 01926 420045 or Email: mcxholden@virginmedia.com

EVENTS

PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH: St Peter's Hall, Today at 1pm.

YOUTH GROUP: All children in years 6, 7 or 8 are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursdays of 25 Sept, 23 Oct, 27 Nov & 18 Dec. in Davenport Room at St Peter's Church Hall 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Speak to Deacon Paul for more information.

WEDDING: Saturday 27 Sept 2pm Theresa Day will be married to Thomas Hayes. All parishioners are welcome to the service (it is *not* a Mass) and to enjoy a glass afterwards in the front garden (if dry) or hall.

Our prayers for the Sick: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Jim Bell, 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, 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.

CAFOD: Harvest Family Fast Day is Friday 3 Oct. To support this there will be a soup lunch in St Peter's Hall 12 - 1.30pm. Delicious homemade soups and good company, everyone welcome. The second collection on Sun 5 Oct will be for CAFOD—the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development aid agency

ANNUAL SERVING THANKSGIVING MASS: All Altar Servers and their families are invited to join this year's event for the Guild of St Stephen. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans on Sat 4 Oct, 12pm at St Chad's Cathedral. Refreshments to follow. Please speak to Adrian on 07485 049692 so numbers can be provided to the Cathedral in advance.

GET READY TO JUMBLE SALE!: 1:30pm on 4 October, 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 Freya (YAG) to make your interest known.

COME AND SEE (RCIA): Interested in becoming Catholic? Want to know more about faith or feeling the call to be Confirmed? Our annual *Come and See* sessions will begin on Thu 9 Oct, 7.30pm in Our Lady's church hall. Email Gareth at rcia.cathleam@gmail.com

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 22 Sept to 5 Oct. Buy fairly traded goods bearing the FairTrade mark to support the world's farmers. It means they get a fair price and so can invest in their farms, feed their families and invest in their futures with proud self-sufficiency.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP PRAYER INTENTION: That we may be aware of our dependence on the *natural world* and respect it in our lives.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL NURSERY: Vacancies for children for 15 or 30 hour weekly sessions. Please see poster in St Peter's porch.

COLLECTIONS: SP 1st Coll - £560.37, 2nd Coll £330.49; OL 1st Coll - £259.47, 2nd Coll - £208.60, plus giving, by card machine, via the internet and by standing order. *Thank you.* 2nd Colls last week were for **CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**. 2nd Coll this week are for **CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION**. 2nd Coll next week are for **FR HUDSON'S SOCIETY**.

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

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the Our Lady Chapel candle burns: **In memory of Gerry Quinn RIP** and the Main Altar candle burns for: **Paddy Rochford 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 £5.

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.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL met on Wednesday. Minutes will be on the website in due course. Matters discussed included the vision statements for the parishes and people's positive responses (echoed by the post-it notes of positivity): the diocesan planned giving campaign that all parishes should run: Our Lady's vision and action group: St Peter's Hall making more money than last year but facing more building issues: a decision to commission an architect's feasibility study to find the best way to use/renovate/rebuild/reconfigure the hall complex (in consultation with the parish, of course, as has always been stressed): news from the local cluster of parishes.

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.