

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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Time Year C: Sunday 14th September 2025: Holy Year



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 14th FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (EDUCATION SUNDAY)	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Eileen Godfrey RIP
	11.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Lit.</i>	Mary Hastings RIP Martin Lowry RIP; Zainab Lawless RIP
Monday 15th Mem. Our Lady of Sorrows	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 16th <i>Mem. Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bp. M.</i>	10am Mass	~	Stan Godwin RIP
Wednesday 17th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Hildegard of Bingen</i>	~	10am Mass	Stanley Wilfred Taylor RIP
Thursday 18th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	1pm Service	Eileen Drew RIP Funeral: Alison Young RIP
Friday 19th <i>Feria</i>	9.30am Mass at St Ant Sch 12 noon Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Robert Chaperon RIP
Saturday 20th <i>Mem. St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Pr., Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, M.</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Anne Cole RIP
	Confession 4.15-4.45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Mr. & Mrs. P. Moran RIP
SUNDAY 21st 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>With Children's Lit.</i>	John Salt RIP John Anthony Kiernan b'day, Sheila Griffin 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 ; **St Peter's** Susan Chan sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **These emails are for safeguarding matters only.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Leopoldine Esslinger, David Scannell, John Stephens, Elizabeth Burt, Zainab Lawless, Clarence Gowing, Ita Edwards, Flora DeMatteis, Helmut Jagusz, Brendan Donaghy, Stanley Godwin, Anne Usen, John Curran, John White, James Dunbar, His Grace Archbishop Dwyer, Rev. Cn. Peter McKenna, Rev. Cn. David Mellor, Rev. Fr. Guy Colman, Rev. Fr. Richard Dinnis, Rev. Fr. Patrick Meagher, Rev. Fr. William Oddie, Rev. Fr. Alan Holtham, Rev. Fr. Peter Lees, Rev. Fr. John Steward, Rev. Fr. John Roddy.

The recently deceased: Alfreda McHale, Sue Maher, Rev. Paul Mayland, Eileen Drew, Patricia Bishop, Christopher O'Sullivan, Stan Phipps, Josephine Mander, Alison Young, 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

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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 thank God for the Cross of Jesus Christ, the way in which we are saved and find union with God. It is impossible to over-state the importance of the Cross, its declaration of God's love for humanity, and the reverence we should grant it. In the Scriptures today the bronze serpent lifted on a pole shows the Israelites their unfaithfulness and the punishing snakes sent among them, yet promises God's healing. Jesus lifted up on the Cross reveals God's love and mercy offered to all who gaze upon Him with love and penitence in their hearts. Jesus, the Divine Carpenter, meekly accepts the Cross from the hands of His executioners and makes of it the workshop of our salvation where its wood and nails create the profoundest gift imaginable. It becomes a triumphant throne where a cosmic victory changes everything. No other carpenter can fashion God's love and mercy like this!

If you visit the basilica Sancte Croce in Rome, you may come face to face with the relics of the Passion today: a truly moving experience.

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

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

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 on Thu 9 Oct, 7.30pm in Our Lady's church hall. Email Gareth at rcia.cathleam@gmail.com to

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.

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: **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

OUR LADY'S HERITAGE OPEN DAY: **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 tea 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 (contact in person or by email welcome.martin-foley73@gmail.com), Anne Elson SP, Ira Winter SP, Dcn Paul Milton, Simon Tibke OL, Gill Ayers-Hunt OL and Fr Stephen. Items on the agenda include a consideration of the very helpful parish post it notes that were

written and displayed; the possible commissioning of an architect's feasibility study to give expert advice on the use, remodelling or development of the hall complex to give us a building that can take us into the fifty years; the Diocesan planned giving campaign that is about to start.

WALKING TOGETHER: Meets on **Thu 18 Sept 7.30pm, Our Lady's hall**.

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

DISABILITY AUDIT: 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 mcxholden@virginmedia.com

WEDDING: On 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.

SPAN: Thanks to your donations we have sent £500 to Let the Children Live! In Colombia, £500 Tools for Self-Reliance in Malawi, £500 Sand Dams Worldwide in Kenya, £400 Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya, £200 Darfur via CAFOD in Sudan and £500 Earthquake Appeal via CAFOD in Afghanistan.

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 **1:30pm 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 07749929284** to make your interest known. Thank you.

FR KEVIN HOOPER: Fr Kevin will retire as parish priest of Kenilworth on the first weekend of Oct. He moves to Leamington, and once settled in will begin a retirement ministry helping in Leamington and beyond. This will be a welcome boost to parish life and pastoral ministry.

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 CHRISTMAS FAIR: **15 Nov** St Peter's Hall, run by Pastimes

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

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: **SP** 1st Collection - £636.27, 2nd Collection (Church Maintenance) - £357.45; **OL** 1st Collection - £216.38, 2nd Collection (Church Roof Repairs) - £213.79, plus giving, by card machine, via the internet and by standing order. 2nd Collections this week at both Churches: Catholic Education Service **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.

ST PETER'S HALL: Such a large building complex continues to throw up maintenance issues and therefore costs. The flat roof over the front entrance to the flat and annex is now leaking, alas. This is a part of the complex with the least use. It has been patch repaired to get through the winter. The Pastoral Council will be considering the commissioning of an architect's feasibility study to see how best to create a complex that will see us into the next 50 years plus.

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, 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.