

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

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A: Sunday 18th January 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 18th 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: PEACE SUNDAY, OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	John Walsh RIP; Patrick Mulholland RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	9.15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	Kathleen Taylor RIP Carol Bowler's Intentions; Susan Day RIP
Monday 19th <i>S. Wulstan, Bishop, Religious</i>	10am Mass	~	Pauline Mills
Tuesday 20th <i>Opt. S. Fabian, Pope, Martyr</i>	11am Mass	~	Requiem: Lino di Marco RIP
Wednesday 21st <i>S. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>	~	10am Mass	Fiona Woodall's Health
Thursday 22nd <i>Opt. S. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr</i>	11:30am Mass	~	Requiem: John Walsh RIP
Friday 23rd <i>Opt. S. Nicholas Owen, Martyr</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Tim & Mary Cashman's Intentions
Saturday 24th <i>S. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Peter Dimambro RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Brian McHale RIP
SUNDAY 25th 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS	11:15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	9.15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	Una Maddocks' Intentions; Anna Dalli RIP Bill Lee RIP; Deceased of the Clancy Family

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

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Pauline Rome, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Anselmo LeBrone, Dominica Treacy, Catherine Crowley, John Coombes, Anne Purfield, Susan Day, Rose Woodhouse, Peter Barton, Elizabeth Cooper, Kathleen Connolly, Julia Keiser, Martha Henn, Margaret Hawthorne, Thomas Murphy, Rev. Mgr. Peter Dao-Duc-Diem, Rev. Cn. Garrett Byrne, Rev. Cn. Bernard McKenna, Rev. Cn. Thomas Copsey, Rev. Fr. Archibald Snell, Rev. Fr. Timothy Dinan, Rev. Fr. Cecil Keane, Rev. Fr. Bernard Robertson, Rev. Fr. Edward Kirner, Rev. Fr. Michael Walshe, Rev. Fr. George Jackson, Rev. Fr. John Tolkien, Rev. Fr. Joseph McKenna, Rev. Fr. David Lloyd, Rev. Fr. Charles Rose, Rev. Fr. John Garvey, Rev. Fr. Vincent Royles, Rev. Fr. Anthony Timlin.

The recently deceased: Marie Kennedy, Pauline Morris, John Milton, Rev. Fr. David Keniry, Lino di Marco, John Walsh, Mgr. Vaughan Morgan.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE SUNDAY Almighty God, we thank you for your gift of peace. Your peace is 'unarmed and disarming' not victory or defeat, but fraternity and dialogue, the fruit of justice and forgiveness. Open our eyes to see the world, not from the viewpoint of the mighty but from that of the window, the orphan, the stranger, the wounded child, the exile and the refugee. We pray for change to come—a new era, the dawn of your kingdom of justice and peace. Disarm our hearts, Lord, that we may have peace in ourselves and bring that gift to others. Amen

JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



SCAN TO SEE THE
MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE

After Sunday
Morning Masses in the
church halls
All Welcome!

FACEBOOK PAGES

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON is [here](#)

OUR LADY's is [here](#)
Links from website too

MORE ALTAR SERVERS

ALWAYS WELCOME!

Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at
St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

WELCOME TO MASS: If you are a visitor, or a new arrival in the area, do say hello to Fr Stephen, Deacon Paul or Fr Kevin. There is tea and coffee and conversation available after both Masses on Sundays in the hall.

The first reading from Isaiah speaks of the servant called from the womb and sent as 'a light to the nations'. This is not a small calling: God asks the servant to restore His people and reveal His glory. A calling given while yet unborn, no less. Yet the tone is gentle, rooted in God's strength rather than human confidence. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points away from himself and toward Christ, the 'Lamb of God'. His whole mission is to help others recognise Jesus when He appears. Both John and Jesus were destined from the moment of their conceptions in the womb to be herald and saviour—Scripture makes this perfectly clear in the stories of their births. Together, these readings remind us that discipleship is both deeply personal, rooted in the beginning of our unique existence, and profoundly outward-looking. God calls each of us by name, not for our own sake alone, but so that His light may reach others through us. To follow Christ is to become a signpost—quietly, faithfully—helping the world to see the One who brings healing, mercy, and peace. And so on this Peace Sunday, let us all point to the Prince of Peace by seeking His grace to be the disciples He has called us to be.

God bless you, 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 WEEK

PEACE SUNDAY: This Sunday is designated **Peace Sunday** as a day to pray for peace, and to remind us that peace starts with us, in our hearts and minds. Pope Leo asks us to pray for an unarmed and disarming peace. There are so many conflicts, some of which news media simply ignore, as well as others we know so much about. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, Iran, Sudan, the Middle East, Myanmar, Congo, West Africa, Somalia and Ethiopia. There are prayers cards available. Peace Sunday in this country is promoted by *Pax Christi* who have many resources on their website here paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2026/

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The annual week of prayer for the unity of all Christians begins this Sunday. There is an ecumenical prayer service as usual at St Paul's CofE Church, Leicester St at 6.30pm, led by the vicar. The speaker is Mike Royal, a pentecostalist bishop of the Apostolic Pastoral Congress denomination and chair of Churches Together in England.

HOLY ROSARY DEVOTION: Sunday 8:45am at OL and 10:45am at SP for discerning the renewed future of the parishes.

SPAN:

COME & PLAY: Parent & toddler group on Tue 9:30-11am in SP Hall

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: on Tuesday 12-3pm in SP Hall.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: members are *always happy* to hear parishioners' ideas, comments or suggestions about any aspect of the life, buildings and activities of the two parishes. Members' details are pinned up in the porches of both churches, and on the website. Do speak in person, or write via a note through the presbytery door, or email the parish office or email martinfoley73@gmail.com *Next meeting 21 January*.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Thurs. at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall—Flint Room

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: On **Fridays** from **11am-12pm** Davenport Room upstairs in SP hall. All welcome.

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON SYNODALITY 'WALKING TOGETHER COMBINED GROUPS' meeting is being held on **Thursday** evening in **Our Lady's Church Hall** at **7.30pm** — all welcome.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: **Fridays 3pm St Peter's**. At the hour of Mer-

cy come to implore mercy for the world and to praise God!

STUDENTS: Welcome back and have a good term! The university chaplain is Fr Simon Baker contactable Simon.Baker.2@warwick.ac.uk

Do consider being part of our Young Adults Group (YAG) at St Peter's.

COMING SOON

FILM NIGHT: The Young Adult Group film night **Fri 30 Jan 7pm** St Peter's Church hall—Flint room. Snacks provided, but if possible, please bring some! For information contact Freya 07565 142204 (WhatsApp)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN IN BOTH PARISHES:

There will be a meeting for parents who wish their children to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion on **Tuesday, 3 Feb at 6 pm in Our Lady's Church Hall**. This meeting is for parents of children who are not at Catholic schools and for parents of children in Year 3 at Our Lady's and St Teresa's. Children are welcome at the meeting. The first session will be after the 9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's on 8 February. Please pray for the children.

EXPOSITION AT OUR LADY'S: From Weds 4 Feb there will be 30 mins of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on first Wednesdays.

OTHER INFORMATION

FOUND: a lady's black jacket was left at Dale Street church following Peter's funeral recently. Please phone Margaret 428399 for details. At St Peter's, a gold ring in the ladies' before Christmas. Contact the office.

OUR LADY'S 100 CLUB: Thank you all for support for Our Lady's 100 club in 2025. *It's now time to be thinking of subscriptions for 2026*. If you wish to take part please let Sue Sugars or Fr Stephen know.

JUSTICE & PEACE: We pray in Pope Leo's words that "throughout the world every community become a 'house of peace' where we learn to defuse hostility through dialogue".

YOUNG ADULT GROUP: text Freya 07565 142204 (WhatsApp) or connect via Instagram [@catholicleamingtonyag](https://www.instagram.com/catholicleamingtonyag)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP - 1st Coll. - £555.90. 2nd Coll. (Ch. Maint.) - £347.89. OL - 1st Coll. - £236.01. 2nd Coll. (OL Vision) - £223.30. 2nd Colls. *this weekend* are for **SP: MAINTENANCE FUND, OL:**

PARISH VISION.

MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE NOTE: The minimum amount of time needed to book dates is **2 weeks from date of request**. 11.15am is fully booked until May.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns: **In Memory of Sue Maher RIP**. If you'd like a candle lit for your intentions, for a friend or relative, envelopes are at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass with the donation of £5.

ALTAR SERVERS: By assisting with the celebration of Mass, you help to maintain a reverent atmosphere contributing to the spiritual growth of the community. For young or old.

We'd love more! See Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH VISION: Following our recent talks, please fill in a yellow 'Talents Challenge' card and place it in the secure box in Church. Each of us is being called to help put our Vision for OL into action (starting by making the Church watertight) by doing one or all of the following: join a Vision & Action group; review regular 2nd collection giving' and/or make a financial pledge. **Remember all pledges will be doubled!** Remember too, if the roof isn't repaired the building will become unusable.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical (Church) and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice 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, Leticia Alvarez-Shanahan, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Jim Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joan Gibbons, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, David Mander, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, John Milton, 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, and 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. Our Lady, help of the sick, pray for them.