

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

2nd Sunday after the Nativity Year A: Sunday 4th 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 4th SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Thanksgiving; Sue Maher RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Holy Souls Vito La Barbera RIP
Monday 5th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Private Intention
Tuesday 6th SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (of Obligation)	10am Mass with St Pet. Sch 7pm Mass	12 noon Mass	The People of the Parish Holy Souls Lisa Goring RIP Anniv
Wednesday 7th <i>St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i>	~	10am Mass	Kathleen O'Meara; Doreen Archer RIP
Thursday 8th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10am	~	Peter Dimambro; Holy Souls
Friday 9th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Patrick Lucia; Michael Ryan
Saturday 10th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Sheila Strong RIP Anniv; Debbie Colby RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Holy Souls
SUNDAY 11th FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Holy Souls Katie Hannon RIP



We have come to worship Him...

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 email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **These emails are for safeguarding matters ONLY.**

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: Mary Shakesheff, Consuelo Connell, Patrick Gleeson, Margaret Thornton, Natalina Piazzon, Johanna O'Neill, Patrick Skinner, Luigi Bossi, Joseph Cronin, Kathleen Hardaker-Jones, Rosaleen Lyne, Kathleen Sweeney, Margaret Kennedy, Bridget Rowley, Shiela Brain, James Larkin, Mary Kitchen, Kathleen Hannan, James Rowles, Myles Richards, Denis O'Halleron, Fr. Martin Cassidy, Fr. Philip Garrett, Fr. Francis Dwyer, Fr. Philip Smith, Fr. John P. Davis, Fr. Brian Harding, Fr. John Bentley, Fr. Charles Becker, Fr. Alexander (Sandy) Brown, Fr. Philip Wyles, Fr. Patrick Farrelly, Dcn. Joseph Patterson, Dcn. William Murphy. **The recently deceased:** Rev. Fr. David Keniry, Lino di Marco, John Walsh.

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

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.

As always at a Christian festival, what we are celebrating at the deepest level is God's love. Today, we hear again the start of John's Gospel, always read at the Mass of Christmas Day. The majestic prose and the eternal, mystical subject matter make this a passage of power and mystery. But also a passage about love, the pilgrimage, if you like, of God to His people. We are worth God's seeking out for in the end Christ will offer Himself for our salvation, that we might be born to eternal life, completing our pilgrimage to Him.

God bless you this Holy Season, 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

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY: We celebrate the arrival of the Magi on **Tuesday 6 Jan.** There will be Masses at **St Peter's at 10am** (with St Peter's Sch) and at **7pm**, and at **Our Lady's at noon**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

COME & PLAY: will restart on 13 Jan 2026

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: will restart on 13 Jan 2026.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: On **Fridays** from **11am-12pm** 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 to praise God!

COMING SOON

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN: This will begin first for Communion and then Confirmation after Christmas. It will take place for both parishes at **Our Lady's** as usual. Expression of interest will be asked for soon.

FR DAVID KENIRY RIP Funeral arrangements are Reception Mass 13 Jan 6pm. Funeral Mass 14 Jan 12noon. St Joseph's Church, Burntwood. 123 Cannock Road, WS7 0BB.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS AT ST PETER'S: **Lino di Marco**, 20 Jan 12.30pm. **John Walsh** 22 Jan 11.30am May they rest in peace.

OTHER INFORMATION

THANK YOU from Fr Stephen, Fr Kevin and Dcn Paul for all your kindness, cards and even gifts over Christmas. Thank you for being so generous to your clergy. As parish priest, Fr Stephen is struck by the encouragement you give throughout the entire year, and grateful for it. **God bless you all. Fr Stephen**

OUR LADY'S 100 CLUB: Thank you all for your kind support for Our Lady's 100 club in 2025. **It's now time to be thinking of subscriptions for 2026.** If you already have a number, perhaps you could think of getting an extra number or one for your children/grandchildren as a present, who knows they could even win something. If you would like to join £12 per year. There are 2 prizes every month - £25 for 1st prize and £15 for 2nd. To be able to give a third prize of £10 we would need at least 175 numbers in the draw every month. If you wish to take part please let either Sue Sugars or Fr Stephen know, or you could put the cash into an envelope with your name and telephone number and how many numbers you would

like and leave it in the sacristy.

SPAN: share and follow our new Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DCfZ4yYgP/> £ 5,000 of vouchers are being distributed through schools and family centres etc. Our appeal via green envelopes or <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanxmas25> helping many families have a loving and spiritual Christmas.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP: text **Freya 07565 142204** or connect via Instagram **@catholicleaningtonyag**

FOUND AT ST PETER'S: a gold ring in the ladies'. Contact the office.

COLLECTIONS: Totals not yet known from last week. **Thank you.**

2nd Coll. **last week and this week** are for **SP: MAINTENANCE FUND,**

OL: PARISH VISION. Totals not known at time of printing

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 April.

7 DAY CANDLES: 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!** And remember too, if the roof isn't watertight the building will become unusable. **Total raised at 7 Dec: £19,346.97.** Architect's fees for planning the work and dealing with roofing contractors means we paid out £5,289.00. **Balance of roof funds at 7 Dec is therefore £14,057.97.** You may give to the roof repairs by any of the following: cash or cheque in a labelled envelope, standing order using the reference 'OL Vision', or in any second collection. Please sign a Gift Aid declaration to increase your gift by 25% (the tax man adds the tax you've paid on your donations). If you have already signed a Gift Aid (GA) form in favour of Our Lady's **there is no need to sign another.** There are forms in the porch ready to complete.

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 include Fr Stephen. Do speak in person or write via a note through the presbytery door, or email the parish office or email Martin Foley, who chairs the council, at—martinfoley73@gmail.com

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: Joan Gibbons, 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, 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, & 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.