

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

## 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A: Sunday 25th 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 25th <b>3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS. SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD</b>	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>  <b>11:15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	~  <b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Brian McHale RIP  Una Maddocks' Intentions; Anna Dalli RIP  Bill Lee RIP; Deceased of the Clancy Family
Monday 26th <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</i>	10am Mass	~	John, Doris, James & Peter Collott; Daniel Boos' Birthday Intentions
Tuesday 27th <i>Opt. S. Angela Merici, Virgin</i>	10am Mass	~	Francisca Ngozi Nwanguu; Peter Dimambro RIP
Wednesday 28th <i>S Thomas Aquinas, Doctor</i>	~	10am Mass	Linda McCartney RIP; Jeanette Marley RIP
Thursday 29th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Faithfully Departed of St. Peter's; Maria Alvis-Silva & Daughter
Friday 30th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Ray Murphy RIP; Janice Austin RIP
Saturday 31st <i>S. John "Don" Bosco, Priest</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass  Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~  ~	Special Intention; John Pettipher & Joe Gaughan  Rev. Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP; Gerard McVeigh RIP
SUNDAY 1st <b>4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>11:15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Barbara O'Rourke RIP; John & Mary Gaughan & Simon & Kevin Daly  Tony Sullivan RIP; Anthony Quinn 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

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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:** Julia Keiser, Martha Henn, Margaret Hawthorne, Thomas Murphy, John Moroney, Mary Richardson, Margaret Bennett, John Lucey, John O'Kelly, Nora Miller, Anthony O'Mahoney, Giuseppe Arena, Anthony Sullivan, Conception Bao, Rev. Mgr. Peter Dao-Duc-Diem, Rev. Mgr. Michael Williams, Rev. Cn. Thomas Copsey, Rev. Cn. Giles Goward, Rev. Cn. Kevin Good, Rev. Fr. David Condron, Rev. Fr. Anthony Timlin, Rev. Fr. Vincent Royles, Rev. Fr. Charles Smith, Rev. Fr. Mortimer Loftus, Rev. Fr. John Berry.

**The recently deceased:** Mary Daly, Rev. Fr Brian Wall, Rev. Fr Simon Bishop SJ, Janice Austin, Marie Kennedy, John Milton, 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.**

**A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in faith, hope and love, as the Lord Himself prayed for His Church. We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

This Sunday is designated the Sunday of the Word of God, under the theme: 'the word of Christ dwells among you.' (Col 3:16) Observed each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, this day invites us to reflect on, celebrate, and share the Word of God in their daily lives. The celebration was established by Pope Francis in his 2019 Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, emphasizing the essential connection between the Risen Lord, Christian communities, and Sacred Scripture. The Pope called on all believers to make the Word of God a living presence in their hearts, guiding their actions and inspiring their witness.

In today's Gospel we have a clear example of this—the Word made flesh speaks a word and the first apostles respond, beginning their life's work of evangelisation and witness. Christ's message of 'Repent and believe' is taken to heart and that simple summary of Christian life should be, as Pope Francis indicates, alive within us.

**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

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** At today's Masses our readers of Holy Scripture are asked to come forward to receive a blessing as we pray in thanksgiving for their ministry of proclamation, enabling us to hear the divinely inspired Word of God. Thank you to all our readers.

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

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

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

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Every **Thursday**. 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.

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

**FILM NIGHT:** The Young Adult Group film night **Fri 30 Jan 7pm** St Peter's Church hall—Flint room. Snacks provided; if possible, please bring £2. For information contact Freya **07565 142204** (WhatsApp)

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

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

#### COMING SOON

#### 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.

**JANICE AUSTIN RIP:** We are saddened to hear of the death of Janice, a longstanding and very active member of St Peter's who moved with her husband Brian to Swindon to be near family about four years ago. Her funeral is at St Peter's on 20 Feb at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

**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.

**SPAN:** Save the date **Fri 13 Feb SPAN Quiz night in SP's Hall**. Doors open 7.15 for 7.45pm start. Adults £5, Youths £1. Dare to Quiz on Friday

**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, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Paula Newton, 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.*

13th! In aid of two local charities: New Chapters and Young People First.

**KINDAID BINGO:** Friday 20 Feb at Our Lady's hall 7pm

#### OTHER INFORMATION

**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**

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** SP - 1st Coll. - £469.93. 2nd Coll. (Ch. Maint.) - £275.05. OL - 1st Coll. - £230.60. 2nd Coll. (OL Vision) - £185.45. 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 June.

**7 DAY CANDLES:** Main Altar candle 1: **Frances Kendrick RIP**, Main Altar candle 2: **Siobhan Hannan RIP**, St. Joseph Chapel candle: **Henny & Aline's Intentions**, Our Lady Chapel candle: **Jen's Welfare**.

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 a 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.*

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The council met last week and discussed things such as mission and evangelisation (having a mission in 2027, a Forty Hours' Exposition in late summer), Our Lady's roof and vision, St Peter's Hall and its challenges, the Diocesan Planned Giving Campaign THAT we need to hold in Lent, communication, and cluster and deanery events. Members are **always happy** to hear parishioners' ideas, comments or suggestions about any aspect of the life, buildings and activities of the two parishes. Speak in person (council members are shown in the porch of the churches and on the website, or write via a note through the presbytery door, or email the parish office )as on top of this sheet front page) or email [martinfoley73@gmail.com](mailto:martinfoley73@gmail.com)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### A PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

**L**ORD GOD, in the riches of your Holy Scriptures you generously bring us the treasure that is knowledge of your Son. Keep our hearts and minds open always to His word that it may live in us, and so may we live in Him. Through the Word made flesh, the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen