

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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A: Sunday 1st February 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 1st 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Rev. Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP; Gerard McVeigh RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Barbara O'Rourke RIP; John & Mary Gaughan & Simon & Kevin Daly Tony Sullivan RIP; Anthony Quinn RIP
Monday 2nd Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 3rd <i>Opt. S. Blaise</i>	9.30am Mass at St Pat's Sch 12 Noon Mass	~	Private Intention Janice Austin RIP Daniel Boos' Birthday Intentions
Wednesday 4th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Larry & Anne Connor's Intentions; Thanksgiving Bennett & Manning Families
Thursday 5th <i>S. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	10am Mass	~	Peter Dimambro RIP; John, Doris, James & Peter Collott
Friday 6th <i>S. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30am Mass at St Ant's Sch 12 Noon Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Private Intention Noel Clarke RIP
Saturday 7th <i>Mem. Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Peter Dimambro RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Noel McGivern RIP
SUNDAY 8th 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Janice Austin RIP Albert Marie Beyiha RIP; Mary Mullan RIP Aniv.

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: Giuseppe Arena, Anthony Sullivan, Concepcion Bao, Thomasina Chapman, Bridget Hayes, Patrick O'Keeffe, Charles Brocas, Paul Docherty, Ahmed Musa, Paul Daly, Carmel Fitzgerald, Kieran Long, John Croasdell, Maria Cunningham, Adele Cooke, Philip Morris, Archbishop Keating, Rev. Mgr. Michael Williams, Rev. Mgr. John Heslin, Rev. Fr. David Condron, Rev. Fr. Denis Clancy, Rev. Fr. Joseph Connelly, Rev. Fr. Thomas O'Carroll.

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

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

FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

O JESUS, BE OUR SALVATION! O MARY, PRAY FOR US! O JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!



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 pursuit of humility that Zephaniah reflects upon in the first reading is again the thrust of the Gospel today. Zephaniah describes how it is the humble that will build justice and live without fear through their seeking of the Lord. It is a proper humility that takes us away from ourselves and able to see our need of God, and also the needs of our neighbour. So Jesus, in giving us the Beatitudes names a selection of people that seem far from powerful yet all of them are blessed. It is, one might say, a list of saintly qualities, a list of traits that bring great blessings as God works his will through those who patiently display those traits.

We are all called to be saints and a challenging look at ourselves in the mirror of the Beatitudes will give us all a glimpse of how we might grow in faith and love.

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

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

Putting Our Vision into Action - OL Talents Challenge: On Monday (2 Feb) we will be collating all the yellow 'Talents Challenge' cards so please make sure you've posted yours in the secure box on the Vision Table in Church. We will be holding an informal session in the Upper Hall after Mass today (Sun) if you have any questions about the vision & action groups; standing orders, fundraising or gift-aiding - or more info on the Challenge.

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

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 & Holy Communion **THIS Tuesday, 3 Feb at 6 pm in Our Lady's Hall.** The meeting is for parents of children who are not at Catholic schools & for parents of children in Year 3 at Our Lady's & 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.

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Every **Thursday**, at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall—Flint Room. WE celebrated the Sunday of the Word of God last week—here is an opportunity to look at it more closely.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: On **Fridays** from **11am-12pm** Davenport Room upstairs in SP hall. All welcome. Last Sunday, the Sunday of the Word of God, reminded us of Scripture's importance. Bible study is a way to engage more deeply in the Word of God.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Sunday 15th Feb, 2pm: 'A New Generation Rising to Defend Life - Young pro-lifers share their reasons for being involved in 40 Days for Life'. Come along to St Joseph and St Helen's Church Hall 84 Northfield Rd, King's Norton B30 1JG. This is for all ages. No booking required. Contact Isabel 07773 501721 izzvys@gmail.com for more info or to get involved.

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 11am.** May she rest in peace.

SPAN: Enjoy, 'Dare to Quiz' on **Friday 13th February in SP's Hall.** Doors open 7.15 for 7.45pm start. Adults £5, Youths £1. In aid of local charities: New Chapters & Young People First. Tickets available after Sunday Masses.

BINGO IN AID OF OUR LADY'S ROOF: **Fri 20 Feb** at Our Lady's hall 7pm

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, 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.

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: The next SPARK meeting will take place on Thursday 26th February and Thursday 26th March 7 - 8:30pm at SP Hall.

DIOCESAN PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN: parishes are expected to hold a Planned Giving Campaign by Easter. At St Peter's this will be 1, 8 and 15 March. This is part of the diocesan vision and reflects the challenge of 'our parish, our responsibility'. Ordinary giving for basic bills across the diocese has not kept pace with rising costs alas. All our everyday bills have to be met by us and there will be information about figures, ways to give and Gift Aid. Since Our Lady's has its own campaign to raise vital funds for the roof, the planned giving campaign will not need to happen there.

OTHER INFORMATION

LAST WEEK the coincidence of Fr Kevin's sudden illness and Fr Stephen's post-Christmas break made the usual routine impossible at the very last minute. **Thank you for bearing with the unexpected changes.**

OL 100 CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the 100 club for January. 1st prize of £25 - 152 **Jean T.** 2nd prize of £15 - 44 **Jenny H.** There are still numbers available if anyone would like to join. It's never too late! Please contact me on **07950 144 450 - Sue Sugars**

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 **@catholiccleamingtonyag**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP - 1st Coll. - £550.78. 2nd Coll. (Ch. Maint.) - £305.52. OL - 1st Coll. - £239.06. 2nd Coll. (OL Vision) - £297.83. 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: This week the **Scared Heart** candle burns: **In Memory of Tony Sullivan RIP.** The **Our Lady** candle burns: **In Memory of Gerry Quinn RIP.** The **St. Joseph** 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 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: 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. Next

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.

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 25 JANUARY: The total amount in the OL Roof Fund currently stands at: **£16,189.89. Thank you.**

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE: Any size, colour, type, and even stubs. Please place in either the box at the back of SP Church or in the SP Hall. These will then be sent to be used in Ukraine for lighting and heating.

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.