

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

Baptism of the Lord Year A: Sunday 11th 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 11th FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Holy Souls
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Holy Souls Katie Hannan RIP
Monday 12th <i>Opt. St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i>	10am Mass	~	John Milton RIP
Tuesday 13th <i>Opt. St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor</i>	12 noon Mass	~	Holy Souls
Wednesday 14th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Monsignor Vaughan Morgan RIP
Thursday 15th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Ken Austin RIP; Mark Elliott
Friday 16th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Rev. Fr. David Keniry RIP
Saturday 17th <i>St Antony, Abbot</i>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Noel Mincher RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	John Walsh RIP; Patrick Mulholland RIP
SUNDAY 18th 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Kathleen Taylor RIP Carol Bowler's Intentions; Susan Day 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: Shiela Brain, James Larkin, Mary Kitchen, Kathleen Hannan, James Rowles, Myles Richards, Denis O'Halleron, Mary Babington, John Frawley, Kathleen Taylor, Winifred Galvin, Christine Clewes, Filippo Marsala, James Doway, Peter Cronin, Pauline Rome, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Rev. Cn. Matthias Corrigan, Rev. Fr. Philip Wykes, Rev. Fr. Patrick Farrelly, Rev. Fr. Patrick McSwiney, Rev. Fr. Patrick Joyce, Rev. Fr. Benedict O'Gorman, Rev. Fr. Gerard Peuleve, Rev. Fr. Cyril Bennett, Rev. Fr. Archibald Snell, Rev. Fr. Timothy Dinan, Rev. Fr. Bernard Robertson.

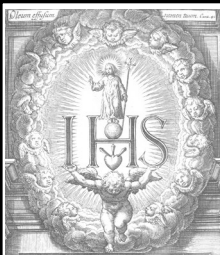
The recently deceased: Pauline Morris, John Milton, Rev. Fr. David Keniry, Lino di Marco, John Walsh, Mgr Vaughan Morgan.

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

THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

*"To holy people the very name of Jesus is a name to feed upon, a name to transport.
His name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify the living."*

- St John Henry Newman



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.

The Baptism of the Lord invites us to contemplate a particular moment in salvation history: Jesus, the sinless One, steps into the waters of the Jordan to stand with sinners. Matthew's Gospel shows Christ embracing our humanity so completely that He chooses to begin His public mission in humility, not glory. As the heavens open and the Father proclaims him the beloved Son, we see the Trinity revealed and the true identity of Jesus affirmed.

Isaiah's prophecy is of the Messiah who comes not with force, but with compassion, bringing justice without breaking the bruised reed. Peter's words in Acts deepen this vision, reminding us that God shows no partiality. Christ's mission is universal—offered peace to all who seek Him. This feast challenges us to rediscover our own baptismal calling. By baptism, we too are named beloved, chosen to reflect Christ's light in a world longing for hope. The Lord's baptism is not event to remember but a pattern to follow: humility, openness to the Spirit, and a willingness to serve. As we renew our identity in Christ, we are sent to carry His mercy into every corner of our lives. **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.

SPAN: to join our Zoom online meeting **Mon 12 7.30pm** send a request to paulhayden444@gmail.com unless you are already on the SPAN email distribution list. **Thank you** for supporting our Christmas appeal £5,000 of vouchers were gratefully received by families.

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

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

WALKING TOGETHER: meeting is being held on Tuesday evening in Our Lady's Church Hall at 7.30pm – all welcome.

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

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!

STUDENTS: **Welcome back** and have a good term! There is Thursday Mass on campus at 1230. The chaplain, Fr Simon Baker, will be happy to hear from you Simon.Baker.2@warwick.ac.uk Do consider being part of our Young Adults Group at St Peter's.

COMING SOON

FILM NIGHT: The Young Adult Group are having a film night on **Friday 30 Jan at 7pm** in St Peter's Church hall—Flint room. Snacks will be provided, but if possible, please bring some! For more information please contact Freya 07565 142204

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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

THANK YOU: A big thank you from Margaret Dimambro and family for all the messages of sympathy, Masses, prayers and offers of help that

we have received following Peter's death, and to all those who attended his funeral Mass recently.

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.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL: Mrs Sharman has taken a new post with Ofsted and has been succeeded by acting principal Miss Jordan. We wish both well in their new roles.

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: For January 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** or connect via Instagram **@catholiclearningtonyag**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP - 1st Coll. - £481.10. 2nd Coll. (Ch. Maint.) - £360.51. OL - 1st Coll. - £289.50. 2nd Coll. (OL Vision) - £179.36. 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 April.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the candle in **Our Lady Chapel at SP** burns: **In Memory of Susan Day 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 watertight the building will become unusable. **Total raised at 31 Dec: £19,895.06.** Architect's fees for planning the work and dealing with roofing contractors means we paid out £5,289.00. **Balance of roof funds at 31 Dec is therefore £14,606.06.** You may give to the roof repairs by: 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 porches.

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.**

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.