

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

## 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A: Sunday 8th February 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 8th</b> <b>5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Noel McGivern RIP
	<b>11:15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Janice Austin RIP Albert Marie Beyiha RIP; Mary Mullan RIP Aniv.
Monday 9th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Anastasia Wall RIP
Tuesday 10th <i>S. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	10am Mass	~	Rev. Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP
Wednesday 11th <i>Opt. Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	~	10am Mass	Joe Gaughan Illness; Noreen Davies RIP 9th Aniv.
Thursday 12th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Peter Dimambro RIP
Friday 13th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Dev.	~	Marie Kennedy RIP
Saturday 14th <b>Feast of Ss. Cyril, Monk, &amp; Methodius, Bishop</b>	9am Holy Hour Confession 9:15-9:45am 10am Mass	~	Jeanette Dimambro RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Intentions of the McVeigh family
<b>SUNDAY 15th</b> <b>6TH 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>	Richard Wall RIP Angela Browne 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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** Kieran Long, John Croasdell, Maria Cunningham, Adele Cooke, Philip Morris, Mary Mortimer, Francis McGivern, Phillip O'Connell, Michael Jervis, Patricia Devlin, George Beamish, Bridget Cleary, Margaret Pearce, Patricia Large, Terence Nicholl, Michael Govern, Martin O'Regan, Archbishop Keating, Mgr. Cn. Peter Lawler, Mgr. John Heslin, Mgr. Joseph Healy, Rev. Fr. John Watkins, Rev. Fr. John Gibb, Rev. Fr. Matthias Brady, Rev. Fr. John Paul O'Sullivan, Rev. Fr. William Connick, Rev. Fr. James McGloin, Rev. Fr. Charles O'Reilly.

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

*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

J+M+J

**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.*

We often feel a natural reserve about 'good deeds' performed in public. I want to help this struggling person because it's the right thing to do but I don't want to be showing-off and seeking others' praise because of it. Of course 'showing off' is rarely a good thing and ostentatious generosity is not something that anyone would think is sensible.

But there is always our responsibility to others and to God. Isaiah says today that to live in God's light is to serve the oppressed, hungry and poor. In caring for those He cares for, we come close to Him.

Jesus says that the same light has to be seen. Serving others should give glory to God and bear witness to His love in and for the world. There is no hope for the world in Christians hiding God's love, but there is no hope for the Christian who parades his own!

Love and service needs to be seen so that people may see God. But if we get in the way of others' view of God, we are pointing to ourselves and not to Him. Lent is but a few weeks away. What can I do to help myself and others see God's love more clearly? A worthy question to answer before we make our Lenten discipline.

**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.

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

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN IN BOTH PARISHES:** 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 **TUESDAY** at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall—Flint Room. (*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY*)

**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.

**SPAN:** Enjoy, 'Dare to Quiz' on **Fri 13 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.

**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 15 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](mailto:izzvys@gmail.com) for more info or to get involved.

**COME & PLAY:** is to be **suspended from Tuesday Feb 17** due to low attendance. The last session will be on Feb 11. More information to follow.

**ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT:** Ash Wednesday falls on **18 February** (during half term). Masses at **St Peter's at 10am and 7pm** and at **Our Lady's 12 noon**.

In Lent there will J&P Stations of the Cross on Mondays at SP, Vespers or Stations on Sunday afternoons at OL, as well as extra opportunities for confession, Holy Hours & Mass across the two parishes. Lenten devotions are not only about what is 'extra' but also engaging more with what is already happening. **More details next week**

**JANICE AUSTIN RIP:** We are saddened to hear of the death of Janice, a longstanding & very active member of St Peter's who moved with her hus-

band 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.

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

**SPARK YOUTH GROUP:** The next SPARK meeting will take place on **Thurs 26 February & Thurs 26 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 & 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 & 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.

**HOSANNA CANTATA:** There will be a production of **Hosanna, A Cantata in Song and Mime**, led by people with learning disabilities & friends, on **Sat 7 March at 2.30pm, at St. Chad's Cathedral**. It is being led by persons with disabilities & diverse needs & friends.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to join in there will be a part for everyone. For more info please contact Julia FitzSimons on [handbirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:handbirmingham@gmail.com) or [mcxholden@virginmedia.com](mailto:mcxholden@virginmedia.com) for Mary Holden.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** Prayer Intention for February is "that in Lent we live more simply in solidarity with those who struggle to survive"

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

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** SP: 1st - £632.26, 2nd (Ch. Maint.) - £337.67; OL: 1st - £329.55, 2nd (OL Vision) - £324.63

2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 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](mailto:martinfoley73@gmail.com). Next

**Putting Our Vision for OL Into Action:** We've started processing the yellow Talents Challenge cards and are heartened by the response to joining one of the 5 Vision & Action (V&A) groups. However, if we want to fully bring Our Vision for Our Lady's to life, take on co-responsibility for the running of our Parish and prove we are a vibrant community, active in God's Mission we need a lot more people to sign up for a V&A group. Please fill in the yellow 'Talents Challenge' card and put it in the secure box on the Vision Table in Our Lady's Church.

**OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 1 FEBRUARY:** The total amount in the OL Roof Fund currently stands at: **£19,807.61**. The **next update** will be 1st March 2026. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**CANDLES FOR UKRAINE:** These can be placed in the box at the back of SP Church or in the Hall.

#### ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical (Church) & 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 & 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, 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.**