

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A: Sunday 3rd May 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 3rd</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	4:15 -45pm Confessions <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Antonio Costa RIP
	<b>11:15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Robert Habgood RIP  Steve, Lee, & Ann RIP
Monday 4th <b>Feast of the English Martyrs</b>	10am Mass	~	Kitty Kelly RIP
Tuesday 5th <i>Easter Feria</i> <i>National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse</i>	<b>7pm</b> Mass	~	Gerry Quinn RIP
Wednesday 6th <i>Easter Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 7th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Clive Hooper RIP Anniv.
Friday 8th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions	~	Peace of Mind
Saturday 9th <i>Easter Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour, 9:15 -45am Confessions, 10am Mass	~	Rita Taylor RIP
	4:15 -45pm Confessions <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Sue Maher RIP
<b>SUNDAY 10th</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>11:15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	In Thanksgiving May Barker

### 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) and at *St Peter's* Susan Chan [email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) **THESE EMAILS ARE FOR SAFEGUARDING ONLY. Parish and priest emails are at the top of this sheet.**

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:** Sarah O'Donovan, Louisa Looney, Adrian Johnson, Stephen Lee, Edward O'Rourke, Robert Habgood, Sheila Pallister, Dorothy Suther, Michael Hurley, Geraldine Quinn, Marie Allen, Mary Shuker, John Long, Stephanie Norton, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gray, Very Rev. Cn. Bernard Hurrill, Rev. Fr. David Duggan, Rev. Fr. Michael Byrne, Rev. Fr. Donal O'Connor, Rev. Fr. Francis Carr, Rev. Fr. Walter Joret.

**The recently deceased:** Judith Champ, Marian Du Bois, Peter McCarthy, Rita Taylor, Barry Thurlow. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



# CHRIST IS RISEN!

## ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



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.

**Sunday Scripture** The first reading tells of the ordination of the first deacons of the Church. There is so much needed to be done that the Church's works of charity begin to take away from the Apostle's calling of preaching the Gospel. So a new ministry of charity is given to the Church, and exists still in today's deacons. Although deacons today certainly do preach, the 'waiting at table' is reflected both in their service of the altar and in their pastoral ministry among those in need. All ministry has its roots in Jesus who today speaks of 'preparing us a place' in one of the rooms of the Father's house. It is not so much making up the bed or waiting at table but the Easter mystery of His suffering, death and resurrection that creates a place for us. Where our Head has gone, we hope to follow for He is the way, the truth and the life. The road to Calvary shows us the truth of God's love and mercy and opens to us the halls of the heavenly Kingdom, life to the full, life in abundance.

**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 WEEKEND & THE WEEK AHEAD**

**WELCOME BACK TO THE STUDENTS AMONG US:** Term has begun once more. May it be a time of blessing and academic success, especially for those in their final term.

**KINDAID'S MAY MERRIMENT:** with games & activities for all the family - on **Saturday, 2 May at 7 pm**. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children includes delicious jacket potato supper. Contact Sue Sugars 07950 144450

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

**OScott EVENTS: Organ Recital, Sun 3 May** More info: <https://www.oscott.org/>

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE:** Is this Tuesday.

**PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB:** on **Tuesday 12-3pm** in SP Hall. Come and play or learn to play Whist in St. Peter's Hall, sessions at 1:30pm.

**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!

**VOCATIONS:** Are you in school years 9-13? Feel you may be being called to the priesthood? Please consider signing up to the Diocesan Young Discerners Group, which meets on **Saturday 9 May at St. Mary's College, Oscott**. Contact Deacon Owen Gresty on 0121 321 5135 or email: [deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk) regarding availability.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Pilgrims are invited to travel to 'England's Nazareth' on **Saturday 9 May**. More info - [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/event/all-welcome-diocesan-day-pilgrimage-to-walsingham-2026](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/event/all-welcome-diocesan-day-pilgrimage-to-walsingham-2026)

#### **COMING SOON**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** 12 May 7pm. Do speak to any member about anything you'd like to mention to them. Members' details in the porch of both churches. **The Parishes' AGM** is on **Sunday 7 June 3pm** in **Our Lady's upper hall**.

**ASCENSION DAY: Holy Day of Obligation.** We rejoice in Christ's ascension to the right hand of the Father. **Masses at 10am SP, 12 noon OL, 1.15 SP for school. 7. pm SP.**

**PETER MCCARTHY RIP:** Peter's funeral Mass will be on **15 May at 1.30pm**. He will be received into church at 4pm the day before.

**SPARK YOUTH GROUP:** Meetings of our Youth Group for school years 5,6,7 and 8 are **21 May, 25 June, 16 July** in the Dormer Centre.

**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, Una Maddocks, David Mander, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Arlene Slinn, Nell Smyth, Bridie Streeter, 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.*

**TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE:** Friday, **22 May** at 7 pm at Our Lady's Church. Come and sing and pray the music of Taizé. All are very welcome.

**Young Adult Group:** Rosary Pilgrimage from St. Peter's to Our Lady's Church on **Saturday 23rd May**, leaving St. Peter's at 11am.

**PENTECOST PARTY:** The return of the Annual Parish Pentecost Party will take place after the 11:15am Mass in SP Hall on Pentecost Sunday, **24th May**. There will be entertainment and a shared lunch. Please bring a long a dish associated with your home country to share.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** The next Sunday Lunch will take place on **Sunday 31st May** in SP Hall after the 11:15am Mass, to reserve your place please sign up on the sheet at the back of St. Peter's Church.

**PARISHES' AGM: 7 June, 3pm** in Our Lady's hall. Accounts and other supporting information will be available beforehand, just as last year.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**EASTER DUTY:** The traditional term for fulfilling the minimum requirements the Church asks for us in and making our confession and receiving Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season. Confession is at St Peter's Saturdays before both Masses, and at Our Lady's after Wednesday Mass. Other times arranged by speaking to a priest. Communion is available for all who are entitled to receive it at every Mass.

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** May prayer intention: that amid wars and elections our political views never provoke hostility against communities or individuals.

**SPAN:** this month we help charities with links to us for a feeding programme in Kenya, urgent latrine and hygiene work in Ghana, emergency food parcels in the Philippines and CAFOD's work in Darfur, Sudan.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG) 18-30:** text Freya 07565 142204

(WhatsApp) or connect via Instagram @catholicleaningtonyag

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** 1st Coll. SP: £439.85, OL: £280.40. 2nd Coll. SP (Clergy Training Fund): £503.40, OL (Clergy Training Fund): £265.22. 2nd Collections this week at SP: Church Maintenance, OL: OL Vision. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 1 APRIL:** The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£43,373.97**. The *next update* will be 7th June 2026. *All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled!* **Thank you for your generosity.**

**MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE NOTE:** The *minimum amount of time* needed to book dates is **2 weeks from date of request**.

**7 DAY CANDLES:** This week the **Sacred Heart Chapel** candle burns: **for Fabiano S. and Migraso Snr**. The **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns: **In Memory of Sue Maher RIP**. Envelopes are at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass with a donation of £5.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Details of members are in the churches porches or email [martinfoley73@gmail.com](mailto:martinfoley73@gmail.com). Raise any point you wish with them

**PUTTING OUR VISION FOR OUR LADY'S INTO ACTION:** If you've not filled in a yellow 'Talents' Card, please do as soon as you can and pop it into the secure box on the Vision Table. Even if you can't commit to any of the challenges, if you are involved with OL in any way it's important that you fill in a Card so that we have evidence of usage for the Diocese and grant-funding applications. *Thank you*

**ALTAR SERVERS: We'd love more servers! See Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's.**

**CANDLES FOR UKRAINE:** *In both Our Lady's and St Peter's* there is a box the box at the back of church or in the Hall. Please, **no** tin or glass, just candles - any candle that's unwanted, unusable, broken, stubs, left over

#### **ARRANGING A WEDDING**

**Congratulations on your engagement!** To arrange a wedding, you must **begin with a meeting of you both with Fr Stephen** so that the canonical (Church) and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is ideal. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen.

#### **ARRANGING A BAPTISM**

**Congratulations on the birth of your baby!** Parents must begin 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—you are asking for your child to join the community of the Church, so we welcome you to come and meet its members here.