

ST PETER'S PARISH & OUR LADY'S PARISH: *PART OF CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 30th August 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 30th 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Mary McGivern RIP; Jaime Manisan
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Bede William Laverty RIP Jessica Isaacs 60th Birthday; Marguerite Ayres RIP
Monday 31st <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Aidan, Bp.</i>	No Mass	~	9.30am at St Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 1st September <i>Feria</i>	No Mass	~	9.30am at St Joseph's, Whitnash
Wednesday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	Intentions of Lynda & Geoff. Gould
Thursday 3rd Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Dr. of the Church	12noon Mass	~	Janet Bannon RIP
Friday 4th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Cuthbert, Bp.</i>	12noon Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Deceased of the Holland Family
Saturday 5th <i>Opt. Mem. of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Private Intention
	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Sue Maher RIP 1st Aniv. Agnes & Fred Pauling RIP 1st Anv.
SUNDAY 6th 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11:15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Deceased Choir Members

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 and at **St Peter's** Susan Chan email 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 if you have any concern.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: Patricia Bishop, Eileen Long, Nuala Scarisbrick, Una Forde, Paul Bidmead, Christine Lawrence, Anthony McKenna, Paul Doyle, Eileen Drew, Ann Reilly, Theresa Hortas, David Dimambro, Bridget Purcell, John Collins, Rt. Rev. Mgr. James Crichton, Very Rev. Mgr. Cn. Laurence Emery, Very Rev. Cn. Laurence Hogarty, Very Rev. Cn. Joseph Nightingale, Rev Fr. Francis Toole, Rev. Fr. Brendan O'Malley, Rev. Fr. Thomas O'Doherty, Rev. Fr. James Holland, Rev. Fr. Paul Devaney, Rev. Fr. Edwin Cownley.

The Recently Deceased: Sharon Mulchrone, Jim Barry, Ludmila Steyn. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**



SCAN TO SEE THE
MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE

After both Sunday
Morning Masses in the
church halls

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

AUGUST: MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

"WE ARE ALL HER CHILDREN, SHE IS THE MOTHER OF ALL MANKIND. AND NOW, THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE COMMEMORATES HER INEFFABLE ASSUMPTION. MARY IS WELCOMED TO HEAVEN: THE DAUGHTER OF GOD THE FATHER, MOTHER OF GOD THE SON, SPOUSE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. GREATER THAN SHE NO ONE BUT GOD."

ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

St Peter's & Our Lady's Churches, working with St Joseph's Church as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

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's Readings: We followers of Jesus have been given much and promised even more. Last week Peter's faith meant that Jesus could give him authority he had never dreamed of. But today's Gospel has Peter getting things wrong. Jesus explains that the way to resurrection, forgiveness and eternal life must include the Cross. Peter does not see why this should be so and tells Jesus that it must not happen to Him. Jesus's response is dramatic: for Him not to go to the Cross would be Satan's victory, not God's. Christ did not succumb to Satan's temptations in the desert, and He isn't about to do so now. The Cross of suffering has a key part to play in our salvation. No-one—not even Jesus—can avoid it on this earth. But it is what we do with it and how it is used that matters. Jesus made of it our entry to heaven! **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

MONDAY MASSES AT ST PETER'S: There will be **no Monday Masses at St Peter's** for the next few weeks. There are other changes to the usual routine for Masses this week, as shown on the front page. **Thank you for bearing with these temporary alterations.** As Fr Kevin is unwell, weekday Mass times will sometimes be altered because of our parish schools.

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

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Join us at Pastimes every Tuesday 11.30am-3pm in the church hall. Seated exercises, light lunch, games and a warm welcome to all

NEW SCHOOL YEAR: Pupils return to school on Thursday in most cases but staff will have been preparing well before that. Every blessing on staff and students in our schools for the new year.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: Fridays 11am-12 noon. Downstairs in SP main hall. All welcome. *Note change of venue till further notice.*

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Fridays, 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of Mercy come to implore mercy for the world.

COMING SOON

THE SEASON OF CREATION: In thanksgiving for God's creation

and a reminder of our responsibilities towards it, each year we are called to use this time to reflect on creation. It begins on **1 Sept** and ends on St Francis of Assisi's day, **Oct 4**, the saint known for his love of creation.

MARCH FOR LIFE: join the Coventry coach to March for Life UK on **Sat 5 Sept** in London for the annual march. Age-appropriate sessions for children, teens and youth of all ages throughout the morning. 14 bishops attending! Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Langbank Ave CV3 2QP at 8.30am, coach leaves from there at 9am. Return by 7.30pm. Adults: £20, Children £10. To book contact: 07912 643626. Details about the day at marchforlife.co.uk

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS AT HARVINGTON HALL. Sun 6 Sept Mass will be celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to this country, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, and our own Archbishop.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meets next on **9 Sept**. Details of members are in the churches porches or email martinfoley73@gmail.com. Raise any point you wish with members or Fr Stephen. **It's good to talk!**

MASS FOR THE SICK IN CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Fri 11 Sept 11am at St Joseph's. With anointing and refreshments.

LEAMINGTON HERITAGE WEEKENDS 12-13 & 19-20 12 Sept. Both our churches will be taking part. St Peter's will be open as usual (that is, all day). Our Lady's will be open on both 13th and 20th between 2pm & 4pm.

KINDAID QUIZ AT OUR LADY'S: Saturday 12 Sept see notice in porches at both SP & OL.

FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT ST PETER'S: 17-19 September. Over three days we plan to hold the traditional Forty Hours of Exposition. This will begin each day with Mass and include such things as evening prayer, times of guided reflection and devotions. During this time an exhibition of the world's Eucharistic Miracles will be on display in the hall. Eucharistic miracles are those documented and even photographed mysterious events when Hosts have turned into flesh, revealing Christ's words 'This is my Body, given up for you' to be true. There is an outline on the back page, although by mistake it omits that the 40 hours will end with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

JUMBLE SALE AT ST PETER'S: 1-3:30pm Sat 26 Sept

CURRY NIGHT AT OL: Saturday 26 September

NEXT PARISH LUNCH AT ST PETER'S: Sun 27 Sept

SPAN SOCIAL AT SP: Friday 2 October:

BINGO EVENING AT OL: Friday 9 October

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: 10 October from 10.30am at St George's Cathedral Southwark, with exhibition, Mass and procession to Westminster Cathedral. See [Adoremus 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](http://Adoremus2026-CatholicBishops-Conference) online.

FARMERS MARKET AT SP: Saturday 17 Oct 11:30am - 3pm

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, "Tree" Marriott Dodington, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joan Gibbons, Joe Graham, Fr Kevin Hooper, 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, Maria Phillips, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Arlene Slinn, Nell Smyth, Bridie Streeter, Jamie Sweeney, 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.**

TEA DANCE AT SP FOR OL: 2.15pm OL roof repairs **Sun 18 Oct**

KINDAID JUST DESERTS AT OL: **Saturday 24 October**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT SP: **Saturday 14 November**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT OL: **Saturday 21 November**

PARISH MISSION AT ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY'S IN 2027:

20-26 May with **Fr Royston** (and assistants) of the **Redemptorists**. There will be much planning needed and organisation doing of course. More information in due course

OTHER INFORMATION

FR KEVIN LATEST NEWS: Fr Kevin is now continuing his convalescence at St Joseph's in Coleshill, receiving some respite care which means that his recovery should go as smoothly as possible. He is very grateful for all the support, visits and good wishes he has received since his accident. He will be away for about six weeks. Please keep him in your prayers. It will of course be possible to visit him.

SPONSORED WALKS FOR OUR LADY'S ROOF: Simon Tibke (Vice chair of the CPC), along with 2 other parishioners and parents of Our Lady and St Teresa's School, JP Canton and Chris Holroyd, successfully completed a sponsored walk from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham to Our Lady's (via St Peter's) on Friday 21 Aug. Here is the link if you would like to donate <https://gofund.me/414951f62> Many thanks

OUR LADY'S VISION: COMMUNICATION AND ADMIN TEAM:

This group would really like to know how we can serve the parish vision best. To get ideas - from all parishioners - we invite you to a short, interactive session after Mass on the 6 Sept in the upper hall. We'd love to hear any suggestions and/or bounce around any ideas you may have. For further information please contact David Burton on 07713 246987

SPAN: received grateful thanks from Fr Kasozi in Uganda and Fr Mwanza in Zambia for recent donations. Thank you for your support.

J&P PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: that our new government will note that Catholic Social Teaching includes an absolute ban on possessing or threatening to use nuclear weapons

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: are on their Summer break.

CARD READING MACHINE AT OUR LADY'S: We hope this will be working for the end of August.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH SMALL CHANGE: collection for the roof. Collections of five pence pieces you will never complete, coins down the back of settee, half full piggy banks, small coins collecting dust, please bring and donate. There are coin jars in the lower hall and church. Thank you.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH BRING AND BUY TABLE: (Donation Station!) Please drop in your unused or no longer needed small gifts that someone else might like. Always available before and after Mass. Also paperbacks in nice condition. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: is now on summer break and reconvenes in September. *Many thanks to all who support this important ministry.*

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG) 18-30: text **Freya 07565 142204** (WhatsApp) or via Instagram **@catholiclearningtonyag**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP - £519.97, OL - £235.15, 2nd Coll. - SP (Ch. Maint.) - £360.25, OL (OL Vision) - £197.70. *Thank you for your generosity.* This week's second

collections are for Church Maintenance at SP and at OL for the Vision Roof Fund.

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 3 JULY: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£50,130.46**. The *next update* will be 6th September 2026. *All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled!* **Thank you for your generosity.**

MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE NOTE: The Sunday 11:15am Mass at St. Peter's is now booked until mid-October, please consider another weekend Mass or a Mass during the week. The **minimum amount of time** needed to book dates is **2 weeks from date of request.**

7 DAY CANDLES: Envelopes are at back of SP church. Please post in the collection at Mass with a donation of £5.

ALTAR SERVERS: *We'd love more servers!* See **Bob at St Peter's**, or **Adrian at Our Lady's**. *Please don't hesitate to volunteer.* Although a ministry children may perform, serving is for adults too.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AT ST JOSEPH'S: Treasurer wanted. If you can help us, please contact Brian on 07724 845801 or David on 07713 246987 to learn more about this role.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: If you are away this summer travel safely, enjoy the break and return refreshed! God bless you all.

ONLINE LINKS AND RESOURCES: Among helpful sites are

The Vatican [The Holy See](#)

The Archdiocese [Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham](#)

The Bishop's Conference of England & Wales: [Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Our Deanery: [Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery](#) –

If you are reading this online click on the blue links to go straight to the websites. If reading on paper, simply Google.

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.



To Jesus through Mary

**WITH EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE
EXHIBITION IN THE HALL**

40
Hours

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL

Experience the Power of Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY 17TH TO SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday 17

7:00am Mass
7:30am Exposition
8:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Rosary
9:55am Reposition
10:00am Mass
10:30am Exposition
11:30am Guided Holy Hour
1:00pm Midday Prayer
6:00pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Rosary
8:00pm Reposition

Friday 18

7:00am Mass
7:30am Exposition
8:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Rosary
9:55am Reposition
10:00am Mass
10:30am Exposition
11:30am Guided Holy Hour
1:00pm Midday Prayer
3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
6:00pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Rosary
8:00pm Reposition

Saturday 19

7:00am Exposition
9:00-9:55am Confession
9:30am Morning Prayer
9:55am Reposition
10:00am Mass
10:30am Exposition
1:00pm Midday Prayer
3:00pm Guided Holy Hour
4-4:55pm Confession
4:55pm Reposition
5:00pm Mass
5:45pm Exposition
6:30pm Rosary
9:00pm Solemn Benediction

**ST PETER APOSTLE, DORMER PLACE,
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*You scan to sign up to commit to an hour, but it is also possible to sign up at the back of
St Peter's Church*