

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 6th September 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 6th 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Sue Maher RIP 1st Aniv.
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Agnes & Fred Pauling RIP 1st Anv. Deceased Choir Members
Monday 7th <i>Feria</i>	No Mass	~	9.30am at St Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 8th Feast of the Nativity of the BVM	9:30am Mass	~	David Ayres RIP
Wednesday 9th <i>Mem. of St. Osburg, Abbess</i>	~	10am Mass	Gerry Lovely
Thursday 10th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass with St. Peter's Sch.	~	Julie Waldock RIP
Friday 11th <i>Feria</i>	9:30am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Matthew Skipper RIP
Saturday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass 4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Pro Populo Bridie O'Riordan RIP
SUNDAY 13th 24TH 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 Members of the Prior Family Alfreda McHale RIP 1st 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 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: Theresa Hortas, David Dimambro, Bridget Purcell, John Collins, Vincent Holleron, Mary Connolly, John O'Callaghan, John Wilson, Anne Cronin, Christina Finn, Ronald Hall, Alfreda McHale, Patrick Kennedy, John Kehily, Maureen Brophy, Leopoldine Esslinger, David Scannell, Paula Hodgkinson, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Thomas Fallon, Rev. Fr. Anthony Taylor, Rev. Fr. Arthur McCrystal, Rev. Fr. David Hutt, Rev. Fr. Dominic Round, Rev. Fr. Guy Colman.

The Recently Deceased: Sharon Mulchrone, Jim Barry. *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

SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY CROSS
FAITHFUL CROSS, ABOVE ALL OTHER, ONE AND ONLY NOBLE TREE.

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: When Ezekiel hears his task as a prophet compared to that of a sentry, God is making a vital but simple point. Not to give a warning of impending disaster is wrong: to do nothing is not an option, we must do what is right. In the Gospel, Jesus warns against the great temptation to dwell on wrongs done to us by going off to discuss them with others. Yes, we might need advice, but it is too easy to seek comfort or even justification for our anger. No, go and talk to the one who has wronged us. That conversation must be positive and open, not a set of demands that the other must grovel and eat humble pie. It is forgiveness and reconciliation are at the heart of the Gospel, and not vengeance and vindication. **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

PASTIMES: On Tuesday September 8th at 1:30pm there will be an opportunity the Irish card game of 25. An accomplished player will come teach us how to play the game. There will be whist as usual. All welcome .

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.

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 martin-foley73@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.

COMING SOON

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: Friday, 18 September at 7 pm at Our Lady's. An ecumenical reflective service of music and prayer. All are very welcome.

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.

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.

JIM BARRY RIP: is being received into Our Lady's on 24th September at 5pm and His funeral is taking place at St. Peter's on 25th September 2026 at 1pm. Please pray for Jim and for his family. May he rest in peace.

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:

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.**

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](#) online.

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

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. The Donation page is still open - <https://gofund.me/414951f62> Many thanks

OUR LADY'S VISION: More Good News Eric Kirwan, the chief executive officer of the diocese, in charge of finance and buildings, came to Our Lady's on Friday 28 August to see the building, hear about the progress being made with the Vision and meet some of the lay people working hard to make things happen. He was very impressed and encouraged us to continue. This is an important endorsement as we move forward. Thank you to all involved. Eric was pleased that so many lay people have become actively supportive of the Vision.

SPAN: Social on Friday 2nd October will hear from a Trustee of **Children of the Dump** in the Philippines. **Save the Date.**

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: are on their Summer break.

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 recon-

venes 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 - £333.52, OL - £247.78, 2nd Coll. - SP (Ch. Maint.) - £324.25, OL (OL Vision) - £209.40. *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.

**WITH EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE
EXHIBITION IN THE HALL**

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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*