

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 4th October 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 4th 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Sue Maher RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	9.15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	Mary Harding RIP Anita Elizabeth Bunch-Deane RIP; Maria Alice Spencer
Monday 5th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska, V.</i>	~	~	9.30am at St Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 6th <i>St. Bruno, P.</i>	2pm Funeral Mass	~	Requiem: Maria Phillips RIP
Wednesday 7th <i>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	~	10am Mass 4pm Reception	Thanksgiving for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill. Mary Cullen RIP
Thursday 8th <i>Feria</i>	~	11:30am Mass	Requiem: Mary Cullen RIP
Friday 9th Feast of St. John Henry Newman, Pr.	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Teresa Baltazar; Catherine McCurdy's Recovery
Saturday 10th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Paulinus of York, Bp.</i>	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Lilian & Nick Fogarty RIP; Amanda & Clifford's Marriage
SUNDAY 11th 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	In Thanksgiving Gobnait & James Bowles
	11:15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	9.15am Sung Mass Children's Liturgy	Sir Domenico Beatrice RIP Anniv; Antonio Quirino

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 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 Kathleen Briddon, Hilda Jones, William Morey, Mary O'Connor, Madge Hanratty, Rhiannon Alton, William Geaney, Bridget Hughes, Margaret Fitzmaurice. Mary Ryan, Kitty Ballantine, John Stephens, Jill Kubiak, Monica Gaffney, Very Rev. Cn. Anthony Piercy, Rev. Fr. John Danaher, Rev. Fr. John Bullen, Rev. Fr. Philip Casey, Rev. Fr. John Fitzpatrick, Rev. Fr. Thomas Power. **The Recently Deceased:** Mary Cullen, Mary Curran, Sarah Fisk, Maria Phillips, Jim Barry, Rev. Fr. Christopher Fitzpatrick, Rev. Dcn. Bernard Curtin. **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
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

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US!

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, Fr Kevin Hooper, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Wilf Lawson, Una Maddocks, David Mander, "Tree" Marriott-Dodington, Catherine McCurdy, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Bernadette Naylor, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, 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.**

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. A welcome also to students of Warwick University joining us. There is tea and coffee and conversation available after both Masses on Sundays in the hall.*

Sunday's Readings Again, in this week's Gospel reading, Jesus says that it is not always those you might expect to be on good terms with God who actually are. His parable of the vineyard is a picture of God's patient dealings with men and women that will reach the ultimate in the life, passion and death of Jesus. God provides for His people a vineyard, that is, sustenance both physical and spiritual. He sends His prophets to encourage His people to live as He calls us to do. But they are not heeded, and, as the Old Testament tells us, are often rejected and badly treated. Eventually He sends His Son, but He is murdered. Despite the patient and loving engagement of God with humanity *as a human*, humanity chooses still to go its own way. This parable is both a warning and an encouragement: we must remain faithful, but there is no such thing as a 'latecomer' to God's love—everyone may share in it if they choose to. The benefit of God's love is spread further than we know.

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

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.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: Fridays 11am-12 noon. Downstairs in SP main hall. All welcome.

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

COME AND SEE (RCIA): Interested in becoming a Catholic? Annual **Come and See** sessions begin Tue 6 Oct, 7.30pm in Our Lady's church hall. Email Gareth rcia.cathleam@gmail.com for more info.

BINGO EVENING AT OL: Friday 9 October. See poster for more info

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.

ALTAR SERVER TASTER SESSION AT OUR LADY'S: Children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to a taster session to find out more about being an Altar Server on Saturday, 10 October at 11 am. Your child will have a chance to learn about this special ministry and decide whether they would like to be involved. The session will be no more than an hour to include refreshments. If you and your child would like to come along, or if you have any questions, please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com or speak to Mary or Adrian Pauling after Mass.

COMING SOON

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

KINDAID JUST DESSERTS AT OL: Saturday 24 October

MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS PAST YEAR AND THOSE WHO MOURN THEM: 4 Nov at 7pm. Invitations are to go out shortly. Please come in memory of your own departed loved ones or to support those recently bereaved, or both, of course. We are grateful to the choir for providing music for this.

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

DIOCESAN VISION: The diocese is continuing to shape a way forward in the changing circumstances of the present and future. We need to work successfully with fewer priests and with sustainable buildings. By 2030 it is likely that some of the Deaneries within the Archdiocese will be moving towards creating or will have created single parishes out of the current local clusters of parishes. There will be more than one priest per parish under this new arrangement with a priest with overall responsibility working with others concentrating more locally. There are canonical processes to be gone through first, including consultation, but the fact that there will be fewer priests is fixed. For us, it may well be that by the end of this decade we are working much more closely with

what includes but goes beyond the very local and very informal idea of Catholic Leamington.

This is something that the next meeting of the Deanery pastoral Forum will be hearing about and discussing.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS:

Maria Phillips RIP, 6 Oct 2pm at St Peter's

Mary 'Molly' Cullen RIP, 8 Oct 11am at Our Lady's

Sara Fisk RIP, 15 Oct 11am at St Peter's

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: It has been very encouraging to receive so many positive comments about the Eucharistic Festival at St Peter's. A large number of people clearly found great benefit and it attracted many visitors and a lot of interest on social media. We thank God for the graces He's given through the adoration of His Son in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

SPAN: sent £500 to the Nepal Flooding appeal through CAFOD.

FR KEVIN has had the plaster taken off his leg and is now working on regaining his mobility. He will be in Coleshill until next Friday, all being well. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

THANK YOU: Larry and Anne would like to say a big thank you to Fr. Stephen and to those in both Churches who made our 50th Wedding Anniversary so special with all the cards, prayers and kind wishes we received. It became a wonderful, overwhelming day.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP - £664.34, OL - £217.94, 2nd Coll. - SP (Fr. Hudson's) - £370.48, OL (Fr. Hudson's) - £163.73. ***Thank you for your generosity.*** This week's second collection at both Churches is for: **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.**

NEXT WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: next weekend - 10th/11th October there will be an appeal and a **retiring collection** for **Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda**. This Charity provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee will speak briefly about their work at all Masses.

ST PETER'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: ***urgently needs helpers***, not leaders to run things but responsible adults to assist the leaders in supervising and helping the children during the liturgy. Please volunteer to the leaders Shirvin, Anna-Marie or Yvonne, or Fr Stephen. Help is truly needed!

Please help

OUR LADY'S CHURCH SMALL CHANGE: collection for the roof. Still time to donate change. Thank you.

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

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 31 AUGUST: The gross total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£64944.12**. The next update will be 8th November October 2026. *All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled!* ***Thank you for your generosity. Please note: The large total increase is due to recording income from Net to Gross amount.***

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 **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns: **In Memory of Paddy Rochford RIP Birthday Anniversary.** Envelopes are at back of SP church. Please post with £5 Donation in the collection at Mass.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the recent large funerals of Jim Barry and Mary Curran. Both lots of practical help and many prayers made these Masses go off very well. ***Thank you.*** Please keep Jim and Mary in your prayers, and their families.

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.

**OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE
HOLY ROSARY,
PRAY FOR US!**



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