

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 11th 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 11th 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	In Thanksgiving
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Gobnait & James Bowles Sir Domenico Beatrice RIP Anniv; Antonio Quirino
Monday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Wilfrid, Bp.</i>	12 noon The Wedding Service of Tony & Mary	~	9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 13th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30am Mass <i>St Pat's Sch</i> 12 noon Mass	~	The People of the Parish Bill Dunphy RIP; Profina Dias e Cordozo B'day RIP
Wednesday 14th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Callistus I, Pope, M.</i>	~	10am Mass	Patrick Mullan RIP Anniv.
Thursday 15th <i>Mem. of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, V. Dr. of the Church</i>	9.30am Mass 11am Funeral Service		Private Intention (LTTE) Sara Fisk RIP
Friday 16th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, V.</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Maeve Kelly RIP Anniv.
Saturday 17th <i>Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bp., M.</i>	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass 4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Mary Curran RIP
SUNDAY 18th 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Intentions of the McVeigh Family Eithne Dunne RIP Patricia Kenny RIP Anniv.

SAFEGUARDING

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Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed Kitty Ballantine, John Stephens, Jill Kubiak, Monica Gaffney, Patricia Kenny, Donald Binks, Ernest Turner, Kathleen McCarthy, Michael Nolan, Leonard Briggs, Christa-Marie Cross, Doris Hall, Christina O'Connell, Vito LaBarbera, Alina Daszkiewicz, Most Rev. Bishop Glancey, Rev. Mgr. Cyril Fay, Rev. Mgr. Paul Watson, Very Rev. Cn. William Withers, Rev. Fr. Terence Whatmore, Rev. Fr. Seamus Gilroy, Rev Fr. Aidan White-Spunner. **The Recently Deceased:** Adam Jurewicz, Debbie Underhill, Ronald Way, Bernadette McKenna, Mary Cullen, Mary Curran, Sarah Fisk, Maria Phillips, Rev. Fr. Christopher Fitzpatrick, Rev. Dcn. Bernard Curtin. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**



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, Ben Bartley, 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 There is no doubt at all: God's invitation to come to Him and share His joy is given to everyone. The image of a rich banquet as a picture of God's generous loving is not rare in the Scriptures. But there is also no doubt that not everyone responds. As Jesus tells this parable of the invitation to the wedding feast, you can almost hear the disappointment in His voice. A splendid meal to celebrate a splendid occasion is all laid out, but no-one comes some are just not interested. God has sacrificed His Son and calls all to celebrate at the Mass, but some find reasons not to come, and others come unprepared and make no effort, like the man with no wedding garment. Yet God's offering of His Son is the single most important event in history. The Mass, as part of our discipleship, is where we celebrate and rejoice in that supreme act of love most fully as His people, the Church. Jesus invites us, Jesus feeds us, Jesus strengthens us in this truly wonderful time of prayer that we call the Mass. Sacrifice, meal, worship, physical encounter with Christ, its many facets are all part of the one fact that God in Jesus calls us to Himself, to wholeness, happiness and ultimately of course to heaven. We must respond!

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

ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM AND CARD READER: The failure of a computer server in the church has temporarily taken down the livestream camera on YouTube. It has also meant that the card machine cannot connect to the internet.

Apologies. If you have a smart phone **you may still give electronically by scanning the QR code at the top of the first page of this sheet**, or by **visiting the Catholic Leamington website**. We are awaiting an engineer's visit to mend or replace the server.

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

THIS WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: 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.

SPAN: open meeting at St Peter's Hall on **Monday 7.15 for 7.30pm start**.

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.

COME AND SEE (RCIA): Interested in becoming a Catholic? Annual **Come and See** sessions **Tuesdays, 7.30pm** in Our Lady's church hall. Email Gareth rcia.cathleam@gmail.com for more info. There is still time to join.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: **Fridays 11am-12 noon**. 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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: **Friday 16 October** at 7.00 at Our Lady's Church. All are welcome. Help is available with transport for anyone who might have difficulty getting there. Phone Mary Rouse (07540 532785) if you need help.

TEA DANCE AT SP FOR OL: at **St Peter's Hall** in aid of **Our Lady's roof repairs** on **Sun 18 Oct at 2.15pm**. See posters or EXTRA. Come on your own or with a friend. Demo from a competition couple at the interval. Offers of raffle prizes or to bake a cake would be welcome. Contact paulhayden444@gmail.com

COMING SOON

SPARK YOUTH GROUP YRS 5, 6, 7, 8: The meeting dates this session are **22 October, 26 November, 17 December, 28 January**. 7pm in the Davenport Room of SP hall.

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

ST. PETER'S SUNDAY LUNCH: The next Sunday lunch will take place after 11:15am Mass on Sunday 25th October in St. Peter's Church Hall. The sign-up sheet is available at the back of Church.

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND TEAS: Everyone is welcome to come over to the Church Hall after Sunday Mass. It's a good time to chat with your fellow parishioners, and there are always biscuits! We could do with a few more people offering to help prepare, serve, and tidy up afterwards at St Peter's. Many hands make any task more enjoyable!

ST PETER'S BUILDINGS: The diocese is encouraging every parish to achieve sustainability, that just as buildings have been passed on from years past so we need to be confident that usable, efficient, well-maintained, and affordable buildings can be passed on to future generations. You will all have heard it said here that while it might be hard to imagine a future without the buildings we have, it remains equally hard to imagine how we afford to maintain them. **Our hall complex, church and presbytery together continue to have maintenance needs far, far more expensive than our financial resources can pay for. This is a fact.** A fact that has been discussed before: we should not be being surprised by this.

It is therefore another fact that some sort of change is inevitable. Without change, one or more of our buildings will simply become unusable, sooner or later, because we do not have the money to repair them all. And that's a change few of us would want, of course.

So, **what sort of change do we want?** This is the question that needs to be prayed and talked about. Could we expect to raise millions to restore all the buildings that we have? It really would take millions to restore all three buildings as they stand. **Each building cannot be viewed on its own:** the costs of spending on one take away from what might be spent on the other two. The money comes from one parish account.

The presbytery is at least twice as big as needed: should we be spending money maintaining unused rooms? Just to repair and repaint all its windows we have quotes of £45,000. It is very costly to heat even just the rooms that are used. Decades of cost-cutting by not carrying out maintenance have reduced its value. It needs a new kitchen, a new bathroom, the architect is concerned about the roof – the list is long.

There are proposals to renovate the flat and 'sub-let' **the hall complex** to bring in income: how do we feel about entering into legal contracts so that others might hire it out? Great work has been done to stop the hall losing money, but more than £50,000+ or so is still needed to be spent on it in just the short term, and its current surplus is modest. The architect has concerns about roofs and pebble dashing, and disabled access is inadequate. Like the presbytery its running costs are large. The running costs of hall and presbytery are in fact very large indeed, averaging £20,000 a year in the past five years: is this sustainable and, if it is, is it desirable? Can we not reduce running costs and free up finance for other projects that

might serve the parish and the wider community better? Would selling the current presbytery enable us to create a new, smaller and cheaper to run house out of the old house at the front of the hall? At the same time the hall complex could be reconfigured to provide what we need with reduced running costs - to be less 'complex' in both senses, in fact, and less reliant on outside commercial bookings making opportunities for more parish events to happen there. These are some ideas: doubtless there are many others.

Our beautiful **church** if not refurbished will simply get dirtier and shabbier, its artworks degrading more as time goes on. Do we want this? It will cost at least £1,000,000 to repair, repaint and restore the interior. Can we even think of tackling this while the hall and presbytery present immediate costly needs, as they currently stand?

In order to provide a sustainable presbytery, hall and church for future generations, these questions and others need to be asked and answered. Open conversations exploring ideas need to happen. At some point a consensus will need to be reached.

As a start, the Pastoral Council is setting up a group consisting of some of its members, some from the Finance Committee and some from the Hall Management Group to talk about how we provide a church, hall and house that liberate us to be the people of God, free of constant work and worry about how to keep buildings open, and so be able to serve Him as He wills for the indefinite future. Sometimes people mishear what is said, so to be clear, we need to explore how we reach the point of **having a hall, a presbytery and a church that we can afford to maintain and hand on to the future**. Just as we have been handed our buildings by previous generations, we need to hand buildings on to the next. **Let's pray and think, talk and listen.**

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. This clearly runs in tandem and should support our securing of 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 change is meant to enable the sharing of resources and buildings to be decided at a local level.

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

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS:

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

Ronald Way RIP, 6 Nov 10am at St. Peter's

FR KEVIN is now working on regaining his mobility and will be at Coleshill for an extra week until **Friday 16 October**. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP - £479.37, OL - £215.20, 2nd Coll. - SP (CAFOD) - £633.49, OL (CAFOD) - £488.25. **Thank you for your generosity.** This week's second collection at both Churches is for: **Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda.**

NEXT WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

ST PETER'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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 4 OCTOBER: The gross total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£64,944.12**. 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 **Main Altar candle burns: In Memory of Mary Curran RIP Recently Deceased.** The **Our Lady Chapel candle burns: For the Repose of the Soul of Elaine Iles RIP Recently Deceased.** The **St. Joseph Chapel candle burns: For the family of Elaine Iles RIP.** 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 **any age** – male or female, young or old.

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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