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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 18th October 2026

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DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Intentions of the McVeigh Family
SUNDAY 18th ***29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*** **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Eithne Dunne RIP Patricia Keaney RIP Anniv.
Monday 19th *Opt. Mem. of St. Frideswide, Abbess.*	~	~	*9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Whitnash*
Tuesday 20th *Feria*	10am Mass	~	Mary Curran RIP; Marcio Jose Frutuoso Medeiros RIP 1st Anniv.
Wednesday 21st *Feria.*	~	10am Mass	Adam Jurewicz RIP
Thursday 22nd *Opt. Mem. of St. John Paul II, Pope*	10am Mass	~	Mary Curran RIP; Monica Gaffney RIP
Friday 23rd *Opt. Mem. of St. John of Capistrano, P.*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Elaine Iles RIP
Saturday 24th *Opt. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bp.*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Mary Curran RIP; Thanksgiving for the Birth of Edward John Hayes
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Marian Burke
SUNDAY 25th ***30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	The People of the Parish John Terence Keenan RIP; Tree Marriott-Doddington's 99th B'day

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 Vito LaBarbera, Alina Daszkiewicz, Kathleen Byrne, Eileen Filcek, Dennis Dunlop, Tracy Curran, Peter Dale, Rhiannon Whyte, Evelyn McGuire, Nicholau Baretto, Rev Fr. Aidan White-Spunner, Rev. Fr. Brendan Byrne, Rev. Fr. Thomas Burbage, Rev. Fr. John Murray, Rev. Fr. Edward Burbage. **The Recently Deceased**: Adam Jurewicz, Debbie Underhill, Ronald Way, Bernadette McKenna, Mary Cullen, Mary Curran, Sarah Fisk. ***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, Ben Bartley, Edward Behan, Jim Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Angela Cleary, 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 Today's Gospel finds Jesus seemingly falling into a cunning trap. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? The Roman Emperor was of course the pagan conqueror of Israel, who oversaw an occupying power force its laws, customs and currency on the defeated Jews. So to answer 'yes' would put Jesus at loggerheads with the Jewish religious leaders. Top say 'no' would put Jesus in trouble with the Roman authorities. So He takes a coin: it is stamped with the Emperor's image, it is a symbol of his earthly power. But of course, human beings are stamped with God's image and may rejoice in His perfect power. So, the primary call on us is of course God's. Those who asked Jesus the question today would have used Roman coins (they produced one after all!), and so their hypocritical trickery becomes obvious. But what is less obvious is how we are marked as God's and how we must put Him first. ***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!**

GREAT NEWS FOR OUR LADY'S! *The grant application writing team have been successful!* This was announced by Historic England on Thursday – see their website – and posted out on our Facebook pages. Many of you will have heard the good news by now, of course. Historic England have awarded the parish £119,066 towards the roof and other necessary works. This adds mightily to the wonderful £65,000 fundraising effort made so far! ***The works will be going ahead*** and indeed the next lot of hard work of organising the final task of seeing a chosen contractor onto the site is now underway.

Thank God and all those who have worked so hard to achieve this!

ST PETER'S BUILDINGS: There is of course no reason why St Peter's would not qualify for a grant towards restoring the church – we may learn much from Our Lady's successful experience. But, as on last week's news sheet (still on the Catholic Leamington website) prayerful talking and listening are needed to discern the best way forward for the presbytery and hall so that we have a house and hall we can afford to maintain into the future. Once we are free of that worry, and on a sustainable financial footing we can turn towards the beautiful church and look to restoring that. A group of people drawn from the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the hall management Group are to begin considerations. But we shall all have a part to play.

THIS WEEKEND & THE WEEK AHEAD

THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: An annual reminder that by our baptism we are called to be missionary disciples. The second collection supports the work of overseas missions organised through ***Missio***

ST PETER'S LIVESTREAM: The failure of a computer server in the church has temporarily taken down the livestream camera on YouTube. It sems to be affecting the induction loop system too. Please say if you usually use this and you can't at the moment. The unit is due to be replaced on Monday.

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.

THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meets **this Tuesday**. Members will be casting an eye over the parishes' finances and reflecting upon securing the future of our buildings. This was detailed on last week's sheet. If you missed that, past notice sheets are available on the Catholic Leamington website.

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: Meets this **Thursday 7pm** in the Davenport Room upstairs in the hall.

THE DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM meets **this Thursday** in **Banbury**. Our representatives will be present – Martin Foley for SP and Mary Rouse for OL. On the agenda is the diocesan 2030 Plan, a consideration of possible parish amalgamations and the sharing of resources across current parish boundaries, whether buildings, catechesis, money, clergy and everything else we have to offer in the service of God and His Church.

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.

KINDAID JUST DESSERTS AT OL: Saturday 24 October

CARDS FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE: There will be an opportunity on Sunday 25th October at Our Lady's to sign cards to prisoners of conscience who have been identified by Action by Christians against Torture. We will have cards for 4 people, and the details will be on the boards in Our

Lady's from 18th October. They are from Iran, Pakistan, Egypt and Azerbaijan and are in prison for defending human rights. They include a Nobel Peace Prize winner from 2023. This simple act is a much-needed moral boost for these brave people. Please add your name and pray for them.

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.

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.

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

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES: Graves at Leamington Cemetery will be blessed on **November 15** at **2.30pm** beginning with a short prayer service in which we pray for all the departed and especially those laid to rest in the cemetery. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

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

OUR LADY'S NEW CARD MACHINE: Our Lady's now has its own card reader so that donations may be made to Our Lady's parish directly by card. It has taken some effort to set this up as there are many software links in the chain between presenting a card and donations reaching their destination! Thank you to the donor who has paid for its installation.

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!

CHRISTMAS CARDS: SPAN has for many years sent a Christmas greeting card to those who cannot come to church so that they are not forgotten. This is with the help of the SVP who visit many who are housebound. However, there may be those who would appreciate a card, for whom we do not have the details, therefore, if you know of anyone, please let us know. Thank you! Please contact Mary Holden on mcxholden@virginmedia.com

SPAN: has sent £350 to Sand Dams providing water, Christian Prison Trust for visits, Kiirua Mission Hospital and £100 CAFOD in Darfur.

DIOCESAN VISION: This forms much of the discussions of the Deanery Pastoral Forum that meets this week. 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:
Ronald Way RIP, 6 Nov 10am at St. Peter's

FR KEVIN is now at home, continuing to exercise to regain full mobility. He is 'up and about', and we look forward to seeing more and more of him as time goes on.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP - £479.37, OL - £215.20, plus standing orders and online donations. ***Thank you for your generosity.*** This week's second collection at both Churches is for: **APF World Mission Sunday**. Last week's second collection figure for Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda has yet to be confirmed.

THIS WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: This 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: ***thank you to those who have volunteered to help!*** In addition, it would be good to have more leaders beyond the current three. Please speak to Shervin, Anna-Marie or Yvonne or Dcn Paul or Fr Stephen if you could take a turn leading this. Help will be given and expertise shared.

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.***

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 Theresa Radford 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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