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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 25th 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**	~	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
Monday 26th *Opt. Mem. of St. Cedd, Bp.*	~	~	*9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Whitnash*
Tuesday 27th *Feria*	~	~	*9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Whitnash*
Wednesday 28th ***Feast of Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles***	~	10am Mass	Peter Dale RIP; Angela Cleary, Sick
Thursday 29th *Feria*	10am Mass	~	Brendan Barry RIP
Friday 30th *Feria*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Liam Connolly RIP
Saturday 31st *Opt. Mem. of Our Lady on Saturday*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Thomas O'Sullivan RIP
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Lemoine Family
SUNDAY 1st November ***SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Bridget Maher RIP; Thomas Ryan RIP Carlos Alberto Dias

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 Evelyn McGuire, Nicholau Baretto, Philomena Whyte, Matthew Bates, Simon McGrath, Donna Mancini, Laurence Treacy, Thomas O'Sullivan, Nicholas Di Pinto, Anastasia Nolan, Rev. Fr. Edward Burbage, Rev. Fr. John F. McGovern, Rev. Fr. Thomas Williams, Rev. Fr. John O'Dwyer, Rev. Fr. Patrick O'Sullivan, Rev. Fr. James Faulconer-Morgan, Rev. Fr. Henry Taylor. **The Recently Deceased**: Adam Jurewicz, Debbie Underhill, Ronald Way, 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 Anyone who has a religious faith cannot claim it to be genuine unless it has an affect upon their thoughts, words and actions, or in short, their life. Sometimes this might be expressed by religious laws or, in Biblical terms, the commandments. The Pharisees listed 613 of them so to ask which is the greatest is quite a question. But Jesus wishes to lead us into a relationship with Him and with one another so instead of starting with rules He begins with love. Once we get that right, everything else follows. But that does not negate commandments – we could hardly love someone and yet steal his valuables or love God and blaspheme His name, after all! But Jesus wishes to place our relationship with Him and others firmly in love. We follow Him, not a rule book, but our following means we must keep the rule of love. That will not always be easy. ***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: back to normal again.

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

FR KEVIN celebrates his 70th birthday on Monday. We wish him a speedy return to full mobility, every blessing and of course many happy returns!

ROSARY AT HOME: As this is the Month of the Rosary, everyone is invited to join the online Leamington Prayer Group in saying the Rosary online this Thursday 29th October at 7pm. You should be able to join by simply clicking this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9076106367?pwd=Qnd6cGdsS1o4cXRHWDk1OU9sZEluZz09

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**. 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.

CARDS FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE: Today, Sunday 25th October at Our Lady's we may sign cards to prisoners of conscience who have been identified by ***Action by Christians against Torture***. There are cards for 4 people. from Iran, Pakistan, Egypt and Azerbaijan, 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.

COMING SOON

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE DEPARTED: The annual envelopes to receive the names of the departed and any Mass intentions for them will be available.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS PAST YEAR AND THOSE WHO MOURN THEM: **4 Nov at 7pm**. 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 all those laid to rest in the cemetery. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

SPAN & SVP APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS will take place over the weekend of **14-15 November**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT OL: Saturday 21 November

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

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT OUR LADY'S 6 December 3 pm for the Advent Carol Service for the Cluster

PARISH MISSION AT ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY'S IN 2027: ***26-30 April*** with **Fr Royston** (and assistants) of the **Redemptorists.** There will be much planning needed and organisation doing of course. More information soon.

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***.

NEW BISHOPS: Please pray for **Bishop Timothy Menezes**, auxiliary bishop for the north of the diocese, who is to be the next Bishop of Brentwood, the diocese that covers Essex and parts of east London.
Pray also for the newly ordained **Bishop Stephen Wang** who has just become the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton after being the Rector of the English College in Rome.

Bishop Stephen is no stranger to St Peter's, having visited to be at a wedding two years ago.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND TEAS: Everyone is welcome to the Church Hall after Sunday Mass in both parishes. 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 sends Christmas greeting cards to those who cannot come to church so that they are not forgotten. The SVP who visit many who are housebound, help. 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 mcxholden@virginmedia.com

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**. 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.

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP - £589.61, OL - £154.81, 2nd Coll. SP (Missio) - £421.56, OL (Missio) - £213.95 plus standing orders and online donations. ***Thank you for your generosity.*** This week's second collections: SP: **Church Maintenance**, OL: **OL Vision**. The retiring collection for **Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda** raised £1,055.26 over the three Masses in both parishes. ***Thank you***

DONATIONS BY CARD Both parishes have card readers for use by credit/debit card or smart phone. Alternatively, you may give via smartphone by scanning a QR code.

TO GIVE TO* ST PETER'S *SCAN THIS QR CODE –

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OUR LADY'S CHURCH BRING AND BUY TABLE: Our Lady's Bring, Buy and Books stalls in the lower hall have been successful, making over 100 pounds already, for the church roof. Similarly, the donations of small change has achieved over 100 pounds too. (These will then be doubled of course when ceiling tiles are bought). Thank you all so much and please do keep on bringing nice small things and paperbacks and forgotten small coins. And you are most welcome to come and browse, of course, on Sundays and Wednesdays after mass.

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 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: Envelopes are at back of SP church. Please post with £5 Donation in the collection at Mass.

JUSTICE & PEACE: prayer intention for October is: "We pray, with Pope Leo, that people facing challenges to their mental health may find welcome, dignity and hope in our Church"

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.

You may pay for piety shop goods by doing this too.

ST PETER'S BUILDINGS: ***information about our need to have an affordable and sustainable presbytery, hall and church will be shared on this sheet***. ***From maintenance to mission.*** Fr Stephen is committed to information sharing in order that we might exercise co-responsibility fully, making informed decisions based on facts and possibility and ***NOT*** on guesswork, rumour or wishful thinking. Please therefore keep yourself informed by reading what appears here.
At present of course no decisions have been made by anyone about anything. The process is to present information, harvest ideas and create possible options. A working group of members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Hall Management Group is being set up as a first step in the process. To be clear…
Why are we doing this? The hall, presbytery and church require more maintenance than we can currently afford. Therefore, eventually one or more will become unusable if nothing changes. Shouldn't we be passing on facilities: our forebears passed things on to us?
How do we know this? The bank balance is about £85,000. ***The church*** needs at least £1,000,000 spending on the interior. ***The presbytery*** has had a recent assessment of needing £123,000 spending on it in the next three years. ***The hall complex*** requires various improvements and roofing and architect's inspection issues putting right. We are working on finding accurate costings for this. A kind parishioner has offered £20,000 towards this but an additional £30,000 or so would be needed for other issues. The Management Group is working on a formal proposal that can be considered by the Finance Committee and then, if approved, be passed on to the diocese. (No parish can spend a sum of more than £10,000 without first getting diocesan permission, wherever the money comes from). The hall and the presbytery have very high running costs that between them currently total £45,000 a year.
What are the benefits of change? In short, we won't run out of money, and we won't have to shut buildings. ***Much better*** is that if we can free ourselves of constant concerns about work on the presbytery and the hall we are able to concentrate much more on the work of the parish and creating a campaign (like Our Lady's has) to restore the

church and invigorate what goes on in it that we might serve the community better. **From maintenance to mission!** ***Please pray and reflect, talk and listen.***

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE met to consider the third quarter accounts of both parishes (both running at a surplus); how Gift Aid is progressing; the need for consideration of reviewing St Peter's buildings to prevent losing any of the hall, presbytery and church; to rejoice at the hard work and good news at Our Lady's that has resulted in the successful grant application and consider how St Peter's may benefit from this experience.

THE DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM: met last Thursday to hear more details of the developing Diocesan Vision. In order that the vision to create stronger and vibrant communities of faith might come about, consideration needs to be given to creating new single parishes out of the current clusters of five or six or so, or other ways to share resources, people and expertise. The Chief Operating Officer of the diocese explained that any changes involving Canon Law, such as any amalgamation of parishes, is subject to consultation under Canon Law. We need to make positive changes to ensure that we make best use of fewer priests, best use of buildings and best use of finance to support the vision of mission. Half the Parishes of the Diocese are currently running at a loss: clearly not sustainable as reserves will run out. So many buildings have large maintenance bills (sound familiar?!). The only option we don't have is to do nothing, he told us. The Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishops and Vicar-General are planning consultations. Minutes of meetings are posted on the Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery Website.

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!



