ST PETER'S PARISH & OUR LADY'S PARISH: *PART OF CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON*
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 21st June 2026

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DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
SUNDAY 21st ***12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Rev. Fr. Noel Breslin RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Holy Souls John Forman RIP Aniv.
Monday 22nd *Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bp, & Thomas More, Ms. Wk 12 of OT, Yr 2*	10am Mass	~	Joan & Silvan Bisconti 30th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 23rd *Opt. Mem. of St. Etheldreda, Abbess*	10am Mass	~	Michael Watson RIP
Wednesday 24th ***Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist***	~	**10am Mass**	**Requiem: Maureen Chatfield RIP**
Thursday 25th *Feria*	**7pm** Mass	~	Edmund Crichton RIP
Friday 26th *Feria*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions	~	Richard Bolton RIP
Saturday 27th *Opt. Mem. of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bp., Dr.*	9am Holy Hour; **No morning Confessions**	~	**NO MASS**
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Sieglinde Nalci
SUNDAY 28th ***SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	June and William Harbison RIP William Braddish RIP

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: Alice Scannell, Denis Meade, Rosemary Matthews, Ann Wright, Tina Reynolds, John Forman, James Mulhearn, David Copson, Orazio Samperi, Claire Claffey, Maria John, Ronald Young, David Burdett, Joseph McDermott, Richard King, Elizabeth Walshe, Rev. Mgr. Peter Stonier, Rev. Fr. Eric Morgan, Rev. Fr. Geoffrey Tucker, Rev. Fr. Bernard Garratt, Rev. Fr. John Bradley, Rev. Fr. George Grynowski, Rev. Fr. John McMorrow.

The recently deceased: Eddy Duffy, Andrew Justice, Mervyn Leach, Denis Buckley, Maureen Chatfield. ***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

JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!
MAKE OUR HEARTS LIKE UNTO THINE!

St Peter's & Our Lady's Churches, working with St Joseph's Church as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. ***Reg. Charity No. 234216.***

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: Do not be afraid. These words of Jesus spoken to the Apostles were much quoted by Pope St John Paul II for they are wonderful words. Amid the pain and suffering of the world, the rejection of the Gospel and hostility to the teachings of Christ, Jesus can still say 'Do not be afraid' to us. Jesus knows all about suffering, and yet He can still speak these words. Are they empty comfort? No, for they are said by the Lord Himself and they are spoken out of an understanding of reality. The reality is this: life on earth contains good things and bad, pleasure and pain, sin and self-sacrifice, and one day it will end. But Jesus has overcome the bad, the pain and the sin and out of the Father's great love He offers that victory to us. '...there is no need to be afraid...'.
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

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Day For Life: Sunday 21 June-

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year's theme is The Wonder of the Child in the Womb. There is a second collection for the Day for Life Fund which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death.

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

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: on **Tuesday 12-3pm** in SP Hall. Come and play or learn to play Whist in St. Peters Hall, sessions at 1:30pm.

MAUREEN CHATFIELD RIP: Maureen was a devoted and faithful parishioner at Our Lady's who will be missed by us all. She was part of so much of the parish's life and fought her illness bravely for many years. Maureen will be received into Our Lady's Church at **5pm on Tue 23 June** and her **Funeral Mass** will be at **10am on Weds 24**. Her good friend Fr Benedict Skipper, former curate, will celebrate the Mass. Please pray for her and for her family.

EVENING FOR LEADERS OF CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - 24 JUNE All our Children's Liturgy helpers in both parishes should be aware of this event which aims to inspire leaders of children's liturgy across the Banbury & Warwick Deanery. The session will be delivered by Carol Ann Harnett, a catechist with over 40 years experience of forming children and adults in the faith. Refreshments will be provided from 7pm.
Details: **7.15pm Wed 24 June - St Francis of Assisi Parish Centre**,110 Warwick Road, **Kenilworth** CV8 1HL Contact Fr David: canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk or 01926 772 712

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: The next meeting of our Youth Group for school years 5,6,7 and 8 is Thursday **25 June** in the Dormer Centre. The other meetings before summer are **16 July**.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: On **Fridays** from **11am-12pm** Davenport Room upstairs in SP hall. All welcome.

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

KINDAID TEA PARTY: Our Lady's, **Sunday 28 June 3pm with music**.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Sunday 28 June after the 11:15am Mass in SP Hall. 3 course Sunday dinner for £15 including a glass of wine. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of SP Church to book your place.

COMING SOON

THE CHURCH AND AI: 11th July 10.30-1.30pm at St Gregory's Stratford. A talk and discussion on the same subject as Pope Leo's encyclical. See poster in porch.

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL 24-27 July at Oscott College. **WeBelieve** festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Join us from 24-27 July, 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. See https://www.webelievefestival.com/ It is hoped to organise a coach for local parishes.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI KENILWORTH In this year of St Francis, on 25th July we are planning pilgrimages from St Mary's, Warwick, St Peter's Leamington and Our Lady's Lillington to St Francis' in Kenilworth. You will be able to join a group walking from one of the churches, or be collected en route. If this sounds too far there will be a group walking from Abbey Fields to St Francis. The pilgrimages will be completed with a Mass at 17:30.
If you would like to take part please register your interest, including your chosen starting point, by emailing Richard at rstaveley118@gmail.com or by calling 07535 933 786.

WARWICK MARTYRS' ANNUAL WALK TO GALLOWS HILL: This year is on **Sunday 16 August**. We mark their fearless faith and martyrdom at the spot they were killed, and ask their prayers for our parishes today.

OTHER INFORMATION

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?: A series of sessions on the Catholic faith for adults wishing to prepare for receiving the sacraments and being received into the Church will begin soon. Please contact Gareth on 07539 502436/ RCIA.cathleam@gmail.com

CARD READING MACHINE AT OUR LADY'S: Thanks to a kind parishioners offer to cover the costs we shall be acquiring a card machine.

OL 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.

OL BRING AND BUY TABLE: (Donation Station!) Please give us your unused small gifts that someone else might like, or small items you don't need anymore. Also paperbacks in nice condition. The occasional cake or extra garden produce could go here too. Thank you.

PEACE FESTIVAL: Many thanks to those who supported our open Church for the Peace Festival -- there were a good number of visitors, many of whom had not been in St Peter's before and were keen to learn about it and aspects of our faith. We also had many signatures on the cards to prisoners of conscience -- we hope and pray that these people will be released soon and in the meantime

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, Timothy Dawson, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joan Gibbons, Joe Graham, 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.

we want to give them hope and support. Thank you to all who helped.

ST PETER'S HALL: The management Group **would love some help**. Currently the group are encouraging bookings so that the hall may run at a surplus. Please see Mary Curran or call Roger Elson on 07873 869 092. They are also looking at various ideas to meet the building's maintenance needs, and would love practical help to keep the hall and area round it clean and tidy, as well as to bring these ideas into fully developed and costed plans.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This happens Sunday mornings at both parishes. It is an opportunity for small children below the age of First Holy Communion to explore the readings of the day in ways suited to their age. All children who have yet received Communion are welcome, and with their parents if they prefer.

OL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP: (part of the Vison and Action initiative) invite anyone with marketing experience to help us on our OL communications plan. We have a draft just looking for some professional input. Please contact David Burton on 07713 246987.

ART COMPETITION!: Would you like to create a painting or drawing based on the beautiful windows at Our Lady's? Entrants are invited to paint, draw, create a collage, or any form of artwork (except photography), reflecting the beauty of the windows. Winners will be chosen by a panel and all artwork will be displayed in church during the Heritage Open Days in September. There is a small entrance fee for each age group (7 and under, 8 to 15 and over 15) to raise money towards the roof repairs. For more details and an entry form, email maryrouse@rocketmail.com. **Closing date is 26 July.**

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG) 18-30: text **Freya 07565 142204 (WhatsApp)** or connect via Instagram **@catholicleamingtonyag**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP: £734.04, OL: £229.65. 2nd Coll. SP (Church Maintenance): £242.18, OL (OL Vision): £212.67. 2nd Collections this week at both churches: Day for Life. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 7 JUNE: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£46,898.99.** The *next update* will be 5 July 2026. *All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled!* ***Thank you for your generosity.***

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED: please speak to Fr Stephen or email the parish if you can help—or for more information.

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 in the collection at Mass with a donation of £5.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Details of members are in the churches porches or email martinfoley73@gmail.com. Raise any point you wish.

ALTAR SERVERS: ***We'd love more servers****! See* ***Bob*** *at* ***St Peter's****, or* ***Adrian*** *at* ***Our Lady's.***

POPE LEO'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL: The Holy Father had published his first encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity). It is a wonderful affirmation of the dignity of humanity, set against Catholic social teaching and the work of his predecessor Leo XIII who defended the rights of working people in the age of industrialisation. (See his encyclical *Rerum Novarum*). Pope Leo reflects on the rise of Artificial Intelligence, its power for good as well as ill, and he urges us to be 'weavers of hope'. His last paragraph runs 'With the same faith as Mary, let us become "weavers of hope" in our world, sharing who we are and what we have, so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives. Indeed, the Lord continues to make all things new and offers every era the possibility of becoming part of salvation history in the light of the Incarnation. I entrust our desire to the Mother of Christ, to the Woman of the Magnificat, that she may guide our steps through this time of change and preserve in each of us true faith in the Gospel, so that we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made his dwelling'. You may see the full text here: Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Leo XIV Magnifica Humanitas (15 May 2026)

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: Prayer intention for June: that all Christians may love, welcome, protect and integrate refugees and people seeking asylum as our neighbours.

SPAN: This month we gave £ 1,700 to appeals: helping Ebola care in DRC, training women in Uganda, supporting a children's home in India, to savings schemes in central Africa and CAFOD in Darfur. Thanks for your support.

INTERESTED IN TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERING AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC. These costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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.