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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 5th July 2026

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DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
SUNDAY 5th ***14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Margaret Bannon RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Pro Populo John Hannan RIP
Monday 6th *Opt. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti, V., M.* *Wk 14 of OT, Yr 2*	**9am** Mass **12noon Mass**	~	Intentions of Katie Roberts & David Foord ***Nuptial: Felipe & Eva***
Tuesday 7th *Feria*	10am Mass	~	Carmel Rippington RIP; *Rita Taylor RIP*
Wednesday 8th *Feria*	~	10am Mass **7pm Confirmation Mass**	Holy Souls; *Mr. S. Jafri RIP* The Confirmandi
Thursday 9th *Opt. Mem. of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, P., & Companions, M.*	10am Mass	~	Sue Maher RIP
Friday 10th *Feria*	**11:30am Mass** 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions	~	***Requiem: Edward Duffy RIP***
Saturday 11th ***Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe***	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Ruth Tetlow RIP; *In Thanksgiving*
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Jimmy Bell RIP Anniv.
SUNDAY 12th ***15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Mary Fitzpatrick Dcn. Paul Milton Ord. Anniv.; Fernando Panico 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: Monica Kelsey, Michael McKeown, Frances Stevens, James Martin, Anne Keegan, Tara Fitzpatrick, Patrick Thornton, Edmund Piper, Marie Houlihan, Catherine O'Sullivan, Patrick Nestor, John "Denis" Dineen, Sean Hayden, Patrick Kenny, June Moore, Ellen Basham, Margaret Egginton, Hildegard Jackson, Philomena Vale, Rev. Mgr. Louis McRaye, Very Rev. Cn. Francis Grady, Rev. Fr. Michael Cullinan, Rev. Fr. Leonard Joppe, Rev. Fr. Vincent Armishaw, Rev. Fr. Joseph Pires, Rev. Fr. Michael Gaffney, Rev. Fr. Bernard Maddox, Rev. Fr. Brendan Donlon, Rev. Fr. Anthony Maguire, Rev. Fr. Seamus Hetherington, Rev. Fr. John Molyneux, Rev. Fr. Plunkett Shannon.
The recently deceased: Timothy Dawson, Thomas O'Reilly, Ruth Tetlow, Eddie Duffy, Andrew Justice, Patrick Buckley, Geoffrey Day. ***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

JULY: MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS!

GLORY BE TO JESUS WHO IN BITTER PAINS POURED FOR US THE LIFEBLOOD FROM HIS SACRED VEINS!

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: In today's gospel reading Jesus calls to Himself all those who feel burdened. Whether that is a burden of cares, sin, pain, anxiety or anything else, Jesus wants us to know that He loves us. He is, after all, the One who carried the greatest burden of all, the sins of the world. He carried those sins so that we do not have to. As the first reading puts it, we have this great king, victorious and triumphant yet he comes to us humbly, riding a donkey. Yes, Jesus may have looked very unprepossessing but His power is great. This first reading takes us back to Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem before His Passion. He comes to us—that's what the Incarnation is all about—and this arrival on the back of a colt demonstrates His gentleness and reinforces the idea that He has come to us so that we may indeed come to Him. His Heart, about which He talks in the Gospel, is that seat of burning love that contains a place of love for each of us.

As we leave June, the month of the Sacred Heart, and enter July, the month of the Precious Blood, let us give thanks that the heart and Blood of Jesus are given freely to us that we might know His peace and His conquest of death that, on the Cross, as His heart was pierced and His Blood poured out, it was for us.

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

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: There will be a talk and retiring collection this weekend after the Masses for Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda. Link - www.evcuganda.org for more info.

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.

CONFIRMATION: This Wednesday 7pm at Our Lady's the confirmation of children from Our Lady's School and those not at a Catholic school will be celebrated by Bishop Richard. Please pray for the children and their families, and in thanksgiving for those who have worked hard to prepare them. Come Holy Spirit!

EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH: - Summer programme Thursday evenings (7:30 - 9pm) from 9th July for eight weeks in the Flint Room. This will be a condensed course principally for teaching practising Christians from other backgrounds or Catholics who missed out. The course for those wishing to become Catholic starts in the Autumn.

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!

FARMERS MARKET: Saturday **11th July 11:30am - 3pm** in SP Hall, come along to see stalls selling locally produced bread, pies, eggs, meat, cakes, jams, honey, and more! Please see the poster in the porches of St. Peter's and Our Lady's churches.

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.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS IN THE PARISHES:
Fri 10 July 11.30 at SP Funeral Mass for Eddie Duffy
Tue 14 July 1pm at SP Funeral Service for Thomas O'Reilly
Tue 21 July 11.15 at SP, Funeral Service of Ruth Tetlow
Wed 22 July 10.00 at OL, Funeral Mass of Patrick Buckley
Please pray for the departed and for their families.

COMING SOON

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: The next meeting of our Youth Group for school years 5,6,7 and 8 is Thursday **16th July** in the Dormer Centre. After this the SPARK are on Summer break.

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** St Francis Parish 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.

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.**

MASSES FOR PEOPLE WITH SEN: Our Lady & St Brigid's Church in Northfield, Birmingham is holding a series of Masses on Sundays at 4pm: 26 July, 23 August, 27 Sept.

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.

MASS FOR THE SICK IN CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Fri 11 Sept 11am at St Joseph's. With anointing and refreshments, of course.

FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONAT ST PETER'S: 17-19 September. Over three days we plan to hold the traditional Forty Hours of Exposition. This will begin each day with Mass and include such things as evening prayer, times of guided reflection and devotions.

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, 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.

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.

During this time an exhibition of the world's Eucharistic Miracles will be in the hall. Eucharistic miracles are those documented and even photographed mysterious events when Hosts have turned into flesh. More details soon.

PARISH MISSION AT ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY'S 2027: 20-26 May with Fr Royston (and assistants) of the Redemptorist community. Advance notice indeed! There will be much planning needed and organisation doing of course. More information will come.

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

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISHES: Several documents were produced for the AGM in addition to the two parishes summary of accounts. If you visit the newsletter page of the Catholic Leamington website you will find information from the Pastoral Council, background information about our finances and assets, reflection form Fr Stephen about the last year and much more. If we are to move forward with co-responsibility, clergy and people together, then obviously we all need to be informed. Here's a great way of discovering what's happened, is happening and is planned for the future. Please have a look at your leisure.

CARD READING MACHINE AT OUR LADY'S: Thanks to a kind parishioners offer to cover the costs we shall be acquiring a card machine. The admin involved in setting this up is a little involved but once done will be no problem.

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.

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.

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP: £464.57, OL: £247.95. 2nd Coll. SP (Peter's Pence): £344.55, OL (Peter's Pence): £252.97. 2nd Collections at SP - Church Maintenance, OL - OL Vision. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 3 JULY: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£50,130.46.** The *next update* will be 6 September 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 with members or Fr Stephen. ***It's good to talk!***

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)

SPAN: This week we received thanks for £200 responding to needs of a family relocating because of domestic violence. 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.