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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 12th 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 12th ***15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Jimmy Bell RIP Anniv.
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Mary Fitzpatrick; Mrs. Profina e Dias Cardozo RIP Dcn. Paul Milton Ord. Anniv.; Fernando Panico RIP
Monday 13th *Opt. Mem. of St. Henry*	10am Mass	~	Margaret Sullivan RIP
Tuesday 14th *Opt. Mem. of St. Camillus de Lellis, P.*	9.30am Mass at St Pat's Sch 10am Mass ***1pm Service***	~	Mr. Mao-Bao-Zhen RIP *Miss M. O'Brien RIP* ***Funeral: Thomas O'Reilly RIP***
Wednesday 15th *Mem. of St. Bonaventure, Bp., Doctor. of the Church*	9.30am Mass at St Ant's Sch	10am Mass	Holy Souls *Intentions of Katie Roberts & David Foord*
Thursday 16th *Opt. Mem. of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*	10am Mass	9:30am Mass at OL Sch	Maggie Duggan RIP In Thanksgiving
Friday 17th *Mem. of Blssd John Sugar, P. & Robert Grissold, Layman, M.*	9:30am Mass with SP Sch 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	James McAleer RIP; *Holy Souls*
Saturday 18th *Opt. Mem. of Our Lady on Saturday*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Dr. Stan D'Souza RIP Anniv., *Holy Souls*
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Annie McHale RIP Anniv.
SUNDAY 19th ***16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Maureen Chatfield RIP James Hannan RIP; John Forman 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: Ellen Basham, Margaret Egginton, Hildegard Jackson, Philomena Vale, Mafalda Swain, James Hannan, Antonio Di Luciano, Anne Hornsby, William McSweeney, Alfred Berry, John Jackson, Josephine Kelly, Rose Thurlow, Very Rev. Cn. Francis Grady, Rev. Fr. Anthony Maguire, Rev. Fr. Seamus Hetherington, Rev. Fr. John Molyneux, Rev. Fr. Plunkett Shannon, Rev. Fr. Anthony Burns, Rev. Fr. Brian Halton, Rev. Fr. Arthur Warburton, Rev. Fr. Philip Cleary, Rev. Fr. Brendan Carrick, Rev. Fr. Liam O'Connor, Rev. Fr. Anthony Rock, Rev. Fr. Anthony Rohan. **The recently deceased**: Bridie O'Riordan, Timothy Dawson, Thomas O'Reilly, Ruth Tetlow, Eddie Duffy, 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!

THIS BLOOD THAT BUT ONE DROP OF HAS THE POWER TO WIN ALL THE WORLD FORGIVENESS OF ITS WORLD OF SIN. ~*ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.*

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: A parable is a story told by Jesus that has a meaning: it teaches something. Today's Gospel contains the parable of the Sower. Jesus paints a clear picture of an ordinary event, the sowing of the seeds for the harvest. It falls in different place, grows at different rates, provided a great or a small crop, or none at all. He uses this to talk about how the word of God is sown in people's hearts, yet it too produces different results according not to the type of soil it lands on, but the kind of person who hears it.

Some of Jesus' hearers do not want to understand. He explains his use of parables to help make them think, but in their stubbornness they will not hear the message. All the great Rabbis spoke in parables to help explain their teaching. And it works—who doesn't know the Good Samaritan, for example?!

Jesus is nothing if not honest. His description of people's responses to hearing the word are varied. Every parish priest—and many lay people—will know examples of how the most unlikely non-Christian has his or her life powerfully transformed by a new faith and a commitment to Jesus and His Church. Equally, a seemingly most keen candidate for reception can rapidly fade away and disappear once actually admitted to the Church! Most of us of course fall somewhere between these points. Continually we need to remind ourselves to be a rich soil that may yield a rich harvest. It is easy to be distracted by pleasures or by cares, by false beliefs or by our jobs. Yet these do not bring about the great blessings that God's word comes to bring. As Isaiah was told, like rain and snow, God's word comes to nourish, nurture and sustain us. May we give it the opportunity to do that. ***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

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

SPAN: Open meeting on Monday 7.30 Davenport Room. We will be supporting the Venezuelan Earthquakes Appeal. Thanks for your support.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS IN THE PARISHES:
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

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 DEVOTION AT ST PETER'S: 17-19 September. Over three days we plan to hold the traditional Forty Hours

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, "Tree" Marriott Dodington, 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.***

of Exposition. This will begin each day with Mass and include such things as evening prayer, times of guided reflection and devotions. 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. There will be much planning needed and organisation doing of course. More information will come.

OTHER INFORMATION

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 from 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.***

ST PETER'S CHOIR: ***We thank the choir*** for their splendid contribution to the celebration of Mass at St Peter's, under the leadership of Anne-Claire and our organist Christine. They will be taking a break during the last two weeks of July and in August.

THANK YOU (1) to all who helped make the celebration of **Confirmation** at Our Lady's last week so joyful and go so well. It was the culmination of much effort in school and parish by so many. ***Thank you all!***

THANK YOU (2) to those who supported and organised the indoor **Farmers' Market** at St Peter's on Saturday. So much hard work deserves our thanks indeed.

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 COMPLEX: 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, ***of which there are many***, 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. Please volunteer to help. The hall is not yet free of financial and building concerns by any means.

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. Children's Liturgy keeps school terms and so will have a well-deserved summer break. ***Many thanks to all who support this important ministry.***

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: £542.50, OL: £261.02. 2nd Coll. SP (Church Maintenance): £355.47, OL (OL Vision): £222.89. 2nd Collections at both churches - Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). ***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: This week the **Sacred Heart** Candle burns: **In Memory of Sue Maher RIP.** 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.***

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.

On the Precious Blood of Jesus

UNLIMITED is the effectiveness of the God-Man's Blood — just as unlimited as the love that impelled Him to pour it out for us, first at His circumcision eight days after birth, and more profusely later on in His agony in the garden, in His scourging and crowning with thorns, in His climb to Calvary and crucifixion, and finally from out that great wide wound in His side which symbolizes the divine Blood cascading down into all the Church's sacraments. Such surpassing love suggests, nay demands, that everyone reborn in the torrents of that Blood adore it with grateful love. *Pope St John XXIII in 1960*