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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 19th 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 19th ***16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Annie McHale RIP Anniv.
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Maureen Chatfield RIP James Hannan RIP; John Forman RIP
Monday 20th *Opt. Mem. of St. Apollinaris, Bp., M.*	10am Mass	~	Rev. Fr. David Keniry RIP
Tuesday 21st *Mem. of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Pr., Doctor. of the Church*	10am Mass ***11:15am Service***	~	Anna Dalli RIP ***Funeral: Ruth Tetlow RIP***
Wednesday 22nd *Feast of St. Mary Magdalene*	~	*10am Mass*	***Requiem: Patrick Buckley RIP***
Thursday 23rd *Feast of St. Bridget, R., Patron of Europe*	10am Mass	~	David Dunbar RIP
Friday 24th *Opt. Mem. of St. Sharbel Makhluf, P.*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Holy Souls
Saturday 25th *Feast of St. James, Apostle*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Macal Silver RIP
SUNDAY 26th ***17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	James & Eithne Dunne RIP; Danny & Andrew Daly RIP Deceased Choir Members

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: Rose Thurlow, Antonio Rivera, Robert McManus, Christine Williamson, John Mannion, Hannah Falvey, Peter Wright, Elizabeth Hastings, Thomas McGreavy, Timothy O'Connell, Rev. Mgr. Peter Ryall, Very Rev. Cn. Laurence Kelly, Rev. Fr. Anthony Rock, Rev. Fr. Anthony Rohan, Rev. Fr. Albert Kelly, Rev. Fr. Anthony Owen, Rev. Fr. Euan Henderson, Rev. Fr. Joseph Tynan. **The recently deceased**: Bridie O'Riordan, Thomas O'Reilly, Ruth Tetlow, 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.*

From Fr. Stephen: First, thank you for so many prayers and expressions of condolence after the death of my father two weeks ago. Many of you will have had profound experience of loss (or losses) and this is never easy, even if, like my father, death comes after illness and in old age.

Secondly, I had a routine visit to the optician last week that showed a serious condition needing emergency eye surgery which I had on Wednesday. All went well but for recovery I am not to move about much, and so will be out of action until Tuesday. All very sudden!

Please say a prayer for me, as I shall you all. See you soon. God Bless, Fr. Stephen.

Sunday's Readings: Through our human weakness, we often sin and sin is always destructive. Although we deserve punishment, God is full of mercy for all those who say sorry. He gives us opportunity after opportunity to repent, willing us through the power of the Spirit to do so. Part of the Gospel parable is about that: good and evil are mixed together in the world, often mixed up even within ourselves. Those who are sinners are not "weeded out" before time, otherwise there would be no time for repentance. But there will be a time of reckoning. We will not get to heaven by accident: it us up to us to respond to God's loving mercy. Good and evil both exist here on earth, but only what is good can hope to be part of the Kingdom of Heaven. Our mission now is to respond to God's love and mercy and help build up the Kingdom of Heaven where we are. ***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: have sent £ 500 to the CAFOD 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.

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!

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.

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.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS IN THE PARISHES:
Tue 21 July 11.15 at SP, Funeral Service of Ruth Tetlow
Wed 22 July 10.00 at OL, Funeral Mass of Patrick Buckley
Thu 30 July 10:00 at SP, Funeral Mass of Bridget "Bridie" O'Riordan
Please pray for the departed and for their families.

COMING SOON

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Please could the four people who have already spoken to Fr. Stephen and expressed interest in joining the Finance Committee please email Fr. Stephen before Friday 24th July in preparation for the next meeting.

ART COMPETITION!: ***LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES EXTENDED***. Following requests for another open day at church for people to come along and paint, we are extending the date for entries to 16 August and the church will be open from 11 till 3 on Sat 25 July, and from 12 till 4 on Wed 5 August (other dates may be arranged). Entries from children and adults welcome! Please contact Mary Rouse for an entry form or further information - maryrouse@rocketmail.com.

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.

SPONSORED WALKS FOR OUR LADY'S ROOF: Simon Tibke (Vice chair of the CPC), along with some other parishioners, will be completing a sponsored walk from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham to Our Lady's on Friday 21st August. More details to follow, including how you can sponsor the group.

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.***

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 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

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: are on Summer break.

FARMERS MARKET: Thank you to all who attended the Farmers Market last Saturday, we plan to hold another Farmers Market, so a date for your diary 17th October between 11.30am - 3pm. All welcome.

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.

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: is now on summer break and reconvenes in September. ***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: £734.04, OL: £294.48. 2nd Coll. SP (Church Maintenance): £242.18, OL (Stella Maris): £256.72. 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.***

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 **Our Lady** Candle burns: **In Memory of David & Margaret Copson 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.***

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- OL 12th September: Kindaid Quiz
- SP 26th September: Jumble Sale - 1pm - 3:30pm
- OL 26th September: Curry Night
- SP 2nd October: SPAN Social
- OL 9th October: Bingo evening
- SP 17th October: Farmers Market - 11:30am - 3pm
- OL 24th October: Kindaid Just Deserts
- SP 14th November: Christmas Fayre
- OL 21st November: Christmas Fayre

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.