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

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 26th July 2026


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This works for ***BOTH*** parishes! Select 'Gift to Our Lady's' for Lillington

**SCAN TO DONATE**

***THANK YOU!***

| *DAY* | *AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA | *AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ | *INTENTION* |
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| **SUNDAY 26th** ***17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*** ***DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY*** | 4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass** | ~ | Macal Silver RIP |
| | **11:15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy* | **9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy* | James & Eithne Dunne RIP; Danny & Andrew Daly RIP Deceased Choir Members |
| Monday 27th *Feria* | 10am Mass | ~ | Rev. Fr. Brian Wall RIP |
| Tuesday 28th *Feria* | 10am Mass | ~ | Dr. Stan D'Souza RIP Anniv. *Fernando Panico RIP* |
| Wednesday 29th *Mem. of Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus* | ~ | 10am Mass | Margaret & Toby Thorne RIP; *Mary-Ann Allen RIP* |
| Thursday 30th *Opt. Mem. of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bp. Dr. of the Church* | 10am Funeral Mass | ~ | ***Requiem: Brigid O'Riordan RIP*** |
| Friday 31st *Mem. of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pr.* | 10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs. | ~ | Holy Souls |
| Saturday 1st August *Mem. of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bp. Dr. of the Church* | 9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass | ~ | Maureen Frances Behan RIP |
| | 4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass** | ~ | Lily Lucey RIP 1st Anniv. |
| **SUNDAY 2nd** ***18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*** | **11:15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy* | **9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy* | Thomas Ryan RIP<br>Daniel Warburton |

### ***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**: John Mannion, Hannah Falvey, Peter Wright, Elizabeth Hastings, Thomas McGreavy, Timothy O'Connell, Mary Carruthers, Carol Geaney, Denis Meade, Peter Corley, Czeslaw Golub, Maureen Behan, Sarah O'Rourke, Nora Quirke, Mary Hastings, Ellen Bermingham, Elizabeth Lucey, Rev. Fr. Euan Henderson, Rev. Fr. Joseph Tynan, Rev. Fr. Denis O'Shea, Rev. Fr. Basil Wrighton, Rev. Fr. Thomas Duffy. **The recently deceased**: Brigid "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.***

*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***: Solomon, King in succession to his great father David, is offered anything he wants by God. He chooses not riches, nor fame, nor military might, but wisdom. For him, this is the greatest gift of all because in order to govern the Israelite people well, he seeks to know the difference between good and evil. All else follows from this gift of wisdom. 'I don't know what to do for the best!' is what people say so often in so many difficult situations. Wisdom tells us exactly what to do for the best! In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the value of the Kingdom of God. Being part of that is worth more than anything else, for it contains all we'll ever need—not riches or fame but the true wisdom of knowing God face to face. A pearl this is indeed, whose value far exceeds anything else we might have. ***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*

**TODAY IS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY.** Today is chosen because it is St Anne's Day, Anne being the mother of Our Lady and so the grandmother of Jesus. The incarnation means that of course Jesus had grandparents on His Mother's side. The Scriptures love to trace genealogies and show great respect for the wisdom and experience of countless elderly people. Let us pray for our own grandparents and in thanksgiving for the wisdom and insight that old age can bring.

**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.

**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!

## *COMING SOON*

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY:** is kept this year on Sunday 16 August (holy days of obligation being moved from a Saturday or Monday to the nearest Sunday). Our Lady's great summer feast—if she is not worthy of a place in heaven, then who can be?

**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, the church will be open on Wed 5 Aug. 12 till 4 Entries from children and adults welcome! Please contact Mary Rouse for an entry form or further info. - 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 21 August**. More details to follow, including how you can sponsor the group.

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

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

**KINDAID QUIZ AT OUR LADY'S:** Saturday 12 Sept

**FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 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 on display in the hall. Eucharistic miracles are those documented and even photographed mysterious events when Hosts have turned into flesh, revealing Christ's words 'This is my Body, given up for you' to be true. More details soon.

**JUMBLE SALE AT ST PETER'S:** 1-3:30pm Sat 26 Sept

**CURRY NIGHT AT OL:** Saturday 26 September

**NEXT PARISH LUNCH AT ST PETER'S**: Sun 27 Sept (none in July or August)

**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.***

**SPAN SOCIAL AT SP:** Friday 2 October:

**BINGO EVENING AT OL:** Friday 9 October:

**FARMERS MARKET AT SP:** Saturday 17 Oct 11:30am - 3pm

**TEA DANCE AT SP FOR OL:** 2.15pm in aid of OL roof repairs Sunday 18 Oct

**KINDAID JUST DESERTS AT OL:** Saturday 24 October

**ALL SAINTS' DAY:** Sunday 1 November

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT SP** Saturday 14 November:

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT OL** Saturday 21 November:

**PARISH MISSION AT ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY'S IN 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 in due course

## *OTHER INFORMATION*

**THE CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP prayer intention** for August is 'that our new government will note that Catholic Social Teaching includes an absolute ban on possessing or threatening to use nuclear weapons'.

**KNOWING ABOUT THE PARISHES:** A reminder that on the news letter page of the Catholic Leamington website are reports, accounts and reflections about our two parishes that were shared at the AGM in June. If we are all to be co-responsible for the life and direction of our parishes then clearly we have to know about them. Do have a browse.

**SPAN:** have helped two local families through social services, setting up after domestic abuse with £200 and £250 for essential goods. Thanks for your support.

**SPARK YOUTH GROUP:** are on Summer break.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE IN SEPTEMBER?** We have a few places in most year groups at **St Patrick's** school. Please contact the school office for more information.
office@spa.magnificat.org.uk

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** There will be no Sunday lunch in either July or August. The next one is planned for 27th September 2026 after the 11:15am Mass.

**ST PETER'S CHOIR:** are now taking a break until September. We thank them for their hard work and all that they add to our celebration of the Mass at St Peter's.

**CARD READING MACHINE AT OUR LADY'S:** The admin has been set up and we are now awaiting the delivery and installation of the 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 drop in your unused or no longer needed small gifts that someone else might like. Always available before and after Mass. Also paperbacks in nice condition. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** is now on summer break and reconvenes in September. ***Many thanks to all who support this important ministry.***

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

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** 1st Coll. SP: £557.25, OL: £184.86. 2nd Coll. SP (Church Maintenance): £337.27, OL (OL Vision): £238.63. 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 6th 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:** 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!***

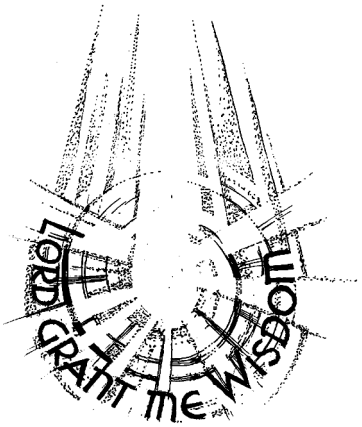
**ALTAR SERVERS:** ***We'd love more servers****! See* ***Bob*** *at* ***St Peter's****, or* ***Adrian*** *at* ***Our Lady's.***

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL AT ST JOSEPH'S:** Treasurer wanted. The SVP are looking for a Treasurer to help run the finance side of the Conference at St Joseph's. It would suit someone with financial or bookkeeping experience and training will be provided. It will involve 2-3 hours a month and attending the Conference meetings twice a month. If you can help us, please contact Brian on 07724 845801 or David on 07713 246987 to learn more about this role.

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS:** If you are away this summer travel safely, enjoy the break and return refreshed! God bless you all

## 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.