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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 2nd August 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*
SUNDAY 2nd ***18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Lily Lucey RIP 1st Anniv.
	11:15am Sung Mass *No Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy*	Thomas Ryan RIP Daniel Warburton
Monday 3rd *Feria, 18 Week, year 2*	10am Mass	~	Rev. Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi RIP
Tuesday 4th *Mem. of St. John Mary Vianney, Pr.*	10am Mass	~	Intentions of Christian; *John Forman RIP*
Wednesday 5th *Feria*	~	10am Mass *and Exposition*	Brigid Newton RIP; *Maggie Duggan RIP*
Thursday 6th ***Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord***	10am Mass	~	Sally Newey; *James McAleer RIP*
Friday 7th *Opt. Mem. of St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, M.*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Private Intention; *Holy Souls*
Saturday 8th *Mem. of St. Dominic, Pr.*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Holy Souls; *Geoffrey Day RIP*
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Sue Maher RIP
SUNDAY 9th ***19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy*	Michael Sandy Pro Populo

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 Bermingham, Elizabeth Lucey, Ellen Barrow, Arthur Thurlow, Deirdre McConville, Donald Byrne, Antonio Munoz, Margaret Locke, Alison Young, Patrick Petticrew, Patricia Robinson, Maura Meade, Mary Woolley, Margaret Soomro, Anna Foley, Rev. Fr. David Ford, Rev. Fr. Cuthbert Brown, Rev. Fr. Francis Gwinnett. **The recently deceased**: Mavis McKinty, Honora O'Brien, Brigid "Bridie" O'Riordan, 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

AUGUST: MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

"WE ARE ALL HER CHILDREN, SHE IS THE MOTHER OF ALL MANKIND. AND NOW, THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE COMMEMORATES HER INEFFABLE ASSUMPTION. MARY IS WELCOMED TO HEAVEN: THE DAUGHTER OF GOD THE FATHER, MOTHER OF GOD THE SON, SPOUSE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. GREATER THAN SHE NO ONE BUT GOD."

ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

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: Jesus was in constant demand. Despite seeking solitude following the death of His cousin, John, Jesus is followed by the crowds who are desperate for His teaching. So, quite generously, He provides not only food for the soul in His teaching, as well as care for the sick, but He provides food for the body as well. All this prefigures Jesus' greatest gift: His own Body and Blood which nourishes us both spiritually and physically. We do well always to reflect on the profound mystery of the Eucharist, Christ's giving of Himself for His people. The crowds were gasping for His presence: we have it in every tabernacle and at every Mass. Don't we need to pause for a moment and consider just what God offers us? The altar is not just a piece of furniture we can nip past like a sideboard: it is the place of sacrifice and the earthly throne of Christ our King. Likewise the tabernacle is the dwelling place of Christ on earth, which is why we genuflect in honour of His divine presence. O, Sacrament Most Holy! ***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.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Join us at Pastimes every Tuesday 11.30am-3pm in the church hall. Seated exercises, light lunch, games and a warm welcome to all

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: Fridays from **11am-12pm** Davenport Rm upstairs 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?

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON MEN'S GROUP MEAL: **Thurs 13 Aug 7.45pm** at the **Royal Horse**, Heathcote Lane

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 near the spot they were killed, and ask their prayers for our parishes today.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN NOVENA FOR THE CAUSE OF CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI This will take place in the Archdiocese from **Tue 18 August** until the Feast of Blessed Dominic on **Wed 26 August 2026**. The novena prayer and further information can be found on the diocesan website on the page relating to the Novena. The Novena of Prayer can be prayed in Parishes, Religious Houses and privately at home.

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION: In thanksgiving for God's creation and a reminder of our responsibilities towards it, each year we are called to use this time to reflect on creation. It ends on St Francis of Assisi's day, the saint known for his love of creation.

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall. Mass will be celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to this country, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, and our own Archbishop.

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

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.***

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)

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 OL roof repairs **Sun 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. ***Informed decision-making is obviously best!***

SPAN: has sent £200 to help poverty in Uganda, a borehole in Myanmar (Burma), the deaf in Gaza, for children's meals in East Africa and helping abuse victims in Zimbabwe. ***Thank you***

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: are on their 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.

CARD READING MACHINE AT OUR LADY'S: We hope this will be working for the middle of August

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 via Instagram **@catholicleamingtonyag**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP: £523.40, OL: £193.53. 2nd Coll. SP (Church Maintenance): £387.26, OL (OL Vision): £188.71. 2nd Collections this weekend 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. 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.

ONLINE LINKS AND RESOURCES: Among helpful sites are
The Vatican The Holy See
The Archdiocese Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham
The Bishop's Conference of England & Wales: Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference
Our Deanery: Banbury & Warwick Catholic Deanery –
If you are reading this online click on the blue links to go straight to the websites.

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.