ST PETER'S PARISH & OUR LADY'S PARISH: *PART OF CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON*
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 23rd August 2026

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DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
SUNDAY 23rd ***21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Patrick McHale RIP Anniv.; Katharine Harbison RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass No Children's Liturgy	**9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy*	Holy Souls Edward Cunningham RIP Aniv.
Monday 24th ***Feast of St. Bartholomew, Ap.***	***No Mass***	~	*9.30am at St Joseph Whitnash*
Tuesday 25th *Opt. Mem. of St. Louis*	10am Mass	~	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 26th ***Feast of Blsd Dominic of the Mother of God, Pr.***	~	10am Mass	Mary Harding - Ill
Thursday 27th *Mem. of St. Monica*	10am Mass	~	Anne Lammond
Friday 28th *Mem. of St. Augustine, Bp., Dr. of the Church*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Bede William Laverty RIP
Saturday 29th *Mem. of the Passion of St. John the Baptist, M.*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Deceased Members of the Tudor Family
SUNDAY 30th ***22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Mary McGivern RIP; Jaime Manisan
	11:15am Sung Mass No Children's Liturgy	**9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy*	Bede William Laverty RIP Jessica Isaacs 60th Birthday

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: Charles Jeffrey, William Cleary, Martina Stenson, Mary McGivern, Christopher O'Sullivan, Margaret Nally, Mary Herlihy, Vincenzo Scinaldi, Winifred Jennings, Patricia Bishop, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Richard Foster, Very Rev. Mgr. Cn. Laurence Emery, Very Rev. Cn. Laurence Hogarty, Rev. Fr. Alan Smith, Rev. Fr. Patrick Branagan, Rev. Fr. Peter Blundell, Rev. Fr. Francis Rowe, Rev. Fr. James Downey, Rev. Fr. Isaac Savin, Rev. Fr. Francis Toole, Rev. Fr. Brendan O'Malley. **The Recently Deceased**: Sharon Mulcrone, Jim Barry, Ludmila Steyn, Dcn Gerry O'Reilly, Mavis McKinty. ***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: The Master of the palace, Shebna, has failed in his job. His uniform and authority are to be given to another, Eliakim, who will of course also receive the keys. Eliakim is found trustworthy and true, and is thus the man for the job. No wonder, then, that this Old Testament reading from Isaiah is teamed with Matthew's account of Peter's belief in Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God, and his receiving of the keys– the power to bind and to loose. Jesus asks "Who do you say I am?". That is the question that matters. Our answer is the measure of our faith. Some would say "A good man". Others might say " A Prophet". Yet others never even think about the questions. But Peter's confession of exactly who Jesus is, is a product of his faith. Consequently, Peter is the man for job of Master of the Apostles, the Rock on which the Church is built, the key holder of the kingdom. With this goes authority given to him by Jesus and symbolised by the keys. And this authority is with us now. While Pope Leo is of course the successor of Pope Francis, what really matters is to recognise that he is much more—and more importantly—the successor of Peter. ***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

MOMDAY MASSES AT ST PETER'S: There will be **no Monday Masses at St Peter's** for the next few weeks.

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

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: Fridays 11am-12 noon. Downstairs in SP main hall. All welcome. *Note change of venue till further notice.*

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS*:* Fridays, 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of Mercy come to implore mercy for the world.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN NOVENA FOR THE CAUSE OF CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI This takes 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.

COMING SOON

SPONSORED WALKS FOR OUR LADY'S ROOF: Simon Tibke (Vice chair of the CPC), along with 2 other parishioners and parents of Our Lady and St Teresa's School, JP Canton and Chris Holroyd, will be completing a sponsored walk from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham to Our Lady's (via St Peter's) on Friday 21 Aug. If you would like to join us for the final stage, walking between the two churches, or if you would like to sponsor us and do not have access to the internet, please see Simon at Our Lady's, or speak directly to Father Stephen. We aim to be at St Peter's for 5:30pm to walk up to Our Lady's and finish there. Please wish us well, we are staring in Birmingham at 6:30am!! Here is the link if you would like to sponsor us https://gofund.me/414951f62 Many thanks

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 begins on **1 Sept** and ends on St Francis of Assisi's day, **Oct 4**, the saint known for his love of creation.

MARCH FOR LIFE: join the Coventry coach to March for Life UK on **Sat 5 Sept** in London for the annual march. Age-appropriate sessions for children, teens and youth of all ages throughout the morning. 14 bishops attending! Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Langbank Ave CV3 2QP at 8.30am, coach leaves from there at 9am. Return by 7.30pm. Adults: £20, Children £10. To book contact: 07912 643626. Details about the day at marchforlife.co.uk

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS AT HARVINGTON HALL. **Sun 6 Sept** Mass will be celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to this country, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, and our own Archbishop.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meets next on **9 Sept**. 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!***

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

LEAMINGTON HERITAGE DAY: Sat 12 Sept. Both our churches will be taking part.

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

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, Fr Kevin Hooper, 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.***

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**

SPAN SOCIAL AT SP: Friday 2 October:

BINGO EVENING AT OL: Friday 9 October

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: 10 October from 10.30am at St George's Cathedral Southwark, with exhibition, Mass and procession to Westminster Cathedral. See Adoremus 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference online.

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 **Redemptorists.** There will be much planning needed and organisation doing of course. More information in due course

OTHER INFORMATION

FR KEVIN: Unfortunately, Fr Kevin broke a bone in his leg and one in his foot last Sunday. He is very grateful for the good wishes, prayers and practical help he has received since the accident happened. He will be out of action for over a month, alas. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

OUR LADY'S VISION: COMMUNICATION AND ADMIN TEAM: This group would really like to know how we can serve the parish vision best. To get ideas - from all parishioners - we invite you to a short, interactive session after Mass on the 6 Sept in the upper hall. We'd love to hear any suggestions and/or bounce around any ideas you may have. For further information please contact David Burton on 07713 246987

SPAN: received grateful thanks from Fr Kasozi in Uganda and Fr Mwanza in Zambia for recent donations. Thank you for your support.

J&P Prayer Intention for August: We pray that our new government will note that Catholic Social Teaching includes an absolute ban on possessing or threatening to use nuclear weapons

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: are on their Summer break.

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

OUR LADY'S CHURCH 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.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH 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 - £507.01, OL - £240.59, 2nd Coll. - SP (Ch. Maint.) - £347.21, OL (OL Vision) - £183.20. ***Thank you for your generosity.*** This week's second collections are for Church Maintenance at SP and at OL for the Vision Roof Fund.

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 Sunday 11:15am Mass at St. Peter's is now booked until mid-October, please consider another weekend Mass or a Mass during the week. The ***minimum amount of time*** needed to book dates is ***2 weeks from date of request***.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Main Altar** and **Our Lady Chapel** candles burns for: **Anya & Alex**, the **Sacred Heart Chapel** 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.

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 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. If reading on paper, simply Google.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

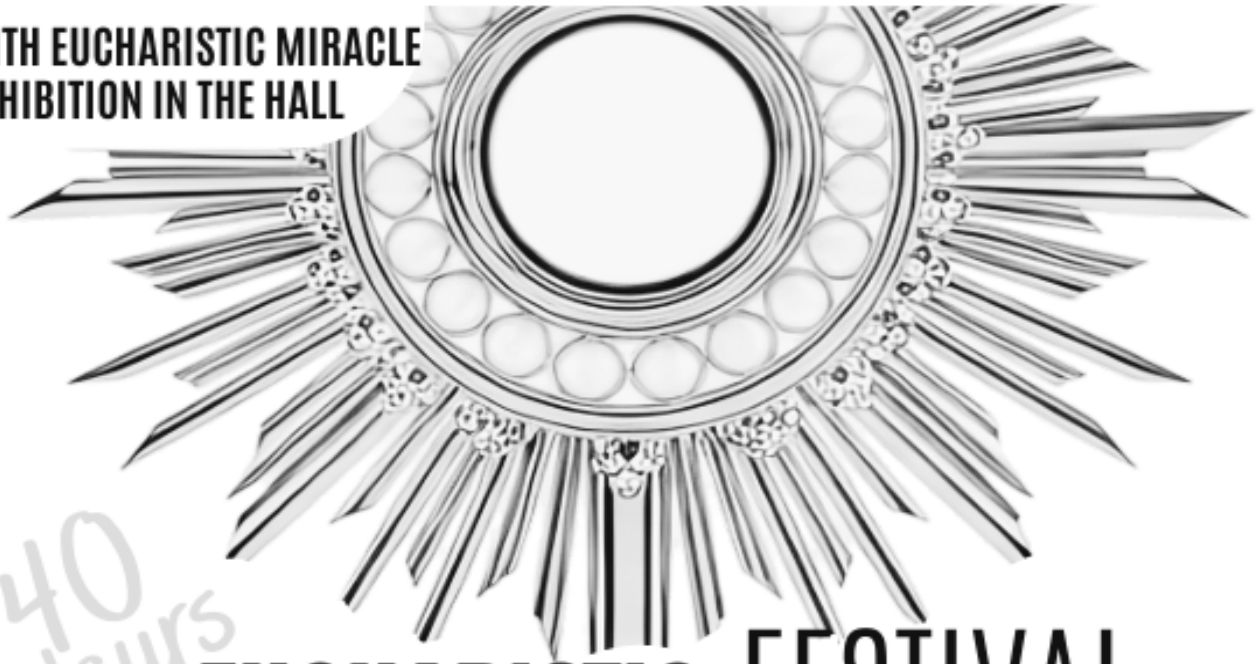
Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, you must ***begin with a meeting of you both with Fr Stephen*** so that the canonical (Church) and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is ideal. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen.

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.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, PRAY FOR US!

WITH EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITION IN THE HALL



40 Hours

EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL

Experience the Power of Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY 17TH TO SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday 17

7:00am Mass
7:30am Exposition
8:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Rosary
9:55am Reposition
10:00am Mass
10:30am Exposition
11:330am Guided Holy Hour
1:00pm Midday Prayer
6:00pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Rosary
8:00pm Repositon

Friday 18

7:00am Mass
7:30am Exposition
8:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Rosary
9:55am Reposition
10:00am Mass
10:30am Exposition
11:330am Guided Holy Hour
1:00pm Midday Prayer
3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
6:00pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Rosary
8:00pm Repositon

Saturday 19

7:00am Exposition
9:00-9:55am Confession
9:30am Morning Prayer
9:55am Reposition
10:00am Mass
10:30am Exposition
1:00pm Midday Prayer
3:00pm Guided Holy Hour
4-4:55pm Confession
4:55pm Reposition
5:00pm Mass
5:45pm Exposition
6:30pm Rosary
9:00pm Repositon

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You scan to sign up to commit to an hour, but it is also possible to sign up at the back of St Peter's Church