St Peter's Parish & Our Lady's Parish: *Part of Catholic Leamington*

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A: Sunday 17th May 2026

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DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
SUNDAY 17th ***SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Valerie Ell RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** ***First Holy Communion*** *Children's Liturgy*	James Dunne RIP Chan Joo Kim RIP Aniv.
Monday 18th *Opt. Mem. of St. John I, Pope, M.*	10am Mass	~	Joseph Day's Intentions
Tuesday 19th *Opt. Mem. of St. Dunstan, B.*	9.30am Mass *at St Patrick's Sch* 10am Mass	~	People of the Parish Jarlath Perera RIP 1st Aniv.; *Joanna Bazen RIP Aniv.*
Wednesday 20th *Opt. Mem. of St. Bernardine of Siena, P.*	~	10am Mass	Holy Souls; *Robert Chaperon RIP*
Thursday 21st *Opt. Mem. of Ss Christopher Magallanes, P. & Companions, M.*	10am Mass	~	For Vocations to the Priesthood; *Shaun Curran RIP*
Friday 22nd *Opt. Mem. of St. Rita of Cascia, R.*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions	~	People of the Parish; *Rev. Fr. Simon Hall RIP*
Saturday 23rd *Easter Feria*	9am Holy Hour, 9:15 -45am Confessions, 10am Mass	~	Private Intention; *Rama Thagasingham*
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Matthew Keating
SUNDAY 24th ***SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Intentions of the Snodgrass & Rowles Families Julia Dizon RIP Aniv.

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: Catherine Gleeson, Bridget Ryan, Mary Behan, Mary Andrews, Richard Cotter, Samuel Hortin, Bridget Barta, Elizabeth McGillicuddy, Helena Stockford, Louisa Beard, Maudie Kafno, Bridget McGerty, Bernard Geraghty, Patrick Gregory, Malcolm Sheridan, Oliver Cosgrove, Christopher Marum, Daniel Sullivan, Margaret Daly, James Ward, Rev. Mgr. John Humphreys, Very Rev. Cn. Wilfrid Smith, Rev. Fr. Joseph Griffin, Rev. Fr. Ernest Cook, Rev. Fr. William Lyons, Rev. Fr. Anthony Davies, Rev. Fr. Thomas Foynes.
The recently deceased: Christine McGee, Judith Champ, Peter McCarthy. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

SCAN TO SEE THE MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE

After 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

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.* Today's Scripture: The apostles and Our Lady are clearly waiting in prayer for the arrival of the Holy Spirit: Christ has fulfilled His mission on earth and all that remains is the outpouring of the Spirit. It is that mission that Christ reflects on in His prayer to the Father in today's gospel. To see the glory of God in Jesus is to know Him and to be saved by Him. Christ prays for all His followers—including we who are here in church today—that being in the world we may never lose sight of the truth that comes to us in Jesus. The world would indeed have us lose sight of that, and as the second reading asserts, we may suffer for our faith, for keeping our eyes on the glory of God in Jesus.

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: on **Tuesday 12-3pm** in SP Hall. Come and play or learn to play Whist in St. Peters Hall, sessions at 1:30pm.

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: The next meeting of our Youth Group for school years 5,6,7 and 8 is this Thursday **21 May** in the Dormer Centre. The other meetings before summer are **25 June, 16 July**.

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!

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: Friday, **22 May** at 7 pm at Our Lady's Church. Come and sing and pray the music of Taizé. All are very welcome.

YOUTH ADULT GROUP: Rosary Pilgrimage from St. Peter's to Our Lady's Church on Saturday **23rd May**, leaving St. Peter's at 11am.

PENTECOST PARTY: The return of the Annual Parish Pentecost Party will take place after the 11:15am Mass in SP Hall on Pentecost Sunday, **24th May**. There will be entertainment and a shared lunch. Please bring a long a dish associated with your home country to share.

COMING SOON

SUNDAY LUNCH: The next Sunday Lunch will take place on Sunday **31st May** in SP Hall after the 11:15am Mass, to reserve your place please sign up on the sheet at the back of St. Peter's Church.

OL PLANT SALE: Gardeners - if you have any spare plants -seedlings annuals, tomato or other vegetable plants or have some perennials which you can divide and pot up - please bring them to Our Lady's to help raise funds for our much needed roof repairs. There will be a sale after Mass **31 May** -- a perfect time to get your plants in for summer.

PARISHES' AGM: 7 June, 3pm in Our Lady's hall. Accounts and other supporting information will be available beforehand, just as last year.

OTHER INFORMATION

EASTER DUTY: The term for fulfilling the minimum requirements the Church asks for us in making our confession and receiving Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season. Confession is at St Peter's Saturdays before both Masses, and at Our Lady's after Wednesday Mass. Other times arranged by speaking to a priest. Communion is available for all who are entitled to receive it at every Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This happens Sunday mornings at both parishes. It is an opportunity for small children 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.

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.

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. We will shortly arrange an open Saturday for people to view the windows and work on their art in the church if they wish.

JUSTICE & PEACE: May prayer intention: that amid wars and elections our political views never provoke hostility against communities or individuals.

SPAN: Thank you, our support to Forever Angels continues helping babies in Tanzania, SSG with feeding programmes in Kenya, Kiirua Mission Hospital, Kenya and CAFOD in Darfur. Follow SPAN on Facebook

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP: £532.60, OL: £279.35. 2nd Coll. SP (Church Maintenance): £374.11, OL (OL Vision): £207.29. 2nd Collections this week at SP: Church Maintenance, OL: OL Vision. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 3 MAY: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£43,373.97.** The *next update* will be 7th June 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.

PUTTING OUR VISION FOR OUR LADY'S INTO ACTION: If you've not filled in a yellow 'Talents' Card, please do as soon as you can and pop it into the secure box on the Vision Table. Even if you can't commit to any of the challenges, if you are involved with OL in any way it's important that you fill in a Card so that we have evidence of usage for the Diocese and grant-funding applications. *Thank you*

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

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE: ***In both Our Lady's and St Peter's*** there is a box at the back of church or in the Hall. Please, ***no*** tin or glass, just candles - unwanted, unusable, broken, stubs, left over.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED: please speak to Fr Stephen or email the parish if you can help—or for more information.

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.

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, Timothy Dawson, 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, 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.