ST PETER'S PARISH & OUR LADY'S PARISH: *PART OF CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON*
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year A: 16th August 2026

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SCAN TO DONATE

THANK YOU!

DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
SUNDAY 16th ***SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Mary Shannon RIP Aniv.
	11:15am Sung Mass *No Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy*	Patrick Buckley RIP Kathleen Hannan & Elizabeth Clancy RIP
Monday 17th *Feria*	10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
Tuesday 18th *Feria.*	10am Mass 1pm Funeral Service	~	The People of the Parish ***Mavis McKinty RIP***
Wednesday 19th *Feria*	~	10am Mass	Bridie O'Riordan RIP
Thursday 20th *Mem. of St. Bernard, Abbot, Dr. of the Church*	10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
Friday 21st *Mem. of St. Pius X, Pope*	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Holy Souls
Saturday 22nd *Mem. of the Queenship of the BVM*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
SUNDAY 23rd ***21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass** **11:15am Sung Mass** No Children's Liturgy	~ **9.15am Sung Mass** *No Children's Liturgy*	Patrick McHale RIP Anniv.; Katharine Harbison RIP Holy Souls Edward Cunningham 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: Jonas Kunigiskis, Christopher Daly, Mary Shannon, Josephine Mander, Margeurite Ayres, Bartholomew O'Driscoll, Flor Duckett, Patrick McDermott, HE Cardinal Griffin, Rev. Fr. Kevin Keany, Rev. Fr. Keith Enston, Rev. Fr. Terence Smith, Rev. Fr. Alan Smith. **The Recently Deceased**: 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: Today's great feast of Our Lady has a separate Vigil Mass with its own readings. Do take a moment to read the scripture given for both Masses, to deepen your appreciation of Our Lady through Holy Scripture. All the readings speak about the same thing: the uniqueness of Our Lady and her rightful place in heaven: the Old Testament is completely fulfilled in the New. King David prepares a special place for the Ark of God, the 'box' where God dwelt among His people. The Israelites rejoice. She is the 'Queen Mother' who is given an exalted place just as the Israelite kings gave their mothers. How much more this applies to the Mother of Christ, our King. Our Lady was the first dwelling place of God made flesh: the Ark of the New Covenant and we rejoice before her. St Paul speaks of the end of death's sting and victory, because Jesus's resurrection shows that death is not the end. Our Lady's Assumption places her, like Christ, among the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. It is the Christian hope that all God's faithful will also be the fruits of Jesus's resurrection, just like His Blessed Mother. A woman in the crowd shouts at Jesus how happy must be the womb that bore him. True of course, but Jesus replies that happier still are those that hear and keep the word of God. Keeping the word of God is exactly what Mary did. It is her faithfulness to God that makes possible her Mothering of God. In that way, we can all be like Mary—not in our physical mothering of Jesus because that's already been done, but in hearing and keeping of God's word. Through Mary and her faithfulness, God has done wonderful things for her, and, praise God, for us too.
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 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 and to praise God!

COMING SOON

OUR LADY'S ART COMPETITION!: ***LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES EXTENDED***. The closing date is TODAY, 16 August. Please contact Mary Rouse - maryrouse@rocketmail.com.

WARWICK MARTYRS' ANNUAL WALK TO GALLOWS HILL: This year is **TODAY.** We mark their fearless faith and martyrdom near the spot they were killed, and ask their prayers for our parishes today. Walkers leave **St Peter's at 3pm**

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 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: London, Saturday 5 Sept. Proclaim the value of life! Online details marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page/

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!***

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.

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 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

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 **Parish Pastoral Council** 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: sends £400 a yr to Fr Kasozi in Uganda and Fr Mwanza in Zambia to assist parishioners. *Thank you* for your support.

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: are on their Summer break.

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

OUR LADY 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 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: Not known at the time of printing. ***Thank you for your generosity.*** This week's second collections are for Church Maintenances 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 ***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.

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.

AVE MARIA!