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

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year A: 7th June 2026

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THANK YOU!

DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
SUNDAY 7th ***SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Sue Maher RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Noreen Walsh RIP Aniv.; Thanksgiving Richard Hammond's Healing.
Monday 8th *Feria, Week 10 of Ordinary Time, Yr 2*	10am Mass	~	Richard Hayward RIP
Tuesday 9th *Opt. Mem. of St. Columba, Abbot*	10am Mass	~	Peter McCarthy RIP; *Barbara O'Rourke RIP.*
Wednesday 10th *Feria*	~	10am Mass	Maureen Chatfield RIP; *Jeanette Marley RIP*
Thursday 11th *Mem. of St. Barnabas, Apostle*	10am Mass	~	Beatrice Upham RIP; *Rev. Fr. Joseph Fogarty RIP*
Friday 12th ***Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus***	**7am** Mass *11am Funeral Service* **12noon** Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions	~	*Anthony Quinn RIP* ***Funeral: Denis Buckley RIP*** Profina Dias-Cardozo RIP Month's Mind
Saturday 13th *Mem. of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*	9am Holy Hour, 9:15 -45am Confessions, 10am Mass	~	Maureen Chatfield RIP; *Piedade Fonseca.*
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass *St Anthony's School First Communion***	~	In Thanksgiving
SUNDAY 14th ***11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Maureen Chatfield RIP Richard Power RIP Aniv; Mr. S. A. A. Jafri RIP

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: Joseph Hegarty, Robert Harkin, Mary Crawford, Leon Chalaczkiewicz, Charles Dobbin, Denis Murray, Vera Maguire, William Egan, Rt. Rev. Bishop James Dey, Rev. Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Rev. Fr. Peter Gallagher, Rev. Fr. John McIver, Rev. Fr. John Lane, Rev. Fr. Timothy Cronin, Rev. Fr. William Quinn, Rev. Fr. Gerard McArdle, Rev. Fr. Cyril Adams, Rev. Fr. Joseph Lanny.
The recently deceased: Mervyn Leach, Denis Buckley, Maureen Chatfield. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

BLESSED BE JESUS CHRIST IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR!

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

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 is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus, Corpus Christi. Today we are called to remember the greatest gift that God has given to us—Himself in the most Holy sacrament of the Altar. When Jesus said 'This is My Body' at the Last Supper we believe that He meant it—not that this 'symbolises' or 'represents' but ***IS*** the Body of Jesus. This was clearly the belief of the Church from earliest times and attested by the Fathers of the first Christian centuries in both the West and the East. Belief that the consecrated bread and wine is *not* the Body and Blood of Christ is really a 16th century error promoted by the extreme Swiss Reformer Zwingli. It has never been Catholic or Orthodox belief.

So, once we accept that Christ meant what He said, the consequences for so much are very great: we may say that God cannot stay away from His people, that He awaits us in every tabernacle to receive our prayers and praise, that gives Himself as food to strengthen His followers on their journey of following Him, that this broken Body and poured our Blood reveal His deep love and longing for us as He, at every Mass takes us back to the one sacrifice offered once for all—Calvary—and presents it to us in an unbloodied form that we may not be shocked by the violence, suffering and injustice but see His love, His care and so draw near to the Saviour Himself to receive His grace. There is no gift greater than this, as Christ says 'No one has greater love than to lay down his life for his friends'

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.

PARISHES' AGM: TODAY 7 June, 3pm in **Our Lady's hall**. A summary of the accounts of both parishes (they are kept separately and have separate bank accounts) are available on the Catholic Leamington website news letter page. There are some paper copies in the churches: we are trying to reduce waste. If you have questions about the accounts, please email them in advance—it's not always possible to answer such questions immediately; they might need further research. A bit of notice means that can be done for the meeting. Other supporting documents will be available at the meeting. Any comments please speak to a member of the Pastoral Council. Indeed, please speak to them about anything you want to, all year round.

Volunteers needed to set-up for the PARISHES' AGM We are looking for people to help set up the hall after the 9.15 Mass, and then to help with refreshments for the meeting. Please let Simon Tibke, Gill Ayers-Hunt or David Burton know if you can help 07713 246987.

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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART: This Friday. Masses will be at **7am in the Sacred Heart Chapel** and at **12 noon at the nave altar** as usual.

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

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL FIRST COMMUNION: Next Saturday at the 5pmMass. Please pray for the children and their families.

LEAMINGTON PEACE FESTIVAL: Peace Festival 13-14 June. returns this year with new organisers. St Peter's will be open as usual over the weekend.

FIRST on 13 JUNE St Peter's will be a quiet space, for prayer, a quiet chat for those who would like it. The Justice and Peace group will have card signing for prisoners of conscience, from 12 till 4:30pm.There will also be an opportunity to sign cards after Masses at St Peter's. The prisoners are on a list supplied by Action by Christians against Torture. Sending a card of support is a gesture we can make to show our concern and try to give hope to people who are battling authoritarian regimes, held with out fair trial. Do look in when you come down and please sign a card.

SECOND on 14 JUNE We pray for peace to the Prince of Peace! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning once Mass has ended and things have been set up, until 6pm. We as the people of God, ask for what only Christ, the Prince of Peace can provide, peace not as the world gives. Let us pray before Him in His presence that His peace may indeed be established.

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

KINDAID TEA PARTY: Our Lady's, Sunday 28 June 3pm with music.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Sunday 28 June after the 11:15am Mass in SP Hall. 3 course Sunday dinner for £15 including a glass of wine. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of SP Church to book your place.

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL 24-27 July at Oscott College. **WeBelieve** festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Join us from 24-27 July, 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. See https://www.webelievefestival.com/ It is hoped to organise a coach for local parishes.

OTHER INFORMATION

MAUREEN CHATFIELD RIP: Maureen was a devoted and faithful parishioner at Our Lady's who will be missed by us all. She was part of so much of the parish's life and fought her illness bravely for many years. Maureen will be received into Our Lady's Church at **5pm on Tue 23 June** and her **Funeral Mass** will be at **10am on Weds 24**. Her good friend Fr Benedict Skipper, former curate, will celebrate the Mass. Please pray for her and for her family.

CARD READING MACHINE AT OUR LADY'S: Thanks to a kind parishioners offer to cover the costs we shall be acquiring a card machine.

OL PLANT SALE: Many thanks to all who brought or bought plants last weekend. We had a very successful sale raising £250+ towards our much needed roof repairs. There are still some left by the door

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, 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.

to the hall which can be purchased after Masses at Our Lady's or at the AGM. Hope everyone enjoys what they went home with!

ST PETER'S HALL: The management Group **would love some help**. Currently the group are encouraging bookings so that the hall may run at a surplus. Please see Mary Curran or call Roger Elson on 07873 869 092. They are also looking at various ideas to meet the building's maintenance needs, and would love practical help to keep the hall and area round it clean and tidy, as well as to bring these ideas into fully developed and costed plans.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This happens Sunday mornings at both parishes. It is an opportunity for small children below the age of First Holy Communion 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.**

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP: £573.25, OL: £247.94. 2nd Coll. SP (Church Maintenance): £320.41, OL (OL Vision): £208.43. 2nd Collections this week at SP: Church Maintenance, OL: OL Vision. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 7 JUNE: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£46,898.99.** The *next update* will be 5 July 2026. *All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled!* ***Thank you for your generosity.***

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

SP PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN: A big thank you to everyone who responded. It is so vital that parishes can pay for everything they need! As new standing order forms and gift aid declarations come in we shall see the effects over a few months. It is too early to give any figures yet, but ***thank you*** If you meant to take or return forms please don't forget: they are available at the back of church.

MASS INTENTIONS *PLEASE NOTE*: The ***minimum amount of time*** needed to book dates is ***2 weeks from date of request***.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Main Altar Candle** burns for **Frederiku Suri RIP.** The **Our Lady Candle** burns for: **Francisca de Araujo RIP**. This week the **Sacred Heart Candle** burns for: **Sue Maher RIP**. 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.

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*** tins, ***no*** glass, ***no*** plastic, just candles - unwanted, unusable, broken, stubs, left overs.

POPE LEO'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL: The Holy Father had published his first encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity). It is a wonderful affirmation of the dignity of humanity, set against Catholic social teaching and the work of his predecessor Leo XIII who defended the rights of working people in the age of industrialisation. (See his encyclical *Rerum Novarum*). Pope Leo reflects on the rise of Artificial Intelligence, its power for good as well as ill, and he urges us to be 'weavers of hope'. His last paragraph runs 'With the same faith as Mary, let us become "weavers of hope" in our world, sharing who we are and what we have, so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives. Indeed, the Lord continues to make all things new and offers every era the possibility of becoming part of salvation history in the light of the Incarnation. I entrust our desire to the Mother of Christ, to the Woman of the Magnificat, that she may guide our steps through this time of change and preserve in each of us true faith in the Gospel, so that we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made his dwelling'. You may see the full text here: Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Leo XIV Magnifica Humanitas (15 May 2026)

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: Prayer intention for June: that all Christians may love, welcome, protect and integrate refugees and people seeking asylum as our neighbours.

SPAN: Every month we help local causes including our Foodbanks, New Chapters giving practical support challenging addiction, Young People First with counselling. Thanks for your support.

INTERESTED IN TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERING AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC. These costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

THIS NOTICE SHEET: We recognise that the notice sheet is often a bit cramped; there is so much news and information to be shared. Making it larger, as has been done, helps to space things out but uses twice as much paper (a good use of the world's resources?) and is thus more expensive and more work to produce. Some parishes have abandoned paper almost entirely and keep news sheets purely on their websites. Clearly a green thing to do but are there people who would find this difficult? Perhaps a smaller number of printed copies simply for those with no online access? Or some other approach? If you have any views, have a word with a member of the Pastoral Council. This sheet is available online via Mailchimp delivery (email the office if you would like that), the Catholic Leamington Website and the Deanery Website.

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.