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

Solemnity of Pentecost, Year A: Sunday 24th May 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 24th ***SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Matthew Keating
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Intentions of the Snodgrass & Rowles Families Julia Dizon RIP Aniv.
Monday 25th *Mem. of Mary, Mother of the Church*	10am Mass	~	Patrick Bannon RIP
Tuesday 26th *Mem. of St. Philip Neri, P.*	10am Mass	~	Anne Kirby RIP
Wednesday 27th *Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bp.*	~	10am Mass	Shelagh Gardner RIP; *Special Intention*
Thursday 28th ***Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest***	10am Mass	~	Jamie Sweeney's Intention; *Veronica Maria Houlton RIP*
Friday 29th ***The Solemnity of Dedication of the Church***	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions	~	Alfonsius Suri RIP
Saturday 30th *Opt. Mem. of Our Lady on Saturday*	9am Holy Hour, 9:15 -45am Confessions, 10am Mass	~	Private Intention (DT); *Rosemary & Peter McGovern RIP*
	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass**	~	Pro Populo
SUNDAY 31st ***SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY***	**11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Bree Lamb RIP John Forman 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: Daniel Sullivan, Margaret Daly, James Ward, Margaret Looney, Margaret Powell, Deirdre Mulleague, Lourdes Samper, Gianni Valle, Catherine McCarthy, Susan Cleary, Mercedes Connon, Mary Adams, Margaret Dewar, Rev. Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Very Rev. Cn. John Gunn, Rev. Fr. Thomas Foynes, Rev. Fr. Michael McKenna, Rev. Fr. Patrick Taylor, Rev. Fr. John Kearns, Rev. Fr. James Ward, Rev. Fr. Dermot Corcoran, Rev. Fr. John Baggley, Rev. Fr. Joseph Lacy, Rev. Fr. Cornelius Healy.
The recently deceased: Denis Buckley, Maureen Chatfield, Peter McCarthy. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

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 Pentecost, the great feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit. There are slightly different readings for the Vigil Mass (Saturday 5pm) and for the Mass of the day (Sundays at 9.15 and 11.15).

Do stay for the St Peter's Pentecost Party if you can. We welcome especially all those who were baptised, received into the Church and confirmed at Easter.

Today's Scripture: The apostles and Our Lady experience the most wonderful outpouring of God's love and grace. Mary, having had her own unique personal encounter with the Holy Spirit at her conceiving of Jesus, receives the Spirit's power for united in prayer with the Apostles they have all been awaiting this moment promised by Christ.
Today the Paschal Mystery, that is the whole means of our salvation, is completed. Christ has suffered and died, He has risen and ascended and now the Spirit comes.
We hear in the first reading of the Spirit's dramatic arrival and His equally dramatic effects. The Apostles are now empowered to go out and proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Babel is undone: people from so many places gathered in cosmopolitan Jerusalem hear and understand in their own languages. There is no confusion, only unity on the proclamation of the Gospel.
But in the Gospel a more personal breathing of the Spirit by risen Jesus on His apostles for the forgiveness of sins. As the words of absolution at confession put it 'He has sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins'. The Spirit not only gives the ability to preach the Gospel but also the power to use its effects: a most declaration of God's mercy.
Today is the last day of the Easter season. I always find it slightly sad moving the Paschal candle out of its central position in the sanctuary, but that is just me: Christ ***is*** risen and like the Apostles we have work to do in the name of Christ, who sends us the Spirit so that we may do it. 'Behold, I am with you always'...
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.

PENTECOST PARTY: St Peter's Parish Pentecost Party takes place after the 11:15am Mass in SP Hall **today** Pentecost Sunday, **24 May**. There will be entertainment and a shared lunch.

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.

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!

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 **Sunday 31 May** -- a perfect time to get your plants in for summer.

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.

COMING SOON

PARISHES' AGM: 7 June, 3pm in **Our Lady's hall**. The accounts of both parishes (they are kept separately and have separate bank accounts) are available on the Catholic Leamington news letter page. 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 to answer. 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.

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**.

OTHER INFORMATION

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. 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: 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.

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP: £417.43, OL: £321.00. 2nd Coll. SP (Catholic Communications): £348.75, OL (Catholic Communications): £177.96. 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

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.

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: This week the **St. Joseph Candle** burns for: **a Private Intention (RE)**, This week the **Sacred Heart Candle** burns for: **a Private Intention (AE)**. 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*** tins, ***no*** glass, ***no*** plastic, just candles - unwanted, unusable, broken, stubs, left overs.

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.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL: It was announced on Friday that Miss Geneveive Jordan, currently acting head, has been appointed Principal from September. Please pray for the school and its new head teacher. The school, along with St Anthony's, will be joining the new Catholic Muti-Academy Trust of St Raphael in the autumn. Our Lady's and St Patricks are already part of this process.

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, such as todays, helps to space things out but uses twice as much paper (is that 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 he Pastoral Council. This news sheet is available online via Mailchimp delivery (email the office if you would like that), on the Catholic Leamington Website and on 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.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus!

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Przyjdź, Duchu Święty!

Komm, Heiliger Geist!

Έλα, Άγιε Πνεύμα!

Halina, Banal na Espiritu!

Tar, a Spiorad Naofa!

Datanglah, Roh Kudus!

Прийди, Святий Дух!

Viens, Esprit Saint !

Vieni, Spirito Santo!

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¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!

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Vem, Espírito Santo!

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Venu, Sankta Spirito!