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

## Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Year A: 28th June 2026


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**SCAN TO DONATE**

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| *DAY* | *AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA | *AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ | *INTENTION* |
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| **SUNDAY 28th** ***SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES*** | 4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass** | ~ | Sieglinde Nalci |
| | **11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy* | **9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy* | June and William Harbison RIP<br>William Braddish RIP |
| Monday 29th *Feria. Wk 13 of OT, Yr 2* | 10am Mass | ~ | Rev. Fr. Christopher Greaney RIP |
| Tuesday 30th *Opt. Mem. of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church* | 10am Mass | ~ | Shirley Doohan RIP; *Tony McAndrew RIP* |
| Wednesday 1st July *Opt. Mem. of St. Oliver Plunkett, Bp., M.* | ~ | 10am Mass | Ruth Tetlow RIP |
| Thursday 2nd *Feria* | 10am Mass | ~ | Doreen Fleming RIP |
| Friday 3rd *Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle* | 10am Mass<br>3pm Divine Mercy Devotions | ~ | Miss M. O'Brien RIP; *Sue Maher RIP* |
| Saturday 4th *Opt. Mem. of St. Elizabeth of Portugal* | 9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions<br>10am Mass | ~ | Beatrice Upham RIP; *John Shannon RIP* |
| | 4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass** | ~ | Margaret Bannon RIP |
| **SUNDAY 5th** ***14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*** | **11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy* | **9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy* | Pro Populo<br>John Hannan 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**: David Burdett, Joseph McDermott, Richard King, Elizabeth Walshe, Michael Looney, Dermot O'Flynn, Thomas Rowland, Brian O'Reilly, Agnes Bates, Hannah O'Sullivan, Patricia Wright, Monica Kelsey, Michael McKeown, Frances Stevens, James Martin, Anne Keegan, Rev. Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Very Rev. Cn. Francis Dudley, Rev. Fr. John Bradley, Rev. Fr. George Grynowski, Rev. Fr. John McMorrow, Rev. Fr. John Darley, Rev. Fr. William O'Malley, Rev. Fr. Michael Cullinan.

**The recently deceased**: Ruth Tetlow, Eddie Duffy, Andrew Justice, Mervyn Leach, Maureen Chatfield. ***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

## JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!

## *MAKE OUR HEARTS LIKE UNTO THINE!*

*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.*

***Sunday's Readings***: This Sunday we celebrate St Peter and St Paul, the two greatest of the great Apostles. At both the Vigil Mass and on the day itself, we hear first the very words of St Paul himself and then stories of the ultimately unshakeable faith of St Peter. Paul speaks of his calling and his work, God had marked him out for the work of evangelisation, and yet he had begun adult life as a fervent Jew who detested Christians and their message and who sought to destroy them. But he was called away from this by a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, and from then on his considerable energies, intellect and writing skills were at the service of the very cause he had wished to destroy. St Peter, in both the gospel readings, displays faith in Christ. After His resurrection, Peter declares three times his love for Jesus, thus making up for his three denials. In the gospel for the day, we hear Peter answer most fervently that question of Jesus "Who do you say I am?". "You are the Christ". Peter's faith began well, faltered at the Passion and became solid as the rock Jesus called him after the resurrection. Paul began by hating the infant Church and ended by doing so much to help it prosper. Rejoice in these two saints, ask their prayers and remember: if Christ can change and use a faltering fisherman and a hate-filled fanatic to build His Church, then surely He can use 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.

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

**SUNDAY LUNCH: Sunday 28 June** is ***CANCELLED***, sorry for the inconvenience

**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!

## *COMING SOON*

**THE CHURCH AND AI:** 11th July 10.30-1.30pm at St Gregory's Stratford. A talk and discussion on the same subject as Pope Leo's encyclical. See poster in porch.

**SPARK YOUTH GROUP:** The next meeting of our Youth Group for school years 5,6,7 and 8 is Thursday **16th July** in the Dormer Centre. After this the SPARK are on Summer break.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI KENILWORTH** In this year of St Francis, on 25th July we are planning pilgrimages from St Mary's, Warwick, St Peter's Leamington and Our Lady's Lillington to St Francis' in Kenilworth. You will be able to join a group walking from one of the churches, or be collected en route. If this sounds too far there will be a group walking from Abbey Fields to St Francis. The pilgrimages will be completed with a Mass at 17:30.
If you would like to take part please register your interest, including your chosen starting point, by emailing Richard at rstaveley118@gmail.com or by calling 07535 933 786.

**WARWICK MARTYRS' ANNUAL WALK TO GALLOWS HILL**: This year is on **Sunday 16 August**. We mark their fearless faith and martyrdom at the spot they were killed, and ask their prayers for our parishes today.

## *OTHER INFORMATION*

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?:** A series of sessions on the Catholic faith for adults wishing to prepare for receiving the sacraments and being received into the Church will begin soon. Please contact Gareth on 07539 502436/ RCIA.cathleam@gmail.com

**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 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.

**OL BRING AND BUY TABLE:** (Donation Station!) Please give us your unused small gifts that someone else might like, or small items you don't need anymore. Also paperbacks in nice condition. The occasional cake or extra garden produce could go here too. Thank you.

**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

**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.

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: £504.15, OL: £247.98. 2nd Coll. SP (Day for Life): £463.67, OL (Day for Life): £270.97. 2nd Collections at both Churches this week are for: **Peter's Pence**. ***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.

**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.

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

**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:** This week we received thanks for £ 200 responding to needs of a family relocating because of domestic violence. 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

## 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.