

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 9th July 2023

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Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 9th July 2023 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Pro Populo
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Danny & Andrew Daly RIP Mary & Tom Beirne
Monday 10th <i>Feria</i>	10am	~	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	10am Mass	~	Indrani Gomez Pietersz
Wednesday 12th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass	William Harbison
Thursday 13th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Henry</i>	10am Mass	~	Maggie Henderson RIP
Friday 14th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Camillus de Lellis, Pr.</i>	10am Mass 2pm	~	Mairead O'Brien RIP Funeral Service: Ronnie Young RIP
Saturday 15th <i>Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bp, Dr. of the Church</i>	Exposition 9am Confession 9.15-45am 10am Mass	~	Mary Fitzpatrick RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass		Mary McGivern RIP; Annie McHale RIP
SUNDAY 16th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Philip Donaghey RIP
			James Hannan RIP

Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash: 10am & 5:30pm. Details on the website: stjoseph47.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Claire Banner, Edward Behan, Sean Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Patrick Campbell, Mary Craig, Peter Curran, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Joe Graham, David Grayling, Eileen Hiorns, Sheila Ireland, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Zainab Lawless, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Philip Morris, Jo Murphy, Andrew Murray, Brian Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Fr. Malcolm Prince, Patricia Robinson, Fr. Tony Rohan, Margaret Smith, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright, Mary Yapp & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish. **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.**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Bernadette O'Reilly, Hannah Connole, Marie Houlihan, Patrick Nestor, John "Dennis" Dineen, Sean Hayden, Patrick Kenny, June Moore, Ellen Basham, Margaret Egginton, Philomena Vale, Timothy Herlihy, Thomas Beirne, Mafalda Swain, James Hannan, Maurice Peacey, Anne Hornsby, William McSweeney, Canon Francis Grady, Fr. Joseph Pires, Fr. Michael Gaffney, Fr. Bernard Maddox, Fr. Brendan Donlon, Fr. Anthony Maguire, Fr. Seamus Hetherington, Fr. John Molyneux, Fr. Plunkett Shannon, Fr. Edmund Whelan, Fr. Anthony Burns, Fr. Brian Halton, Fr. Geoffrey Wamsley CO, Dcn. Anthony Bateman. **The recently deceased:** Fr. John Darley, Ronnie Young, Claire Claffey, Rosemary Matthews, Fr Bernard Garret, Margaret Henderson-Gill, Canon John Gunn. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.**

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk, Our Lady's Claire Walsh email sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

GLORY BE TO JESUS, WHO IN BITTER PAINS, POURED FOR ME THE LIFE BLOOD FROM HIS SACRED VEINS!

Welcome to Mass Today whether you are here for the first time or come every week.

There won't be many of us who wouldn't want to be learned and clever, yet Jesus thanks the Father today for revealing great things to children—little ones—and not to the clever. Jesus is using the term 'little ones' to describe His followers, those who are open and receptive to His teaching. The 'wise and clever' refers to those now hindered by their attachment to the Jewish law to see Christ for who He is. His yoke—a term that was often used to mean submission to the Law—is different for His teaching, His fulfillment of the Law, is of course love. So we have a relationship with a person, the Word made flesh, Jesus and not with a written set of laws alone. Of course, this relationship does not mean that we can do as we please but rather that we want to do what pleases Jesus, since He is our friend, brother and Saviour. What Jesus asks us to carry should be no burden at all since our love of Him and of our neighbour should shape everything about us. It is good to be back after a holiday in France where the sun shone most of the time, the food was lovely and walking great. There, the Church has faced great challenges. Anyone going to Mass in France will know that parishes are now grouped under a single priest and Sunday Masses move round the churches in the group. The congregations we joined were lively and large, with strong lay involvement. We shall see if this model becomes necessary here.

Now that I am back, I say again how grateful I am to Bishop Kenney, Fr Jim Fleming SSC and as always, Fr Chris for their help over the past two weeks, and to all of you for maintaining worship and witness in our churches.

God bless, Fr Stephen

New & Improved Livestream: St Peter's livestream has moved to YouTube with a better picture, a wider view and a much smaller cost. The link on the website home page has been amended or if you are viewing this online press 'ctrl' button and click here—[St Peter's Leamington Spa - YouTube](#) Otherwise, go to YouTube and search for St Peter's Leamington Spa. We are grateful to the kind donor who has paid the one-off costs.

The QR code for today's readings: Simply scan on your smart phone. This works for every day.



Children's Liturgy: At Our Lady's during Sunday 9:15am Mass, in term time. All welcome. *The Children's Liturgy is looking for adult volunteers to allow the session to continue on Sunday 9:15am Mass.* Support is needed for preparation and running of sessions. If you are interested or for more information please contact Sharon or Lucy after Mass, or speak to 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 true unity among all Christians, as God wills. As for Catholics, we need always to remember the truth of the Blessed Sacrament and receive It with care, attention and reverence.

Pastimes Community Hub: 12-3.00 every Tuesday in the hall. A warm welcome, company, refreshments, and activities. Do come, bring a friend!

Confirmation at Our Lady's: Saturday 8 July at 10.30am. Please pray for the young people who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May they use them for glory of God and His Church. We thank those who have prepared them and pray for their families.

A Light in the Darkness: Concert at St. Peter's: On 22nd July at 7pm, St Peter's and Our Lady's choristers will be joined by local brass band CSB for an exciting concert at St Peter's mixing brass and choral pieces. Tickets will go on sale shortly and proceeds will go towards the cost of the new heating system. For further information, please contact Anne-Claire on 07963430860.

Catholic Leamington Justice and Peace: prayer intention for July is: 'We thank you Lord for the precious gift of water. May we all use it wisely and not waste it.'

Servers and Serving: Thank you to our servers at both churches. We'd love a few more! See Fr Stephen at Our Lady's or St Peter's or

Bob, the Master of Ceremonies, at St Peter's.

Catholic Leamington Website: We would like to find a new volunteer to look after this. Could that be you?

Donating to St Peter's: It is possible to give online by simply scanning this QR code. Parishes **won't survive** without your giving! **Thank you**



Church Heating: Slow progress still...

Parking at Our Lady's: While the health centre is being constructed next to Our Lady's Church, **parking is extremely limited**. Please park without blocking our neighbours' drives or obstructing the view at junctions. This may mean a bit of a walk to church unfortunately, but once the health centre is finished, we shall have access to the car park once again. **Thank you.**

The Diocesan Vision You may watch a new video from the Archbishop about this on the diocesan website. There will have to be many changes over the next few years, and it is important that we use all our resources wisely. Together, clergy and laity in the parishes will increasingly be asked to consider what these changes might be. Locally, we have already seen the effects that a decreasing number of priests has: a single priest at St Peter's also the parish priest of Our Lady's, a long term absence at Whitnash covered by local priests (particularly our retired priests) which means that we have four fewer priests in Leamington than ten years ago. Our resources are of course **not** confined to clergy: our buildings and the time and talents of lay people have to be used too.

Walking Together – the Universal Phase in October 2023: A 60-page working document including Worksheets for the Synodal Assembly has been published by the Vatican, known as the *Instrumentum Laboris*. This can be downloaded from the parish synod webpage:

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

Last Weekend's Collections: SP: 1st - £713.66 2nd - £328.50 OL: Figures available next week, Second Collection this weekend for: SP & OL —Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). Standing Orders in May - SP £3,584.00. OL £981.34. **Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for all your giving.**

Janice and Brian Austin: there is very good news that they are to receive a 'Bene Merenti' Papal award for all their great work in many aspects of Church life, particularly in social justice. The presentation will be in their home parish of **St Teresa and the Child Jesus in Filton, Bristol on 23rd July at 10:30am** Janice, Brian and their family hope that some friends from Leamington will be able to join them. There will be refreshments afterwards in their flat's community room. Those who would like to go please contact Jenny Armstrong jenarmstrong@talktalk.net so that we can let the family know numbers to expect.

Recycling for CAFOD: The box is now at the back of St Peter's church so please hunt out your old mobile phones, jewellery, watches, cameras (broken or working) Plus used stamps and coins. Please refer to the leaflets as we can only accept specific items. E.g. we take tablets but NOT laptops. Help raise funds for CAFOD.

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Don't hold yourselves cheap, seeing that the Creator of all things and of you, estimates your value so high, so dear, that He pours out for you every day the most Precious Blood of His only-begotten Son.

St Augustine

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First of all, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Stephen **in person** at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few simple facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but face to face. Parents are required to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr Stephen is necessary so that the canonical and civil processes can be explained and correctly followed. Couples need to give at least six months' notice.