

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 23rd July 2023

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### Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 23rd July 2023</b> 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Eileen Godfrey
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> <i>with Baptism</i>	Thomas Ryan Fun Austin Birthday Intentions; Anne Elson Birthday Intentions
Monday 24th <i>Opt. Mem. St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest</i>	10am	~	<i>Service of the Word &amp; Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 25th <i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i>	11am with St Peter's Sch	~	Margaret Thorne; Maggie Henderson RIP
Wednesday 26th <i>Mem. of Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of BVM</i>	~	10am Mass	Mr. M. E. Connolly
Thursday 27th <i>Opt. Mem. of Blsd. Robert Sutton, Pr., Martyr</i>	10am <b>6pm</b>	~	Funeral <b>Service</b> : Claire Claffey RIP Private Intention
Friday 28th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Fr. Benedict Skipper
<b>Saturday 29th</b> <i>Mem. of Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	Holy Hour 9am Confession 9.15-45am 10am Mass		Pro Populo
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<b>SUNDAY 30th</b> 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	James & Eithne Dunne  Thanksgiving; Elizabeth Keane 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-Clare 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:** David Dunbar, Craig Berry, Robert McManus, Pasquale Abbruscato, Robert O'Brien, Timothy Canty, John Mannion, Hannah Falvey, Peter Wright, Thomas McGreavy, Timothy O'Connell, Bogdan Majewski, Joan Pettipher, Mary Carruthers, Carol Greaney, Peter Corley, Anne Strasinikas, Sarah O'Rourke, Mgr. Peter Ryall, Fr. Albert Kelly, Fr. Anthony Owen, Fr. Euan Henderson, Fr. Joseph Tynan, Fr. Denis O'Shea, Fr. Basil Wrighton, Fr. Thomas Duffy, Deacon Frank Lockett, Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh. **The recently deceased:** Hildegard "Brigitte" Jackson, Catherine O'Sullivan, Fr. John Darley, Ronnie Young, Claire Claffey, Rosemary Matthews, Fr Bernard Garret, Margaret Henderson-Gill. **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

Jesus: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the remission of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

*St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:7*

**Welcome to Mass** as we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The world is a right mixture of everything, good, bad and in-between. Jesus reflects on this: the field is full of a mixture of good crops and useless weeds. Yet these are not to be sorted out till harvest time: God gives us time to become the people He asks us to be. Judgement, like the harvest will certainly come and like the harvest, it will not come before its time. Some of you will know the harvest hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* which also uses the harvest as a picture of God's judgment and as a prayer for grace to be the harvest He calls us to be.

'... grant, O harvest Lord, that we, wholesome grain and pure may be. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home; From His field shall purge away all that doth offend that day... But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore'.

Shortly, I shall have been here for a full year. I am grateful for the support and kindness of the parishes which has helped make this busy first year exciting and enjoyable for me. I have been reflecting on things that we need to do in both parishes, using our strengths, reviving some-pre-Covid events and building up our communities. We have the interconnected challenges of developing Catholic Leamington, shaping the diocesan vision, Walking Together synodality, heating, fundraising, looking after our buildings—lots to do but all with God's help. More on this to come.

As summer approaches, the schools break up and thoughts turn to holidays I wish those of you going away safe journeys and a restful break.

*God bless, Fr Stephen*

**New & Improved St Peter's Livestream:** is on YouTube click here—[St Peter's Leamington Spa - YouTube](#) or go to YouTube and search for St Peter's Leamington Spa.

**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. A big **thank you** to all who make this possible, in particular Lucy and her team. Lucy is soon to move back to the north of England and goes with our hearty thanks and blessing.

**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.

**Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

**Pastimes Community Hub:** 12-3pm Tuesdays in the hall. A warm welcome, company, refreshments, activities. Do come, bring a friend!

**Friday Luncheon Club:** Friday 28th July at 1pm at Cote Restaurant, in Livery Court, Leamington. Please write your names on the list on the notice board in the Church porch. New members always welcome.

**Exposition at Our Lady's** Beginning on the first Wednesday of August there will be a monthly First Wednesday time of Exposition following the Mass. Refreshments will be available after wards.

**Fr Stephen's Induction: Advance Notice:** The induction of Fr Stephen as parish priest of Our Lady's and St Peter's is on Wed 13 September 7.00pm (at St Peter's - it is our only church currently with access to parking). Canon John Batthula Dean of Warwick & Banbury, parish priest of Bicester, will carry this out.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be meetings for the ministers of both parishes in September. There will be a time of Eucharistic adoration but also discussion of ideas to raise the profile of this ministry and consider practicalities in church and when visiting. Details soon.

**Our Lady's Autumn Bazaar Saturday 23 September.** Please save the date, volunteer to help and raise some funds for Our Lady's parish.

**Deanery Visitation & The Diocesan Vision** This deanery and all its parishes (the Deanery of Banbury & Warwick) will have an official Visitation carried out by the Archbishop and the Episcopal Vicar from this October to July next year. This is an opportunity for us **all**—Archbishop, priests and people—to consider how our local parishes

and deaneries may best serve the mission of Christ and His Church as circumstances change, especially the falling number of priests. These reflections will then be written up and presented. The Visitation will begin and end with a liturgy. The Archbishop or Episcopal Vicar will spend a weekend in each parish (or grouped parishes), celebrating the Masses and meeting clergy and people. Coventry & Nuneaton Deanery have recently completed a Visitation and many ideas and ways forward came from that. There will be details of what's happening after the summer. Please take part when the time comes.

**Church Heating at St Peter's:** A local PR film has placed its services at our disposal free of charge. We are grateful to Peter Robinson whose team will be putting together a fund raising Facebook page for the boiler fund. More details as things take shape. We have raised about a quarter of the £100,000 needed thanks to PastTimes Jumble sales, St Peter's Choir Concert, hard work by other groups, the kind donations of individuals and the specific second collections. **Thank you!**

**Saturday Friendship Group:** The 'Way Ahead Project' helping the homeless in Leamington, run by the Salvation Army, has ceased operating. Our own 'Saturday Friendship Group', set up to support the project has therefore had to cease too. This is sad news but, the Salvation Army found it impossible to recruit the staff needed to keep their project going. A big thank you to all who have supported SFG. **If you still have a standing order in operation to support SFG please cancel it.** Any standing orders received after 1 Sep will be treated as donations to the parish, they are paid into St Peter's bank account.

**St. Peter's Piety Shop:** The Piety Shop at St. Peter's has been restocked, please have a look. Cards for every occasion, Rosaries, Prayer Cards, Candles and more. There will be more stock arriving soon so worth a further visit and we take card now too. You can pay via your smartphone and the same QR code you may use to donate

**Donating to St Peter's:** It is possible to give online by simply scanning this QR code. You can also pay for purchases at the piety stall in this way. Parishes **won't survive** without your giving! **Thank you**

**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 to volunteer **Thank you** to St Peter's Choir and Cublington Silver Band for the wonderful concert and to all who supported it.

**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. **Thank you.**

**Last Weekend's Collections:**

SP: 1st - £501.64, 2nd - £1,335.07 (Church Boilers)

OL: 1st - £240.20 2nd - £139.00 (Church Maintenance)

2nd Collection this weekend for: SP—Church Boilers

OL — Church Maintenance

Standing Orders in June - SP £3,810.00. OL £910.34.

**Thank you for all your giving.**

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

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

#### 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.

#### ARRANGING A BAPTISM

**Congratulations on the birth of your baby!** First, 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 need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

