

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 30th July 2023

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### Mass Schedule

DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 30th July 2023</b> 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Cherin Mulyono Birthday
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	James & Eithne Dunne Thanksgiving; Elizabeth Keane RIP
Monday 31st <i>Mem. of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pr.</i>	9:30am Mass	~	For Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 1st August <i>Mem. of St. Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bp., Dr. of the Church</i>	<b>1pm Mass</b>	~	<b>Requiem: Hildegard Jackson RIP</b>
Wednesday 2nd <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Peter Julian Eymard, Pr.</i>	~	10am Mass, followed by Exposition	Mr. M. E. Connolly
Thursday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Roshika Pietersz Intentions; Hendra Mulyono Birthday
Friday 4th <i>Mem. of St. John Mary Vianney, Pr.</i>	<b>9am Mass</b>	~	<b>Requiem: Christine Williamson RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 5th</b> <i>Opt. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	Holy Hour 9am Confession 9.15-45am 10am Mass		Gretta Devaney's Recovery; Maggie Henderson RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Andrew Griffin RIP
<b>SUNDAY 6th</b> Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.		<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Eileen Barrow RIP Anniversary
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Daniel Warburton

**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:** Ian James De Worryingham, Anne Strasinikas, Sarah O'Rourke, Nora Quirke, Filippo Turturici, Ellen Barrow, Arthur Thurlow, Mary Pettipher, Concetta Clews, John Rellis, Canon Arthur Diamond, Fr. Thomas Duffy, Fr. Richard Lynch CO, Fr. David Ford, Fr. Cuthbert Brown, Fr. James Gough, Deacon John Leach. **The recently deceased:** Elizabeth Hastings, Sara Gillies, Philip Antrobus, Christine Williamson, Hildegard "Brigitte" Jackson, Catherine O'Sullivan, Claire Claffey, Rosemary Matthews, Fr Bernard Garret. **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.



**AUGUST, MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**  
*Mary pondered all these things and treasured them in her heart (St Luke's Gospel, 2:19)*  
*Immaculate Mary, our hearts are on fire, that title so wondrous fills all our desire!*



**Welcome to Mass** as we come together on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's Resurrection.

August sees one great feast of Our Lady, her Assumption into heaven, (a day of obligation in fact) and two smaller—her Queenship and the dedication of her Basilica in Rome, St Mary Major. Originally, Our Lady's Immaculate Heart was also celebrated in August but is now kept the day after her Son's Sacred Heart in June. Today's Gospel parables again reveals Mary's profound discipleship. We hear how the merchant seeks the 'pearl of great price' above all things and rejoices to possess it. Every disciple seeks to have the treasure that is Christ. So, Our Lady, gave her life for the pearl of great price by accepting Gabriel's message that Christ might come into the world. Her life was never the same again and is now taken up into the glory of heaven. Let our lives also be seized by the desire to good disciples and we too will never be quite the same again, set on the way to future glory. *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.



**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!**

**St Joseph's, Whitnash** Last Sunday, very good news was announced at St Joseph's. On 15 August, Our Lady's Assumption, Fr David Hartley, currently parish priest of Thame, will become the new parish priest. Please pray for St Joseph's as a new chapter opens. Fr Stephen is very much looking forward to having another priest to work with!

**Proceeds from Choir Concert on 22nd July:** The joint choirs of St. Peter's & Our Lady's had a most successful concert on Saturday 22nd July, joined by Cubbington Silver band. **£1,300** was raised for St. Peter's new heating system. **Thank you to all those who attended, and supported us.**

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

**Exposition at Our Lady's** Beginning on the this Wednesday 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:** A meeting will be held on Sunday 6th August after Mass. Please attend if you are willing to help in any way.

**Pastimes Jumble Sale:** Pastimes will be holding a Jumble Sale in aid of the Church heating on **Sat 30th Sept 2023**. More details to follow.

**Readers Needed for 5pm** Please consider joining the readers' rota for the Saturday Vigil Mass. See Fr Stephen or Paul Milton. Thank you.

**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 Archbishop or Episcopal Vicar will spend a weekend in each parish (or grouped par-

ishes), celebrating the Masses and meeting clergy and people. Please take part when the time comes.

**SPAN:** We have received thanks for donations via the Polish Centre's Aid for Ukraine fund; for establishing a borehole for water in Ghana; and for Darfur refugees via CAFOD. Our donation to Legs4Africa has enabled 25 people to get back on their feet. We have also acted to support some local appeals for help. **Thank you** for your support.

**Church Heating at St Peter's:** A local PR firm 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 Pastimes 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. 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.**

**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. **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

**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 giving local residents any reason to complain. **Thank you.**

**Last Weekend's Collections:**

SP: 1st - £516.20, 2nd - £360.75 (Church Boilers)

OL: 1st - £178.83 2nd - £183.35 (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:** There are boxes in both our churches 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.

**Volunteering** There are so many things that go on in church life that are totally reliant on volunteers. From a welcome at the door, to servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, singers, musicians, setters-up and putters-away. Many things that we might want to develop arising from the diocesan vision, from Synodality, from the need for fundraising will all need volunteers. Please consider, when appeals are made—or even before! - if you might be some who can help in some practical way. A big thank you to all the volunteers we have!

#### 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.