

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord: Sunday 6th August 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Andrew Griffin RIP
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Eileen Barrow RIP Anniversary Daniel Warburton
Monday 7th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Sixtus II</i>	10am Mass *NO TEA & COFFEE*	~	Jan Smith-Gift's Birthday Intentions
Tuesday 8th <i>Mem. of St. Dominic, Pr.</i>	10am Mass	~	Ira Winter's Birthday Intentions
Wednesday 9th <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	~	10am Mass	Fr. Ian Ker RIP
Thursday 10th <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Dcn., Martyr</i>	10am Mass	~	Requiem: Catherine O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 11th <i>Mem. of St. Clare, Virgin</i>	10am Mass	~	Felicia Blevins
Saturday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	Holy Hour 9am Confession 9.15-45am 10am Mass		Gerard McGrath RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Porsiana Beatrice's Intentions
SUNDAY 13th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Pro Populo Private Intention

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, 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: Mary Pettipher, Concetta Clews, John Rellis, Antonio Munoz, Jerzy Kajkowski, William Stack, Mary Woolley, Margaret Soomro, Anna Foley, Noel Edwards, Carina Smith, Mairead Lewis, Kathleen Couzens, Mary Kearney, Winifred Moore, John "Vince" Coleman, Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Fr. Cuthbert Brown, Fr. James Gough, Fr. Francis Gwinnett, Fr. Basil Lynch CO, Fr. Michael Day CO, Fr. Denis Manion, Fr. Thomas Dennison, Fr. Michael McGarth, Dcn. John Leach. **The recently deceased:** Czeslaw Golub, George Wall, Elizabeth Hastings, Sara Gillies, Philip Antrobus, Christine Williamson, Hildegard "Brigitte" Jackson, Catherine O'Sullivan, Claire Claffey. **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. The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Our Lady's** Claire Walsh email sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk ; **St Joseph's** Honor Hynes email sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.



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 to worship Him.

Today, the Church celebrates the Transfiguration of Christ, so vividly described in the Gospel. A glimpse of Christ's glory is revealed here on earth, and the father, Moses and Elijah bear witness to who He is. Despite this revelation, the apostles find themselves full of fear and doubt as the time of Christ's death drew near. The memory of this happy event left them and they were unable to act as resolutely as this message shows they should. After all, they come down the mountain reluctantly, to travel with Christ to Jerusalem. Often, we prefer to stay 'on the mountain' basking happily in some comforting or encouraging experience. Yet we are also called to go down and engage not with glory but the ordinary and even the painfully 'unglorious' events of suffering, that of others and ourselves. Let us not forget that it was atop another mountain, the hill of Calvary that Christ's glory is plainly displayed: the sacrificial victim who takes away the sins of the world. A glory hidden from all except His faithful. God bless, Fr Stephen

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



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.

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!

World Youth Day in Lisbon. This worldwide event in the Catholic Church is taking place now: please pray for the Church's ministry to young people and for our own Rose and Niall who are taking part.

St Joseph's, Whitnash: Very good news: 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!

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

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.

Come and See and learn about the Catholic Faith. Do you have a spouse, relative, friend, neighbour, work colleague who might be interested in finding out what being a Catholic is all about? He/she could be a non-Catholic or a non-churchgoing Catholic. Would you like to refresh your own Faith? Our weekly *Come and See* sessions will be starting on **Wed 4th Oct 7.30pm**, in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Contact 01926 428399, or email rcia.cathleam@gmail.com to register interest or for more information. Details at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/exploring-the-catholic-faith.html>

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. Please take part when the time comes.

SPAN: We have received thanks: from Fr Mayele in Uganda for money we send to support school fees for 3 vulnerable students; from Temwa in Malawi reporting on the "huge impact" of our contribution to their work. **Thank you** for your continued support.

St. Peter's Piety Shop: The Piety Shop at St. Peter's has been restocked, please have a look. Cards, Rosaries, Prayer Cards, Candles and more. You can pay by card via your smartphone using the same QR code that you may use to donate, as below.

Our Lady's Piety Shop As always, open for business.

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**



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 - £497.00, 2nd - £500.42 (Church Boilers)

OL: 1st - £195.00, 2nd - £120.80 (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.

Walking Together: The Stage 2 Report is now available on the website www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod. Over 100 ideas on practical steps that could be taken locally were expressed by participants from our three churches. It forms a helpful document to assist us in developing our communities to share our faith.

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 *Walking Together*, 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!

Red Missio Boxes: If you have a Red box which needs emptying please drop it into the Sacristy after Mass any weekend during August. Thank you for your on going support.

Job Opportunity: Warwick University Chaplaincy Co-Ordinator (Part time - Salary circa £15k for 18.25 hrs per week) This is a vital role and requires an individual with the ability to organise a busy workload, deal with various tasks simultaneously and juggle competing priorities. For further details and how to apply see [Chaplaincy Coordinator \(107770-0723\) - University of Warwick \(tal.net\)](mailto:ChaplaincyCoordinator@107770-0723@warwick.ac.uk) See [The University of Warwick: Chaplaincy](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/chaplaincy) for information about the chaplaincy

St Peter's Hall The hall reopens for hire by organisations and people who are not connected to the parish from September. Please encourage any group or individual you know who needs a room to hire it. To be clear, the hall needs to be hired for ten hours a week at our rate of £40 per hour simply to cover the overheads. Since the pandemic, the level of use has not resumed. We simply can't afford to let it out indefinitely if costs are not covered.

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.