

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 20th August 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 20th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Mary McGivern; Mary Shannon RIP
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	E.C. Kuriakose & Family's Intentions Maggie Henderson-Gill RIP; Marguerite Ayres RIP
Monday 21st <i>Mem. of St. Pius X, Pope</i>	10am Mass	~	Marguerite Ayres RIP
Tuesday 22nd <i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10am Mass	1pm Mass	Holy Souls Requiem: Elizabeth Hastings RIP
Wednesday 23rd Feast of St. John Wall, Pr., Martyr	~	10am Mass	Owen McCrystal RIP; Katherine Harbison
Thursday 24th Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	10am Mass	~	Portia Schwarze's Birthday Intentions
Friday 25th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Louis</i>	10am Mass	~	Thanksgiving
Saturday 26th Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pr., Religious	9am Holy Hour, Confession, and Benediction before 10am Mass	~	For Priests and Vocations
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Maggie Henderson-Gill RIP
SUNDAY 27th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Pro Populo Wladyslaw, Norah & Paul Reszka; Thanksgiving

Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash: 10am & 5:30pm. Details on their 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, Chris. Carter, 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, 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: Marguerite Ayres, Bartholomew O'Driscoll, Flor Duckett, Mary O'Connor, Bernadette Bradshaw, Patrick McDermott, Cecilia Bates, Charles Jeffrey, Marjorie Timmis, Seamus Caden, William Cleary, Martina Stenson, Nicholas Duffy, Archbishop Bernard Griffin, Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Fr. Alan Smith, Fr. Patrick Branagan, Fr. Francis Rowe, Fr. James Downey, Deacon Douglas Taylor, Deacon Peter Kilgallon, Deacon David McCarroll. **The recently deceased:** Patrick Petticrew, Heliena Godwin, Philip Holland, Donald Byrne, Patricia Robinson, Deirdre McConville, Czeslaw Golub, George Wall, Elizabeth Hastings, Catherine O'Sullivan. **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 and 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** 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 We praise God for the Resurrection of His Son. In today's Gospel, woman of Tyre asks Jesus to cure her daughter. But He has come for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, not foreigners..! Except that the woman has faith: no, indeed giving children's' food to the dogs is unfair, but surely the dogs can eat the scraps that fall? She accepts her position as a non-Jew, but still believes that God can spare mercy and love for all. The miracle follows her faith. And of course she is right: Isaiah tells of God's mountain being a house of prayer for all peoples, all, that is, who attach themselves to the Lord, serve Him and love His Name. Once faith is right, then God's promise of salvation is open to all and all may be united joyfully in God's house of prayer. *God bless, Fr Stephen*

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



St Peter's Livestream: is on YouTube click here—[St Peter's Leamington Spa - YouTube](#)

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!

Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Bl Dominic Barberi: This runs until his feast day on Sat 26 Aug. There are sheets with the prayers and a brief biography of Bl Dominic at the back of the churches.

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

Parish Sunday Roast: Sunday 27 Aug 1pm in St Peter's Hall. £15 for three courses, booking sheet at the back of St Peter's Church.

Fr Stephen's Induction: Wed 13 Sept 7.00pm at St Peter's. Refreshments follow.

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.

March for Life: Sat 2 Sept in London. Coaches from Birmingham and Coventry. Details in St Peter's porch. Let us value the unborn!

Pilgrimage to Harvington - Sun 3 Sept, Principal Celebrant the Archbishop of Birmingham. Hall opens: Midday. Confessions: 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm. Mass: 3pm. FREE PARKING. Pilgrims must bring their own chairs as well as a lunch/picnic – tea and coffee will be available at the Hall's café. Any queries related to the Pilgrimage should be directed to: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

SPAN: Next meeting Sept 11. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Lady's Autumn Bazaar Saturday 23 September: Thank you to those who are volunteering to raise funds for Our Lady's church building. We shall have quite a bill to pay to stop the roof leaking and repair the rotten high level woodwork. Donations of items for stalls may be left in the boxes by the doors at Our Lady's

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

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? Thinking about being confirmed? Our weekly *Come and See* sessions start on **Wed 4 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>

Fr John's Farewell: On 11 Oct 7pm Fr John will be back for his farewell Mass at St Peter's. This is an opportunity to thank him for his work in both parishes during his years here. Refreshments follow.

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. Please take part when the time comes.

St Peter's Boilers: We have applied for permission from the diocese to install the boilers and await their approval. In the meanwhile Bob has kindly made a fund raising thermometer now by the font at St Peter's to record our fundraising so far. **Thank you** to everyone for your donations. You may donate on your phone using the QR code.

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

St. Peter's Piety Shop: You can pay by card via your smartphone using the same QR code that you may use to donate

Donating to St Peter's: It is possible to give online via the website OR by simply scanning this QR code on your smart phone. You can also pay for purchases at the piety stall by smart phone. **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.**

Justice & Peace: Prayer intention for August: We thank you Lord, for the precious gift of water and we pray for the work of development agencies who help others to access clean water.

Last Weekend's Collections:

SP:

Totals not known at time of printing—details next week.

2nd Collection this weekend for: SP—Church Boilers

OL — Church Maintenance

Standing Orders in July - SP £3,350.00. OL £915.34.

Thank you for all your giving.

SP 200 Club: In the August Draw 1st Prize (£50) to A. Bracey, 2nd Prize (£20) to C. O'Grady & 3 Prize (£10) to C. Hawkes. Congratulations to the Winners!

Walking Together: Our Stage 2 Report is now available on the website www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod.

Volunteering Most things that go on in church life are totally reliant on volunteers. 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!

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

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.

Accommodation Required: A Catholic Leamington lady parishioner, a friend of Jenny and Paul Hayden, is looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment to rent in Leamington. If anyone knows of any possible apartments, please contact jennyhayden444@gmail.com

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, use has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. We simply can't afford to let it out indefinitely to outside groups 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.