

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 3rd September 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 3rd September 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Patrick McHale RIP
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Elizabeth Hastings RIP Paul Joseph Doyle RIP Anniversary
Monday 4th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Cuthbert, Bp.</i>	10am Mass	~	Christine Williamson RIP; Maggie Henderson RIP
Tuesday 5th <i>Feria</i>	1pm Mass	~	Requiem: Donald Byrne RIP
Wednesday 6th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass & Exposition	Janet Bannan RIP
Thursday 7th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 8th Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am Mass	~	Christine Williamson RIP
Saturday 9th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Osburg, Abbess</i>	9am Holy Hour, Confession, and Benediction before 10am Mass	~	Deceased Members of the Holland Family
	Confession 4.15-45pm	~	Mr & Mrs P. Moran
SUNDAY 10th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		9.15am Mass	Elizabeth Hastings RIP
	11.15am Mass		Choir Members

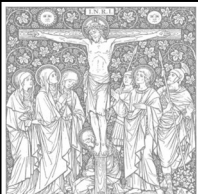
Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash: 10am & 5:30pm. Details on their website: stjoseph47.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Claire 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.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Kathleen O'Mahony, Eugenia Rubino, Paul Bidmead, Paul Doyle, Ann Reilly, Stewart Smith, Attilio DeMatteis, William O'Leary, Bridget Purcell, David Dimambro, William Welsh, Mary Connolly, Michael Lilley, John O'Callaghan, John Wilson, Cissie Hanrahan, Dean Connolly, Mgr. James Crichton, Mgr. Thomas Fallon, Fr. Bernard Salt, Fr. Thomas O'Doherty, Fr. James Holland, Fr. Paul Devaney, Fr. Anthony Taylor, Fr. Arthur McCrystal, Fr. David Hutt, Deacon Francis Andrews. **The recently deceased:** Fr. Keith Enston, Patrick Petticrew, Heliena Godwin, Philip Holland, Donald Byrne, Patricia Robinson, Deirdre McConville, Czeslaw Golub. **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.



SEPTEMBER, MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

'Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother...' (St John's Gospel, 19:25)
Our Lady of sorrows stand by all those in sorrow today and help me to stand by them too

St Peter's, St Joseph's & Our Lady's Churches are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Reg. Charity No. 234216.

Welcome to Mass You are welcome to be here today as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Please stay for refreshments in the hall after the 9.15am and 11.15am Masses.

We followers of Jesus have been given much and promised even more. Last week Peter's faith meant that Jesus could give him authority he had never dreamed of. But today's Gospel has Peter getting things wrong. Jesus explains that the way to resurrection, forgiveness and eternal life must include the Cross. Peter does not see why this should be so and tells Jesus that it must not happen to Him. Jesus' response is dramatic: for Him not to go to the Cross would be Satan's victory, not God's. Christ did not succumb to Satan's temptations in the desert, and He isn't about to do so now. The Cross of suffering has a key part to play in our salvation. No-one—not even Jesus—can avoid it on this earth. But it is what we do with it and how it is used that matters. Jesus made of it our entry to heaven! *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!*

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

The Season of Creation: 1 Sept-4 Oct (St Francis' Day) is a time to pray for in thanksgiving for the wise stewardship of creation. Inspired by the prophet Amos (Amos 5: 24) this year's theme is "Let Peace and Justice Flow". We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for people impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

St. Peter's Plant Sale: on the weekend of 2/3 Sept after 5pm Vigil and 11:15am Masses. All proceeds in aid of the Boiler Replacement.

Young adults group (18-35): All young adults are invited to our 6th September social at 7pm in Dormer Conference Centre. If you've not been before you'd be particularly welcome.

Heritage Open Days at Our Lady's Church: on Sat 9th & Sun 10th September, 2.30pm-4.30pm. We will be opening the church up to visitors to socialise, hear about the amazing architecture, do children's/ family activities, listen to music, and enjoy refreshments. Do come along.

Education Sunday: 10 Sept. Pray for our schools and all involved with them—pupils, families, staff, governors.

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.

Our Lady's Autumn Bazaar Saturday 23 September: Thank you to those who are volunteering to raise funds for Our Lady's church building. 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**. Currently we require donations of clothing for our clothes stall. Please drop donations in to Pastimes on a Tuesday afternoon. Many thanks for all your donations so far.

Come and See and learn about the Catholic Faith. Do you know someone 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 infor-

mation. 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 here.

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*.

Last Weekend's Collections:

SP: 1st - £404.66, 2nd - £289.48 (Church Boilers)

OL: 1st - £98.63, 2nd - £100.50 (Church Maintenance)

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.

Walking Together: Our Stage 2 Report is now available on the website www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod. Your ideas are being progressed. The next WT open meeting is on Thu 5 Sept

Volunteering Almost all that goes on in church life is totally reliant on volunteers. Almost everything that we might want to develop, from *Walking Together*, from the need for fundraising, from the need to care for our buildings, will all need volunteers. Please consider, when appeals are made 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.

SPAN: We have received very encouraging international impact reports following donations made before the summer and have had requests from local family support officers which we are responding to. Thank you for your continued support.

Red Missio Boxes: Thank you to those who have returned their red boxes for emptying. Empty boxes available in the Sacristy.

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.

NOTE: parish-based organisations are **NOT** subject to this charge!

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.