

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 10th September 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
Education Sunday SUNDAY 10th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Mr & Mrs P. Moran
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Elizabeth Hastings RIP Choir Members
Monday 11th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 12th <i>Opt. Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	~	10am Mass	E. C. Kuriakose & Family's Intentions
Wednesday 13th <i>Mem. of St. John Chrysostom, Bp., Dr. of the Church</i>	7.00pm Mass of Induction	~	People of the Parish
Thursday 14th <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10am Mass	~	Granddaughter's Graduation
Friday 15th <i>Mem. of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	11am Mass	~	E. C. Kuriakose & Family's Intentions
Saturday 16th <i>Mem. of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bp., Martyrs</i>	9am Holy Hour, Confession, and Benediction before 10am Mass	~	Stan Godwin RIP
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SUNDAY 17th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Stanley Wilfred Taylor RIP
			People of the Parish

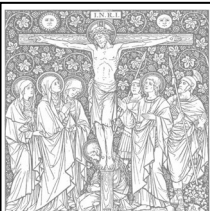
Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash: 10am & 5:30pm. Details on their website: stjoseph47.org.uk

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: Cissie Hanrahan, Dean Connolly, Francis Connolly, Patrick Forde, Philomena Mulligan, Patrick Kennedy, John Kehily, Maureen Brophy, Marcel Louis, Leopoldine Esslinger, David Scannell, John Stephens, Elizabeth Burt, Una Hartle, Daniel McCann, Clarence Gowing, Ita Edwards, Flora De Matteis, Helmut Jagusz, Brendan Donaghy, Stanley Godwin, Barbara Tansey, Anne Usen, Archbishop Dwyer, Canon Peter McKenna, Fr. David Hutt, Fr. Dominic Round, Fr. Guy Colman, Fr. Richard Dinnis, Fr. Patrick Meagher, Fr. William Oddie, Dcn. Michael McGrail. **The recently deceased:** Christine Lawrence, Anthony McKenna, Theresa Hortas, Anthony Mort, Theresa Bicknell, Fr. Keith Enston, Patrick Petticrew, Philip Holland, Donald Byrne, Patricia Robinson, Deirdre McConville. **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

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

In today's readings when Ezekiel hears his task as a prophet compared to that of a sentry, God is making a vital but simple point. Not to give a warning of impending disaster is wrong: to do nothing is not an option, we must do what is right. In the Gospel, Jesus warns against the great temptation to dwell on wrongs done to us by going off to discuss them with others. Yes, we might need advice, but it is too easy to seek comfort or even justification for our anger. No, go and talk to the one who has wronged us. That conversation must be positive and open, not a set of demands that the other must grovel and eat humble pie. It is forgiveness and reconciliation are at the heart of the Gospel, and not vengeance and vindication. *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.

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

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 Jumble Sale in aid of St Peter's Church heating on **Sat 30th Sept 2023**. Currently we need clothing for our clothes stall. Please drop these in to Pastimes on a Tuesday afternoon. Many thanks for all your donations so far.

The Statements of the Two Parishes' Finances will be available on 1 Oct. We are sorry for the delay.

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? 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>

Just Desserts 7 Oct 7pm St Peter's Hall. Tickets available for KIN-DAID's fabulous annual social fundraiser event, JUST DESSERTS. Delicious homemade soups followed by as many puddings as you can eat. Donations of puddings welcomed. Tickets, £10 adults, £5 children, available from Jo Mander 07980 315575 and Kindaid committee members.

Fr John's Farewell: On 11 Oct 7pm Fr John will be back for his farewell Mass at St Peter's. Refreshments follow. There will be collection envelopes for Fr. John available at the back of St. Peter's next Saturday (16) onwards, please place the envelopes either into the collection bags or post through the letterbox.

Deanery Visitation & The Diocesan Vision Our Lady's and St Peter's Visitation will be on 27 & 28 Jan 2024. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, the Episcopal Vicar will be carrying this out. There will in due course be a timetable of events and opportunities for us to engage with him. As well as meeting parishioners and clergy, Canon Paul will be considering our finances, schools, the condition of our buildings, the worship, social care and outreach of the parishes.

St Peter's Boilers: We are *still* awaiting diocesan approval.... **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 - £617.10, 2nd - £332.63 (Church Boilers)

OL: 1st - £196.17, 2nd - £140.83 (Church Maintenance)

2nd Collection this weekend for: SP—Church Boilers

OL — Church Maintenance

Standing Orders in August - SP £3,205.00. OL £910.34.

Thank you for all your giving.

Vacancy: The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a **Director of Education**. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk websites. The closing date is Mon 18 Sept. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.

Walking Together: The WT open meeting planned for last Thursday was postponed until either Fri 6 Oct or Thu 5

. Look at our webpage for our local initial report and follow up report or to explore some of the international outlooks www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod.

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: Our next open meeting is this Monday, September 11th at 7.30 in St Peter's Church Hall. All are welcome.

Red Missio Boxes: Many thanks to all those who have returned their red boxes. It is still not too late to drop them into the Sacristy at either St. Peter's or Our Lady's.

St Peter's Hall The hall is open for hire by organisations and people who are not connected to the parish. We need bookings as currently the hall loses us money, week in, week out. Hourly rate £40 discount for day bookings. **NOTE:** parish-organisations **NOT** subject to this rate

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.