

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 17th September 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: Mission SUNDAY 17th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Fr. Charles Onomhoale Igechi RIP
	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	Stanley Wilfred Taylor RIP Theresa Bicknell RIP
Monday 18th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Christine Williamson RIP
Tuesday 19th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Januarius, Bp., Martyr</i>	10am Mass	~	Vocations to the Priesthood
Wednesday 20th <i>Mem. of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	~	10am Mass	James Michael; Stan Godwin RIP
Thursday 21st Feast of St. Matthew, Ap, Evangelist	10am Mass	~	E. C. Kuriakose & Family's Intentions
Friday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Christine Williamson RIP
Saturday 23rd <i>Mem. of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	9am Holy Hour, Confession, and Benediction before 10am Mass	~	Gayan Sanjewa
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Solange Beckles RIP; Ted Cunningham RIP & Sheila Insua RIP
SUNDAY 24th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Mass	9.15am Mass	John Salt RIP; Catherine Ryan RIP Anniversary Antonio Cost RIP; Sheila Griffin RIP Anniversary

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

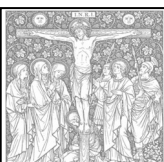
Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sean Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Patrick Campbell, Chris. Carter, Mary Craig, Peter Curran, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Joe Graham, David Grayling, Eileen Hiorns, Sheila Ireland, Mist 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.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Brendan Donaghy, Stanley Godwin, Barbara Tansey, Anne Usen, Robert Griffin, Caroline Port, Eileen North, John Curran, James Dunbar, Giullietta Brown, Caroline Mancini, Ernest Timlin, John Daly, Velma Harrison, Michael Pettipher, Joan Doyle, Catherine Ryan, Archbishop Dwyer, Canon Peter McKenna, Canon David Mellor, Canon Albert JJ Adams, Fr. William Oddie, Fr. Alan Holtham, Fr. Peter Lees, Fr. John D. Steward, Fr. John Roddy, Fr. Bernard McAllister, Fr. Peter Lloyd, Fr. John Bale. **The recently deceased:** Anne Cronin, Christine Finn, Christine Lawrence, Anthony McKenna, Theresa Hortas, Anthony Mort, Theresa Bicknell, Fr. Keith Enston, Patrick Petticrew, Donald Byrne, Patricia Robinson. **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.

LIBYA and MORROCCO DISASTERS: all donations to SPAN this weekend will support these causes.

You may give by the yellow SPAN envelopes or in collecting boxes in church



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 Christ. If you can, please stay for refreshments in the hall after the 9.15am and 11.15am Masses.

Today is designated by Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday, a day to pray for the mission and missions of the Church. The phrase means 'joy of the Gospel'. The Christmas Angels heralded Christ's birth by saying 'We bring you news of great joy..!'. An important part of bearing witness is that Gospel means that we have reason to be joyful! Today's Gospel is a consideration of God's mercy. The good news is that we may be forgiven ourselves, and that being forgiven we must share that joy with others—unlike the wicked servant who benefitting from the master's mercy refuses to share the joy of forgiveness with his fellow servant. The gospel is something attractive and joyful: we let that be present in our own Christian living. Thank you to everyone who came along to the induction on Wednesday—servers, singers, musicians, flower arrangers and all manner of helpers. The event was later after my arrival than usual, and so I know just how welcoming parishioners have been for a whole year and not just one evening. Thank you. *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!***

Mass Intentions: If you'd like a Mass said please complete a yellow envelope, from the back of Church and either post it along with your donation through the Presbytery letterbox or alternatively place in collection at Mass or drop into the Piety Shop. Thank you.

Parish Plant Sale: Thank you to everyone who purchased and donated to the Plant Sale on the weekend of 2/3 September. £192.50 was raised towards the replacement of the gas boilers. Bob & Val Jones.

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.

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. 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>

Eucharistic Ministers: Meeting for St Peter's 11am 7 Oct at St Peter's Meeting for Our Lady's 11am 14 Oct at Our Lady's. **Thank you** to all our ministers. Please be present. There are a few things Fr Stephen would like to know, and would like to develop, including linking this ministry more obviously to Sunday Masses.

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 St Peter's has been asked to host the opening Mass for the visitation. The date is still to be confirmed. Bicester parish will host closing Vespers. **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 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.

The backdrop at present is our changing level of resources. Leamington now has half the number of priests it did ten years ago. This year, no one was ordained to the priesthood for the diocese and next year there will—God willing—be one. There are seven men in formation. By 2033, 43pc of currently active priests will have reached or exceeded retirement age—75. How are we encouraging young men in our parishes **and** families to consider ordination? How do we grow our congregations? Change cannot be avoided, but we can shape it!

Therefore, there will be a meeting at Bicester on the evening of Fri 13 Oct, for all parishes, clergy and parish representatives. Details soon

St Peter's Boilers: *We have diocesan approval! Thank you* to everyone for your donations. You may donate on your phone using the QR code here. We still have a way to go.

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 - £366.16, 2nd - £237.96 (Church Boilers), OL: 1st - £155.67, 2nd - £99.26 (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.

Walking Together: The new meeting date is Thu 5 Oct. Look at our webpage for more details - www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod.

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

SPAN: At Monday's meeting we agreed to send £ 1,000 to the **Moroccan Earthquake Appeal**. We will also send £ 1,000 of aid for the **Libyan Flooding Appeal**. Any monies given to SPAN **over the next 2 Sundays** will be added to our donations. See www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span Yellow Gift Aid envelopes can be used to increase what is donated.

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.