

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 1st October 2023

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| DAY | AT ST PETER'S | AT OUR LADY'S | INTENTION |
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| SUNDAY 1st October 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass | ~ | People of the Parish |
| | 11.15am Sung Mass | 9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's liturgy</i> | Patrick & Eileen Prior; Charles Walsh RIP SPAN Donors |
| Monday 2nd <i>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</i> | 10am Mass | ~ | Salvatore Fragola; Good Health & Thanksgiving (MD & SP) |
| Tuesday 3rd <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Thomas Cantilupe, Bp.</i> | 10am Mass | ~ | Priest's Intention |
| Wednesday 4th <i>Mem. of St. Francis of Assisi</i> | ~ | 10am Mass | E. C. Kuriakose & Family's Intentions |
| Thursday 5th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</i> | 10am Mass 4pm Reception into Church | ~ | Mike Pettipher RIP; John McGarvey RIP |
| Friday 6th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Bruno, Pr. CAFOD Fast</i> | 11am Mass | ~ | Requiem: Anne Cronin RIP |
| Saturday 7th <i>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary</i> | 9am Holy Hour, Confession, and Benediction before 10am Mass | ~ | Intentions of the Steiner Family |
| | Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass | ~ | Bill Dunphy |
| SUNDAY 8th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11.15am Mass | 9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> | Alastair Dunbar RIP Sir Domenico Beatrice RIP Anniversary; John Fitzpatrick RIP |

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, 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, Sandra Hunt, Sheila Ireland, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, 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: Henry Willis, Margaret Bull, Sean Hogan, Beryl Hartnett, Salvatore Fragola, Rowan Fitzgerald, Kathleen Briddon, Josef Nowak, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Peter Scott, Donald Andrews, William Morey, Mary O'Connor, Margaret Hanratty, Rhiannon Alton, William Geaney, Bridget Hughes, Zofia Sawczyk, Margaret Fitzmaurice, Elizabeth Maughan, Mary Ryan, Cn. Anthony Piercy, Fr. Denis Egan, Fr. William McGann, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. John Danaher, Fr. John Bullen, Fr. Philip Casey, Fr. John Fitzpatrick, Dcn. Tony Colby, Dcn. John Burrows. **The recently deceased:** Teresa D'Souza, Sean Bell, John Joseph White, Zainab Lawless, Fr. Paul Chavasse CO, Anne Cronin, Christine Finn, Christine Lawrence. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful**

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.

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON NEWLY RELAUNCHED ON FACEBOOK: Live link [Facebook](#) or QR Code here—

Local PR firm R&Co are generously donating time and effort into running a boiler fundraising campaign on this page for us.

Have a look at the new photos and videos. Jumble sale helpers were filmed on Friday. Hollywood awaits..!



OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

'We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times. Not with force, not with arms, not with human power...' **Pope Pius XII, 1951**

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WELCOME TO MASS If actions speak louder than words then today's Gospel might be a case in point. Yet it also speaks about repentance. In all our actions, are we putting our heart into the right and good ones? Repentance unseals God's mercy: unfulfilled good intentions simply can't. 'Thinking better of it' would perhaps serve us all well. *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 Jesus with care, attention and reverence. *Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!*

THE STATEMENTS OF THE TWO PARISHES' FINANCES will be available this weekend. We are sorry for the delay.

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

LAURA GODWIN: is leaving Leamington to be near to her family in Cornwall. The Hand in Hand group are holding a farewell party for her on **Tue 3 Oct** in the parish hall from 1pm -3pm. It will run along side the Pastimes session. Parishioners who wish to say goodbye to her will be very welcome. For further information please contact Mary Holden 01926420045 or email mcxholden@virginmedia.com

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>

WALKING TOGETHER: The next WT open meeting is on **Thursday 5th October at 7:45pm** in St Peter's Parish Centre. All are welcome. On **Monday 9th October at 7:30** there will be a meeting to discuss how to put into action some of the suggestions that were made at the meetings in May about **Topic 2 'Becoming more inclusive and welcoming'**. Parishioners who would like to share ideas are invited to attend. Meeting upstairs in the Davenport room.

CAFOD FAST DAY: This Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please fast from a meal (if you are well enough) and make a donation next Sunday in the second collection.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 KINDAID'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 are collection envelopes for Fr. John available at the back of St. Peter's, please place the envelopes in the collection bags or through the letterbox.

SHAPING THE DIOCESAN VISION On Fri 13 Oct at 7pm a meeting at the parish centre of the Immaculate Conception Church in Bicester. This is to begin considering the Vision in this deanery. We have been asked to bring representatives from each parish. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you would like to go. He is asking various key volunteers.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY (CLC): Would you like to belong to a small group where you share your faith journey, develop your prayer life, give mutual support and explore how to live your life on a daily basis in the spirit of the gospel? If so, CLC may be for you. We would like to offer the opportunity to parish-

ioners to experience this way of life by **setting up new group in the Leamington and Warwick area**. Invitations are available at the back of church to an information event on 26th October; see also the poster in the porch.

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. There were some facts and reflections about this on last week's sheet.

PASTIMES JUMBLE SALE: Many thanks to all those who supported the Jumble sale yesterday (Saturday). Totals announced next week.

OUR LADY'S AUTUMN FAIR: A wonderful total of just over £2000 was raised. Thank you everyone—brilliant!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OL'S 9:15: We are looking for more helpers, please see Sharon after Mass any week.

ST PETER'S BOILERS: *We have diocesan approval and now await a start date from the engineers! 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*



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.

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 very limited*. Please park without giving local residents any reason to complain. *Thank you*.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:

SP: 1st - £507.21, 2nd - £309.43 (Fr. Hudson), OL: 1st - £250.64, 2nd - £142.83 (Fr. Hudson), 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.*

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP?: October, as the month of the Rosary, seems a good time to encourage the Rosary before weekday Masses. Would anyone or any group of people like to lead this? Just speak to Fr Stephen. It would great to start as soon as possible.

READERS NEEDED AT ALL MASSES Please consider joining the readers' rota for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. See Fr Stephen **SPAN:** Thank you for your very generous support for the **Moroccan Earthquake Appeal** and the **Libyan Flooding Appeal**. £ 2,514 has been added to the £ 2,000 already donated. So, £ 2,257 will be going via CAFOD to each appeal. The next SPAN open meeting is on Monday 9th October in St Peter's Hall at 7:30pm.

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.