

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 8th October 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
Prisoners' Sunday CAFOD Second Collection  <b>SUNDAY 8th October</b> 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Bill Dunphy
	11.15am Mass	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> Children's Liturgy	Alastair Dunbar RIP  Sir Domenico Beatrice RIP Anniversary; John Fitzpatrick RIP
Monday 9th Feast of St. John Henry Newman, Pr.	~	~	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 10th Opt. Mem. of St. John Leonardi, Pr.	10am Mass	~	Theresa Bicknell RIP
Wednesday 11th Opt. Mem. of St John XXIII	7.00pm	10am Mass	Priest's Intentions In Thanksgiving—Fr John's Farewell
Thursday 12th Opt. Mem. of St. Wilfrid, Bp.	10am Mass	~	Nonna Patrone RIP
Friday 13th Opt. Mem. of St. Edward the Confessor	10am Mass	~	Patrick Boyle RIP
Saturday 14th Opt. Mem. of St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr	9am Holy Hour, <b>No Confession</b> , and Benediction 10am Mass Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Lily Lucey—Unwell
	11.15am Mass	~	Priest's Intentions
<b>SUNDAY 15th</b> 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Mass	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> Children's Liturgy	Private Intention  Patrick Mullan

**Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, Whitnash: 10am & 5:30pm.** Details on their website: [stjoseph47.org.uk](http://stjoseph47.org.uk)

**Our prayers for the Sick:** Giovanni Allurlino, Marie-Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Chris Carter, 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:** Zofia Sawcyc, Margaret Fitzmaurice, Elizabeth Maughan, Mary Ryan, Mary Harrington, Kitty Ballatine, John Stephens, Jill Kubiak, Patricia Kenny, Donald Binks, Margaret Gallimore, Daniel Looney, Ernest Turner, Kathleen McCarthy, Michael Noland, Leonard Briggs, Christa-Marie Cross, Mgr. Cyril Fay, Fr. John Fitzpatrick, Fr. Thomas Power, Fr. Terence Whatmore, Fr. Seamus Gilroy, Dcn. Patrick Selwood, Dcn. Louis Kelly. **The recently deceased:** Mary Craig, Hilary Jones, 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 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](mailto:sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk) ; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email [sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) ; **St Joseph's** email [sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk). **The Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](http://safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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



## OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

*The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart. - Pope Francis*

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

**WELCOME TO MASS** We come together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus by worshipping as He commanded us, offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at which His death and resurrection become present to us, and Jesus Himself—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity—comes to us on the altar.

The vineyard has always been a Biblical picture of God and His people, the ones He has chosen. That relationship needs care and attention if it is to produce the abundant fruit that God wishes to bestow. Christ makes it plain that, in condemning the religious leaders of His day, no one can lay claim to this relationship as personal property. We are only stewards and if we do not care for it, then it will be given to those who do. God's wish to bestow His fruits of love and mercy means that He will always find those willing to nurture and receive them. *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!**

**PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB:** 12-3pm Tuesdays in the hall. A warm welcome, company, refreshments, activities. Do come, bring a friend!  
**THE CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON JUSTICE & PEACE:** October prayer intention: 'We pray that we may live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor'.

**SPAN:** The October SPAN open meeting is on **Mon 9 Oct** in St Peter's Hall at 7:30pm.

**WALKING TOGETHER:** On **Mon 9 Oct 7:30pm** there will be a meeting to discuss how to put into action some of the suggestions around Topic 2 *Becoming more inclusive and welcoming*. Parishioners who would like to share ideas are invited to attend. Meeting upstairs in the Davenport room at SP's Hall.

**FR JOHN'S FAREWELL:** This **Wednesday at 7pm** Fr John will be back for his farewell Mass at St Peter's. Refreshments follow. This is an opportunity to thank him for his service here. 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Meeting for **Our Lady's 11am 14 Oct** at Our Lady's. **Thank you** to all ministers. Please be present. There are a few things Fr Stephen would like to know, and would like to develop.

**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.

**WARWICK DISTRICT FAITHS FORUM:** A "well-being" Conference open to all in St. Peter's Parish Hall on Sat 14 Oct 9am—1pm. Speakers include Chief Constable Debbie Tedds, Jonathan Toy, Community Safety, and others. See notice in the porch.

**MASS FOR THE SICK WITH ANOINTING:** Sat 21 Oct 11am. The SVP will help with transport and Pastimes have agreed to provide refreshments afterwards. Please encourage and help any sick parishioners to attend. This is a joint Mass with St Joseph's: Fr David will preach.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** The annual Blessing of Graves at Leamington Cemetery will be on November 19 at 2.30pm.

**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 the sheet two weeks ago. **PASTIMES JUMBLE SALE:** Many thanks to all those who supported the Jumble sale last Saturday a total of £1,516.75 was raised for the Church Boilers, a **big thank you** to all those who donated items, helpers and of course the customers.

**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:** The engineers have been making preliminary site visits and are about to begin the work. The completion date and commissioning of the new boilers is 4 December. Heating in plenty of time for Christmas! We have now raised over £40,000 of the £100,000 needed. Check the revamped Catholic Leamington Facebook page for videos and posting about our fundraising. Thanks to the freely-given work of PR firm R&Co we have made it to *Warwickshire Life* and the *Leamington Observer*. Donations may be made via the QR code, through the website or your own labelled envelope or in the occasional second collections for church maintenance. **Thank you.**



**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 - £598.44, 2nd - £300.53 (Ch. Boilers), OL: 1st - £243.31, 2nd - £196.38 (Ch. Maintenance), 2nd Collection this weekend for **CAFOD** following Family Fast Day. Standing Orders in September—SP £3,016.00. OL—£844.34. **Thank you for all your giving.**

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS?:** 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  
**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. Please email—

[hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk) to enquire. **NOTE:** parish organisations **not** subject to this rate

**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 parishioners to experience this way of life by **setting up a new group in the Leamington and Warwick area**. There will be an information event in St. Peter's Parish Centre on 26th October at 7:30pm.

**CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON WEBSITE:** Could you look after it? Help is needed to maintain the site. Please volunteer to Fr Stephen

#### 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.