

# CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 15th October 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 15th October</b> 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	Priest's Intentions
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Private Intention Patrick Mullan
	Monday 16th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious</i>	10am Mass	~
Tuesday 17th <i>Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bp., Martyr</i>	~	10am Mass	William & Nick Fogerty-Doye
Wednesday 18th <i>Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	<b>11am Mass</b>	~	<b>Requiem: Teresa D'Souza RIP</b>
Thursday 19th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Frideswide, Abbess</i>	<b>1pm Mass</b>	~	<b>Requiem: John "Sean" White RIP</b>
Friday 20th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Jim & Margaret McGreevey
Saturday 21st <i>Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour, <b>No Confession</b> , and Benediction 10am Mass	~	Alan Spreadbury RIP; Joe Keane
	Confession 4.15-45pm <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	~	John Keating; Private Intention & Thanksgiving.
	<b>SUNDAY 22nd</b> 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.15am Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>

**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, Robert Bailey, 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, Michael Mulcahy, 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:** Kathleen McCarthy, Michael Noland, Leonard Briggs, Christa-Marie Cross, John Wall, Doris Hall, Bridget Robson, Vito LaBarbera Anthony Hunt, Kathleen Byrne, Dennis Dunlop, Tracy Curran, Bishop Michael Glancey, Mgr. Cyril Fay, Mgr. Paul Watson, Cn. William Withers, Fr. Aidan White-Spunner, Fr Bernard Byrne, Fr. Thomas Burbage, Fr. John Murray. **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

"Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary."

- St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

**WELCOME TO MASS** on this, the day of Christ's resurrection.

The generosity of God is again stressed in Jesus's parable of the wedding feast, but it is a generosity that not everyone seems to want. The original guests are heavily punished for their uninterest but the substitutes are warmly gathered in. But one guest isn't dressed properly. He has not respected the importance of the occasion and casually comes along. In reality this seems like two parables. The first is that God's generosity will be taken up but not always by those one might expect—yet the penalty for ignoring it is great. And the second: But having received the invitation we must not be complacent but always faithful, hopeful and loving. Our wedding garment is not a change of clothes, but a change of heart. 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'.

**WALKING TOGETHER: "deepening and sharing our faith" follow up** Following the publication of the report of Phase 2 of Walking Together, there will be an informal meeting at 3 Windmill Croft Cubbington CV32 7JU on Thu 19 Oct, 7.30pm. No formal agenda, but a chance to share ideas in a prayerful setting and sow seeds for moving on with the ideas in the report using video, scripture and prayer. If you would like to join the small group, please contact ring 07847 506852 or [liz.mottram@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.mottram@ntlworld.com)

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** Fri 20 Oct St. Peter's Hall. 12—2pm. All Welcome, Bring your Family and Friends to support this great cause.

**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.

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON CLUB:** The next Lunch will be held on Friday 27th October at 1pm at Villa Capri on Regent Grove. Please add your name to the list which is on the noticeboard in the Church porch. New members are very welcome. Enquiries to Carmel 07941 840433.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** The annual Blessing of Graves at Leamington Cemetery will be on Nov 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.

**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:** We have now raised £42,393.70 towards the £100,000 needed. Work will start next week and the boilers will be commissioned on 4 Dec. We may therefore have a few chilly Sundays but the end is in sight! Please continue to support the boiler fund: we shall have to borrow whatever we need to make up the full £100,000

when the bill comes. 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 via —<https://gofund.me/d4561fac> 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 place in collection at Mass or drop into the Piety Shop. *Thanks*

**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 - £463.54, 2nd - £639.78 (CAFOD), OL: 1st - £206.65, 2nd - £341.55 (CAFOD), 2nd Collection this weekend for Church Boilers (SP) and Church Maintenance (OL). 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. Someone suggested this as part of *Walking Together*. Would anyone or any group of people like to lead this? Just speak to Fr Stephen. **It would be 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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST:** As we learn of the horrors of the unexpected war between Israel and Hamas, let us pray for peace and justice, and for all those whose lives have been changed by death, atrocity, injury and destruction. **Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ took flesh and trod the soil of His homeland. We pray for all who live on that same soil today that hatred and violence may be replaced by justice and peace. Turn savage hearts from the way of death and let Your message of peace and life be heard once again as it was on the hills of Bethlehem at Jesus's birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### 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.