

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 22nd October 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 22nd October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	John Keating; Private Intention & Thanksgiving.
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Eithne Dunne RIP; Peter Dale RIP Zainab Lawless RIP
Monday 23rd <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John of Capestrano, Pr.</i>	10am Service of the Word & Communion	~	~
Tuesday 24th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bp.</i>	11am Mass	~	Requiem: Hilda "Hilary" Jones RIP
Wednesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Service of the Word & Communion	~
Thursday 26th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Cedd</i>	10am Mass, <i>followed by Holy Hour for Peace</i>	~	Stephanus Bl. De Rozari RIP Anniversary
Friday 27th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy	~	Zainab Lawless RIP
Saturday 28th <i>Feast of Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>	Confession 9.15am 10am Mass	~	Mary Craig RIP
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	The McVeigh Family
SUNDAY 29th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Thomas Ryan Repose of the Soul of Tony Prendergast RIP; Thanksgiving

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, 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, John & Nell Smyth, 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: Dennis Dunlop, Tracy Curran, Mary O'Shea, Peter Dale, Evelyn McGuire, Sibeal Du Pruc, Irene Harris, Jane Bates, Julia Long, Matthew Bates, Hannah Daly, Fr. Thomas Burbage, Fr. John Murray, Fr. Edward Burbage, Fr. John McGovern, Fr. Thomas Williams. **The recently deceased:** Robert Bailey, Monica Gaffney, Patricia Keaney, Marian Owen, Mary Craig, Hilary Jones, Teresa D'Souza, Sean Bell, John Joseph White, Zainab Lawless, Fr. Paul Chavasse CO, Anne Cronin. **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.colcl.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

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 as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The issue of Roman taxes taken from the Jews was an explosive one in Jesus' day, and feature in the Gospel for this Sunday. Hated by the Jews as a sign of their conquest but also as supporting a pagan empire, these taxes were nonetheless rigidly enforced by the Roman authorities. The question put to Jesus is therefore a difficult one, and it is meant to trap Him. If He says "Pay your taxes to Caesar" then He could be seen as a traitor to the Jewish cause. If He says "Don't pay your taxes to Caesar", then the Romans can arrest Him as a political agitator inciting revolt against the Roman authorities. But Jesus will not fall into any such trap. If only the Pharisees would listen. Not only does He escape their trap, but He teaches too. What Caesar wants are things materialistic, powerful and worldly. What God wants are things utterly different: hearts and minds. These are much more valuable. As elected governments and even dictators come and go, and as the world's economy goes up and down, Jesus speaks about what can never fail and what can always be relied on: God.

God bless, Fr Stephen

THE QR CODE FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Simply scan on your smart phone. This works for every day.



THE DIOCESAN VISION After the meeting of clergy and laity at Bicester, participants were impressed at the numbers attended and the readiness to engage with this. There will be a local meeting for Warwick and area next month. In the face of reduced clergy numbers and smaller congregations, how best do we serve God and His people? We are called to focus especially on Evangelisation, Prayer & Liturgy, Young People & Families, and Formation by clergy and people working together. Change in how parishes work have to be made.

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!

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PEACE: This Thursday after 10am Mass. Please take this opportunity of you can to pray for peace, especially in the Holy Land.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY (CLC): There will be an information event in St. Peter's Parish Centre this Thursday 26 Oct at 7:30pm.

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.

OPENING LITURGY OF THE DEANERY VISITATION: 7 Nov 7pm. A celebration of Vespers and Exposition before the opening meeting in the hall. This is open to all parishioners of all parishes in the deanery.

ST. PETER'S FUNDRAISER: CURRY NIGHT: The Indian Christian Community are having a fundraiser for the St. Peter's Church Boilers—a *Curry Night*, at the Parish Hall on **Sat Nov 18, 2023, 7 pm**. There are limited seats, please book in advance by calling: Aswin on 0742 4907420, Sebastian on 07425526254, Tony on 07422506992; or contacting any authorised volunteer. Donation: £20 pp.

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

DEANERY VISITATION: Our Lady's and St Peter's Visitation will be on 27 & 28 Jan 2024.

SPAN: CAFOD send thanks to our three churches for our tremendous response to the Moroccan and Libyan appeals sending £ 2,300 to each. Appeals to our Oct meeting helped three local families and gave support to provide access to water through Sand Dams in South-east Kenya and agricultural and welfare support in Western Kenya through Sustainable Global Gardens.

ST PETER'S BOILERS: preparatory work has begun and things begin in earnest this week. We have now raised £43,000 towards the £100,000 needed. Work is due to be all done on 4 Dec—**ONLY 6 MORE SUNDAYS WITHOUT HEATING!** 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 - £420.31, 2nd - £377.72 (Church Boilers), OL: 1st - £182.46, 2nd - £163.73 (Church Maintenance), 2nd Collection this weekend for **World Mission Sunday** (SP & OL). Standing Orders in Sept—SP £3,016.00. OL—£844.34. *Thank you for all your giving.*

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 groups 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. Email hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk

NOTE: parish organisations *not* subject to this rate

WALKING TOGETHER: There have been some very productive meetings of WT Topic Groups. Please pray for the WT Universal Stage being held this month in Rome. To read some of the contributions supplied by Vatican News see links in www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

THE CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON JUSTICE & PEACE: October prayer intention: 'We pray that we may live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor'.

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

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 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.