

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 12th November 2023

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:</i> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Miss L. Foster RIP; Lucia Lotero de Camacho RIP
	<i>NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE ONLY</i> 11.30am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	People of the Parish The Fallen
Monday 13th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Duarte & Cristina Pinto & Martina Teixeira
Tuesday 14th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	John McCormack RIP
Wednesday 15th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Alban the Great, Dr.</i>	~	10am Funeral Mass	Requiem: Monica Gaffney RIP
Thursday 16th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Edmund of Abingdon, Bp.</i>	10am Mass	~	Lily Lucey (Birthday Ints.); Holy Souls
Friday 17th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Relig.</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy	~	Robert Hansowitz (III); Holy Souls
Saturday 18th <i>Opt. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	Confession 9.15am 10am Mass	~	Holy Souls
	Confession 4.15-45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass	~	Murphy & Travers Families RIP
SUNDAY 19th <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:</i>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Hilary Barry RIP; Holy Souls Teresa Sharp RIP; Eileen O'Toole 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, 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, 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: John Blake, Mary Price, Martin Quigley, Lynn Parker, Ann Flynn, Paula Wood, Anastasia Daly, Mary Hutchinson, Joan Smoulders, Carmel West, Margaret Grayling, Brendan Leathem, Michael O'Leary, Fr. Cyril Duck, Fr. Michael O'Keefe, Fr. Petroc Howell, Fr. Laurence Smith, Fr. Thomas S. O'Connor, Fr. William Boyle, Fr. Joseph Ryan, Fr. James O'Sullivan, Fr. Raymond Jones, Fr. Bernard Boulton, Deacon John Burton. **The recently deceased:** Alice Waterfield, Peter Curran, Betty Cheverton, Robert Bailey, Monica Gaffney, Patricia Keaney, Marion Owen, Mary Craig, Hilary Jones. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all 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.ccolcl.lillington@rcaob.org.uk; **St Peter's** Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@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.

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Catholic Leamington: <https://www.facebook.com/RCatholicLeamington>

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St Joseph's: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswhitnash>



NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

'We must empty purgatory with our prayers'. St Padre Pio

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 gather as the Church to offer together the Sacrifice Jesus commanded His followers to do in memory of His death and resurrection.

The early Christians believed that Christ's return to earth would be very soon: two thousand years later we are still waiting. This is not a reason for doubt or disappointment: Christ's first coming was eagerly awaited by many who never saw it, as the Old Testament bears witness. Some early Christians began to fear for those who died before Christ's return, but St Paul points out that all shall meet Him, for our earthly death is not the end of life, but a change in life. Jesus tells the story of the five wise and foolish bridesmaids. None of them doubted the groom's arrival, but not all of them were ready when it happened. Some of them just expected everything to be all right but did nothing to make sure it was! All Christians need to be ready for Jesus by prayer, and acts of love and mercy. Then He will recognise us as friends when He comes again. This is Advent's theme, as we shall soon experience once again.

There is a lot on the notice sheet this week: please do read it. Take it away with you to read over coffee. We try to make it as informative as possible so that you have the information you need. Please do share copies with anyone interested or perhaps needing an invitation to return to Mass.

God bless, *Fr Stephen*

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



STUDENTS: Welcome! We are blessed to have you with us. Please be aware of Catholic Leamington Young Adults Group (see [Facebook](#)). They are organising a Holy Hour at St Peter's on Fri 24 Nov 7-8pm with confessions and devotions. Refreshments follow. You might already know of the Warwick Univ Catholic Chaplaincy on campus—see [here](#).

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!*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: We pray for all those who have lost their lives in war, remembering also those wounded physically or mentally, and all who mourn them. Let us pray for peace in the world, for wisdom for the nations' leaders and for reconciliation between countries and peoples.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: We pray throughout November for those who have died. Envelopes for particular names are available as usual. There is a basket in the sanctuary to receive them.

In November it is the custom to focus our prayers a little more on the departed. This is because this month contains two great days, our celebration of All Saints and our commemoration of All Souls, as well as Remembrance Sunday, which remind us that the Church consists not only of us here on earth, but that the Saints and the departed are part of it too.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The practice of praying for the dead is rooted in scripture and remains a staple in Catholic spirituality (not just in November, but every day.) According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church - "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030)

Purgatory is not a second chance for souls to repent. Instead, it is a state of purification for those destined to be in Heaven.

St John Vianney said, "Consider then...the magnitude of these sufferings which the souls in Purgatory endure; and the means which we have of mitigating them: our prayers, our good works, and, above all, the holy sacrifice of the Mass".

The blessing of graves is a way of praying for the departed. Originally, this custom meant going from Mass out to the churchyard for a short prayer service. Now that many churches have no graveyards, such ceremonies often take place further afield. If you have a loved one buried in the local cemetery, please come along on 19 Nov at 2.30pm. A short prayer service is followed by prayers of blessing at each grave, as requested by those who are present. We can all pray for the Holy Souls: why not offer a decade of the rosary for them daily this month? We may assume that there is much joy in Purgatory as the prayers for the Holy Souls intensify each November. Those who have died are still part of the Church and with lives changed, not ended, they continue on their Christian journey. Let us help them!

REMEMBERING TO PRAY: A statue of Our Lady of Fatima is in St Peter's Church this weekend as part of a nationwide tour to support Rosary prayers for the nation, for the Church, in reparation for sins, and to be a quiet, reverent witness to the faith. The tour of the statue is part of the Public Rosary lay initiative organised through **UK Prays.org** and we will have it with us for our public rosary in front of the Pump Rooms this **Sunday at 4.30 pm** and **Sun 26 Nov**. We meet every two weeks in the car park in St Peter's at 4.15 pm and walk into town (usually in front of the Pump Rooms) where we say the Rosary and some prayers for 30 minutes. Do take part if you can.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Winter is drawing in. We provide a warm place to meet for company, refreshments (including soup and rolls), and a variety of activities - Tuesdays 12-3pm. A warm welcome in a warm place. Do come!

THIS SUNDAY MORNING: St Peter's Mass will be at 11.30am (and NOT 11.15am) because of the Remembrance Service in the town.

THANK YOU to all who came to the opening of the Deanery Visitation last week. A big thank you to the **singers and musicians** of both parishes who provided a beautifully sung Vespers & Benediction. The Archbishop was very impressed and said so—we are blessed in our music and those who lead it. Thank you to our **servers** who came and served with care and reverence. Thanks also to **Pastimes** for the tea, coffee and soup before the meeting started. Great hospitality!

KINDAID: cake sale after 9.15 mass this Sunday at Our Lady's.

SPAN: Our Meeting is on Monday 7:30pm in St. Peter's Hall. All welcome. At the start, we have invited 'Young People First' to talk about their work based in Brunswick Ward.

WALKING TOGETHER—'BECOMING MORE INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING' (TOPIC GROUP 2): Our Topic Groups are now meeting and taking action on the many areas in the Walking Together Report (see catholicleamington.org.uk under synod). Topic Group 2 next meeting: **15 Nov 7:30pm at Our Lady's Lower Hall**. Please come and support us. Peter Dimambro on mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk 01926 428399
CHURCHES TOGETHER WALKING GROUP: Sat 18 Nov starting from the Racehorse Pub, Stratford Road, Warwick. 3 ½ miles easy walk – followed by optional lunch at the Racehorse. All welcome to join a small friendly group. For lunch please contact Dave Bishop on 07854 085 144 or email: da6990@aol.com

ST. PETER'S BOILERS FUNDRAISER: CURRY NIGHT: The Indian Christian Community are having a fundraiser a **Curry Night 18 November. THIS IS NOW FULLY BOOKED**—apologies to anyone disappointed.

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

THE DIOCESAN VISION There will be a local meeting to begin to implement the Vision in the Warwick area on **Mon 20 Nov 7pm at St Joseph's, Whitnash**. Each parish has official representatives but the meeting is open to all. It will be chaired by Canon John Batthula, the Dean and facilitated by Peter Rand, a parishioner at Kenilworth.

ST PETER'S BOILERS: ONLY THREE MORE SUNDAYS WITHOUT HEATING! Installation has been confirmed as 22 Nov. 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, your own labelled envelope or via —<https://gofund.me/d4561fac> or in the occasional second collections for church maintenance. We have raised just over £45,000. *Thank you very much indeed.*

HOLY HOUR LED BY THE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: is on **Fri 24 Nov, 7-8pm at St. Peter' Church**. There will be Adoration, Hymns, Confession, Bible Readings, and Benediction. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall. All Parishioners are welcome!



ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: Nov 25 1 - 4 pm. This ever popular event is less than a month away, and is a great source of bargains and Christmas presents. Donations of goods can be brought to the hall during Pastimes, Tuesdays 12-3pm. We currently need bottles for the tombola and for the Water or Wine stall. **Draw tickets** now available—prizes of £100, £50 and £25. A book of five costs £5.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP: In aid of school funds on 4 Dec. Details [here](#) if you are reading this online, or ask at school in person.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY: 9 Dec St. Peter's Church Hall 10:30 – 4pm with a shared lunch. Donations of £5 gratefully accepted for the Boiler Fund. Contact Anne Elson on 01926 882 654 to book. "this quiet, contemplative day encourages us to recognize the importance of listening deeply to God and to each other with the ears of our hearts."

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
The SVP is asking for your help again to provide Christmas Hampers for needy families in the area. Boxes are at the back of church for donations of non-perishable food items e.g. tinned, packeted and dried food, bottled and tinned soft drinks, chocolates, snacks, biscuits as well as mince pies, puddings, crackers. Games and jigsaws also. The deadline is **10 Dec**.

DEANERY VISITATION: Our Visitation (both Our Lady's and St Peter's) will be on **27 & 28 Jan 2024**. The Episcopal Vicar will spend the weekend with us, celebrating Mass, hearing about what goes on in our parishes and listening to parishioners and priests.

WALKING TOGETHER: The Synod in Rome has taken a break and has asked us all to reflect on the interim report. This report called 'A Synodal Church in Mission' is on www.catholicleamington.org.uk/synod

THE CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON JUSTICE & PEACE: Nov prayer intention: When many local families are wondering how to feed themselves over Christmas, we pray that we may do all we can to help by giving our time or donating food to organisations that support them.

WALKING TOGETHER 'DEEPENING FAITH' GROUP: propose to start in the new year a weekly series of 3/4-hour meetings to study and reflect on the readings of the following Sunday's mass. If anyone is interested in joining such a group, please contact Jonathan Holden (jaholden@virginmedia.com or 01926 420045) to explore the day and time preferred.

DONATING TO ST PETER'S: You may give online via the website OR by simply scanning this QR code on your smart phone. You can also pay at the piety stall by smart phone. **Thank you**



OUR LADY'S 100 CLUB In January we are starting a **100 club** in aid of the church maintenance fund. If you would like to join I will be in the church hall each Sunday after Mass or you can contact me on 07950144450. £12 per year for each number you have. There will be 2 prizes each month; 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15. Each draw will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month starting Jan 28. The more numbers you have the better chance of winning! Sue Sugars.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *First Communion* classes will begin in January. *Confirmation* Classes will begin in April. These will take place at Our Lady's and be led by our team of catechists. Please contact Mary Rouse for full details and to enroll your child - maryrouse@rocketmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS: To have a Mass said fill in a yellow envelope from the back of Church and post it with your donation through Presbytery letterbox or put in collection or give to 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: St. Peter's - 1st: £309.79, 2nd (Johnson Association) £350.40, Our Lady's - 1st: £244.50, 2nd (Johnson Association) £148.10. 2nd Collection this weekend for SP: Church Boilers, OL: Church Maintenance **Thank you!**

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 every week. Hourly rate £40, discount for all day

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

NOTE: parish organisations are **not** subject to this rate.

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

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

USEFUL WEBSITES

If you are reading this online the blue links are active: just click on them

Catholic Leamington catholicleamington.org.uk

St Joseph's Whitnash stjosephs47.org.uk

The Archdiocese of Birmingham birminghamdiocese.org.uk

The Bishop's Conference of England & Wales cbcew.org.uk

The Vatican vatican.va

Warwick University Chaplaincy <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/contact/>

LIFE Pregnancy Help and Support lifecharity.org.uk

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.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto all Our Loved Ones O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine upon Them. May They Rest in Peace. And May Their Souls and the Souls of All the Faithful Departed, Rest in Peace.



ETERNAL FATHER, I offer You the most precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen. *St Gertrude*

A REFLECTION ON PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory. *Ven. Fulton Sheen*

We pray our loved ones, those who have helped us **but also** for all the departed, including those who did us harm, for God is our judge and theirs. May we, in our turn, receive the help of prayers offered for us here on earth. Help the Holy Souls—by prayer, rosary, or having a Mass offered, by visiting a cemetery, by attending the blessing of graves on 19 Nov.

Help, Lord, the Souls which Thou hast made..