St Peter's Parish & Our Lady's Parish: *Part of Catholic Leamington*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 20th September 2026

***Main Office*: St Peter's, 3a Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA *Website*:** catholicleamington.org.uk
***Office EMAIL*:** stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **Tel:** 01926 423824
Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Stephen Day ***EMAIL***: fr.stephen.day@rcaob.org.uk
***Retired Priest*:** Rev. Fr Kevin Hooper ***EMAIL*:** fr.kevin.hooper@rcaob.org.uk
***Parish Deacon*:** Rev. Paul Milton ***EMAIL*:** dcn.paul.milton@rcaob.org.uk
***Working with*:** St Joseph's, 47 Murcott Road, Whitnash CV31 2JJ **Office Email:** stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk **Tel**: 01926 772712
Parish Priest: The Very Rev Canon David Hartley VF **Parish Priest Email:** fr.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk **Website:** stjosephs47.org.uk

This works for ***BOTH*** parishes! Select 'Gift to Our Lady's' for Lillington

Scan to Donate

Thank You!

DAY	*AT ST PETER'S* Dormer Place CV32 5AA	*AT OUR LADY'S* Valley Road CV32 7SJ	*INTENTION*
SUNDAY 20th ***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass** 9.00pm Solemn Benediction: ***40 Hrs Ends***	~	Sean Bell RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass *Children's Liturgy*	**9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	Joe Gaughan RIP B'day Anniv. Irene Dias; Sheila Griffin RIP Anniv.
Monday 21st ***Feast of St. Matthew, Ap., Evangelist***	~	~	*9.30am at St Joseph's, Whitnash*
Tuesday 22nd *Feria*	**12noon** Mass	~	Intentions of the Steiner family
Wednesday 23rd *Mem. of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*	~	10am Mass	John Salt RIP; Kitty & Jack Ryan RIP
Thursday 24th ***Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham***	10am Mass	6.30pm Reception	Anne & Larry Connor's Golden Wedding Anniversary Jim Barry RIP
Friday 25th *Feria*	1pm Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	***Requiem: Jim Barry RIP***
Saturday 26th *Opt. Mem. of Ss Cosmos & Damian, Ms.*	9am Holy Hour; 9:15 - 9:45am Confessions 10am Mass	~	Sheila Insua RIP Anniv.
SUNDAY 27th ***26th Sunday in Ordinary Time***	4:15 -45pm Confessions **5pm: Vigil Mass** **11:15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	~ **9.15am Sung Mass** *Children's Liturgy*	John Smyth RIP B'day Anniv. Maureen Hayes RIP Solange Beccles RIP

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 sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk *and at* ***St Peter's*** Susan Chan email sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk ***THESE EMAILS ARE FOR SAFEGUARDING ONLY. Parish and priest emails are at the top of this sheet.*** **The Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Scan to See the Mass Readings

Tea & Coffee

After both Sunday Morning Masses *in the church halls*

Facebook Pages

Catholic Leamington is here

Our Lady's is here

Links from website too

MORE ALTAR SERVERS *ALWAYS* WELCOME!

Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

September: Month of the Holy Cross

Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble tree.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us!

St Peter's & Our Lady's Churches, working with St Joseph's Church as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. ***Reg. Charity No. 234216.***

WELCOME TO MASS: *If you are a visitor, or a new arrival in the area, do say hello to Fr Stephen, Deacon Paul, or Fr Kevin. A welcome also to students of Warwick University joining us. There is tea and coffee and conversation available after both Masses on Sundays in the hall.*

Sunday's Readings: Today's gospel highlights our fussiness and God's generosity. The labourers have worked different hours, yet receive the same pay. The employer chooses to be generous, and in any case agreed the pay with them before the labourers started work! But this story is not about labour relations and pay scales: it is about God and His kingdom. He offers the same wonderful reward to all who would turn to Him: it is never too late to turn to God. The Israelites were first to respond to God's call, and then of course the Gentiles, including you and me. None of us deserves heaven because of what we do ourselves: everyone needs God's mercy. He stands ready to give it whenever someone turns to Him. None of us has a right to it, but ask in faith and love and we can receive it. ***God bless you, Fr Stephen***

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 unity among all Christians, as God wills. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

THIS WEEKEND & THE WEEK AHEAD

LILLINGTON HERITAGE WEEKEND 19-20 Sept.: Our Lady's will be open on 20th between 2pm & 4pm.

HOLY ROSARY DEVOTION: Sunday 8:45am at **OL** and **10:45am** at **SP** for discerning the renewed future of the parishes.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Join us at Pastimes every Tuesday 11.30am-3pm in the church hall. Seated exercises, light lunch, games and a warm welcome to all

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: This Thursday 24 September, 7 – 8.30pm, Davenport Room, school years 5,6,7,8

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: Fridays 11am-12 noon. Downstairs in SP main hall. All welcome. *Note change of venue till further notice.*

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS*:* Fridays, 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of Mercy come to implore mercy for the world.

JIM BARRY RIP: is being received into **Our Lady's on 24 Sept at 6.30pm** and his funeral is taking place at **St. Peter's on 25 Sept 2026 at 1pm**. Please pray for Jim and for his family. May he rest in peace.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG) 18-30: Welcome student new and returning for the new academic year! This month, on the **25th September** at 7pm, there is a creative workshop session for the Young adult group. If you are aged 18-35 please feel free to come along and get creative. You can draw, paint, write songs or stories. Resources will be provided along with refreshments and conversation, unless you prefer to work in silence! Pax Christi, Freya. Please contact me for interest or inquiries on WhatsApp 07565142204

JUMBLE SALE AT ST PETER'S: Saturday 26 September between **1-3:30pm**. Donations of Jumble may be brought to Pastimes on Tuesdays or alternatively dropped into the Hall during Tea & Coffee on Sundays.

CURRY NIGHT AT OL: Saturday 26 September from 6pm, Tickets are £15 for adults and £8 for children. Come and sample delicious Asian cuisine alongside entertainment and a quiz. Tickets available after Mass at Our Lady's.

NEXT PARISH LUNCH AT ST PETER'S: **Sunday 27 September after 11:15am Mass.** The return of the Sunday Lunch, £15 for a 3 course meal and glass of wine. Please see signup sheet at the back of St. Peter's.

THE SEASON OF CREATION: In thanksgiving for God's creation and a reminder of our responsibilities towards it, each year we are called to use this time to reflect on creation. It began on **1 Sept** and ends on St Francis of Assisi's day, **Oct 4**, the saint known for his love of creation.

COMING SOON

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Fri 2 October The annual second collection for CAFOD will take place at Masses on 3 and 4 Oct.

COME AND SEE (RCIA): Interested in becoming a Catholic? Want to know more about faith or feeling the call to be Confirmed? Our annual ***Come and See*** sessions will begin on **Tue 6 Oct, 7.30pm** in Our Lady's church hall. Email Gareth at rcia.cathleam@gmail.com for more information.

SPAN SOCIAL AT SP: on **Fri 2nd Oct** will hear from a Trustee of Children of the Dump in the Philippines and from Guy's Gift supporting local bereaved children. All welcome.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed: John White, Rosaline Dobbin, James Dunbar, Giullietta Browne, Caroline Mancinim John Daly, Noel O'Sullivan, Catherine Ryan, Teresa D'Souza, Brigid Dunbar, John Cronin, Shiela Griffin, Mary McCann, Rev. Mgr. Michael McTernan, Rev. Mgr. Henry Farrelly, Very Rev. Cn. David Mellor, Very Rev. Cn. Albert Adams, Very Rev. Cn. Peter Reilly, Rev. Fr. John Steward, Rev. Fr. John Roddy, Rev. Fr. Bernard McAllister, Rev. Fr. Peter Lloyd, Rev. Fr. John Bale, Rev. Fr. Gordon Bancks, Rev. Fr. Paul Orchard. **The Recently Deceased**: Mary Curran, Sarah Fisk, Maria Phillips, Jim Barry. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

Our prayers for the Sick: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Leticia Alvarez-Shanahan, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Jim Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, , Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joan Gibbons, Joe Graham, Fr Kevin Hooper, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Una Maddocks, David Mander, "Tree" Marriott-Dodington, Catherine McCurdy, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Bernadette Naylor, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, Arlene Slinn, Nell Smyth, Bridie Streeter, Jamie Sweeney, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright, & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, and hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home. ***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.***

BINGO EVENING AT OL: Friday 9 October

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: 10 October from 10.30am at St George's Cathedral Southwark, with exhibition, Mass and procession to Westminster Cathedral. See Adoremus 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference online.

FARMERS MARKET AT SP: is unfortunately **cancelled**

TEA DANCE AT SP FOR OL: Sun 18 Oct 2.15pm OL roof repairs

KINDAID JUST DESSERTS AT OL: Saturday 24 October

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT SP: Saturday 14 November

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT OL: Saturday 21 November

PARISH MISSION AT ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY'S IN 2027: 20-26 May with **Fr Royston** (and assistants) of the **Redemptorists.** There will be much planning needed and organisation doing of course. More information in due course

OTHER INFORMATION

MARY CURRAN RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary, and for her family. She died last Wednesday evening, and had served the parish and of course Pastimes in so many ways. May she rest in peace.

SPAN: sent £ 500 to the Nepal Flooding appeal through CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

ST PETER'S HERITAGE WEEKEND 12-13 SEPT: ***Thank you*** to all the people who helped at the Heritage Day (Saturday 12th Sept.) There were 54 visitors, some from Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, and other places around Leamington. Many of the visitors said they had either been Baptised or Married at St. Peter's. It was a lovely experience showing off our church to so many people.

ST PETER'S FORTY HOURS: ***THANK YOU!*** A big thank you to all who came to pray during the Forty Hours, whether in silence or at Mass, Rosary or daily prayer. Thank you to those who assisted at Mass and led the offices and rosaries, and for the music. Thank you also for the lovely flowers - our arrangers made an extra effort. We had many visitors and increased Mass attendance (7am seems to have been appreciated). May the blessing of Jesus present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar be with us always! And thank God for that.

ST PETER'S CJHILDREN'S LITURGY: ***urgently needs helpers***, not necessarily leaders to run things but responsible adults to assist the leaders in supervising and helping the children during the liturgy. Please volunteer to the leaders Shirvin, Anna-Marie or Yvonne, or Fr Stephen. ***Please help***

ST PETER'S PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN LAST LENT: Enough time has now passed to see its positive effects. Compared with the same period last year (Jan-Aug), we have 12 new Gift Aiders (allowing the parish to benefit from a 25% gift from the taxman). In terms of giving we are grateful that Gifted Aided giving has increased on average by £511 a month and non-Gift Aided giving by £413 a month. Altogether a 15 per cent increase. ***Thank you so much!*** Parishes are expected to pay their way (there is absolutely ***no money available from the diocese*** to help) and this is big a help to covering our running costs and rebuilding our run down reserves.

ST PETER'S CAR PARK: Because the car park can be utterly jammed on Sundays, ***please take extra care*** whether a driver or pedestrian when moving about. Please be aware of any small children and of any moving vehicles.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH SMALL CHANGE: collection for the roof. Collections of five pence pieces you will never complete, coins down the back of settee, half full piggy banks, small coins collecting dust, please bring and donate. There are coin jars in the lower hall and church. Thank you.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH BRING AND BUY TABLE: (Donation Station!) Please drop in your unused or no longer needed small gifts that someone else might like. Always available before and after Mass. Also paperbacks in nice condition. Thank you.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP - £547.37, OL - £293.46, 2nd Coll. - SP (Cath. Educ. Service) - £375.41, OL (Cath. Educ. Service) - £225.33. ***Thank you for your generosity.*** This week's second collection at both Churches is for: Catholic Evangelisation.

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 31 AUGUST: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£57,227.12.** The *next update* will be 4th October 2026. *All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled!* ***Thank you for your generosity.***

MASS INTENTIONS *PLEASE NOTE*: The Sunday 11:15am Mass at St. Peter's is now booked until mid-October, please consider another weekend Mass or a Mass during the week. The ***minimum amount of time*** needed to book dates is ***2 weeks from date of request***.

7 DAY CANDLES: Envelopes are at back of SP church. Please post in the collection at Mass with a donation of £5.

ALTAR SERVERS: ***We'd love more servers****! See* ***Bob*** *at* ***St Peter's****, or* ***Adrian*** *at* ***Our Lady's. Please don't hesitate to volunteer.*** Although a ministry children may perform, serving is for adults too.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, you must ***begin with a meeting of you both with Fr Stephen*** so that the canonical (Church) and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is ideal. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen.

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! Parents must begin by seeing Fr Stephen in person at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few facts and give out a baptism application form. We can't deal with **initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other family members**, but face to face—you are asking for your child to join the community of the Church, so we welcome you to come and meet its members here.