

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 7th July 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 7th July 2024 <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:15-45pm - Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Pro Populo
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Andrew Daly RIP Anniv. Anita Dean RIP
	Monday 8th <i>Feria</i>	~	~
Tuesday 9th <i>Feria</i>	10am	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash Eibhlin Thorpe-Smith
Wednesday 10th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am <i>Coffee & chat follow</i> 7pm Confirmation Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 11th Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe.	10am	~	Holy Souls
Friday 12th <i>Feria</i>	10am 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Toni Melkis RIP
Saturday 13th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Henry</i>	9:15-45am - Confessions Exposition until 10am Mass 4:15-45pm - Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Mary Fitzpatrick RIP Annie McHale RIP
SUNDAY 14th <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Geoffrey Maddocks RIP Tom & Mary Beirne RIP; Deceased Choir Members

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 ; **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. Please use the safeguarding emails for safeguarding matters **ONLY**

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Andrew Daly, Tara Fitzpatrick, Ann-Marie Connolly, Patrick Thornton, Edmund Piper, Bernadette O'Reilly, Hannah Connole, Marie Houlihan, Catherine O'Sullivan, Patrick Nestor, John (Dennis) Dineen, Sean Hayden, Patrick Kenny, June Moore, Ellen Basham, Margaret Egginton, Hildegard Jackson, Philomena Vale, Timothy Herlihy, Thomas Beirne, Mafalda Swain, Mgr. Louis McRaye, Cn. Francis J. Grady, Fr. Leonard Joope, Fr. Vincent Armishaw, Fr. Joseph Pires, Fr. Michael Gaffney, Fr. Bernard Maddox, Fr. Brendan Donlon, Fr. Anthony Maguire, Fr. Seamus Hetherington, Fr. Edmund Whelan, Fr. Anthony Burns, Dcn. Anthony Bateman. **The recently deceased:** Dermot O'Flynn, Ann Wright, Sheila Allen, and David Scannell. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Our prayers for the Sick: Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, John Collins, Anne Dibb, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sandra Hunt, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Jo Murphy, Andrew Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Fr. Malcolm Prince, Fr. Tony Rohan, Gilly Schweigert, 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, or who receive Holy Communion at home. **Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.**



JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in Thy tide...

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

WELCOME TO MASS: Ezekiel is sent to bring God's word to a set of rebels—the people who have not listened to God, neither they nor their ancestors. A daunting task: God had revealed Himself to all the Israelites so why had some rebelled? Was it a familiarity with the faith and with God that allowed them to drift away? The dangers of familiarity are apparent in the Gospel. The people of His home town seem to feel that because they know the relatives of Jesus and perhaps some of them even knew Jesus as a small boy, it is hard for them to appreciate the unique truth about Him. Jesus seems to struggle to work miracles there (remember, the vast majority of His miracles are done *because* of someone having faith in the first place, and not to *create* faith afterwards). It sounds a rather dismal visit! But we too can become over familiar with the uniqueness of Jesus, His Church, and the faith. Habit and routine replace awe and wonder, so while good habits and routines are indeed good, they must never diminish the child-like wonder and faith that Christ calls us to have in Him.

Now that the General Election has happened we pray for MPs and for the new government. May they never become so familiar with their power and ideology that they lose sight of those whom they were elected to serve, nor neglect the common good, the dignity of all human life and the needs of sick, the poor and the vulnerable.

God bless you all, Fr Stephen

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



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!***

AFTER MASS TEA & COFFEE: at Our Lady's after 9.15 and returns today after the 11:15am Mass at St Peter's. **All Welcome.**

LATIN DANCE FIT FOR LADIES: NEW Dance base exercise class in the hall on **Mondays 10am-10.45**, for all ages and abilities, to book 07780543976.

SPAN: Meets on Mon 7.30 St Peter's Hall, all welcome from Catholic Leamington. There is talk of war in Lebanon between the pro-Iranian Hezbollah militia and Israel after the war in Gaza. Lebanon needs our prayers. See prayer requests catholicleamington.org.uk/span and the prayer printed on this sheet.

COME & PLAY: Tuesdays 9:30—11am in SP Hall. We welcome mothers and children, no charge. To help contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. You are invited to join our lively community for good company and activities including a session of chair based exercises led by an excellent trainer. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret

CONFIRMATION AT OUR LADY'S: This Weds 7pm Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be confirming our candidates. Please pray for the young people and their families. ***Come Holy Spirit!***

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Fridays 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of mercy come to implore mercy for the world and praise God for that mercy revealed to us by Jesus on the Cross, pierced for our sins.

SUMMER CELEBRATION CONCERT: This Fri 7pm at St Peter's soloists, St Peter's Choir and Cubbington Silver Band make a return performance of a great range of music.

SPRING RAFFLE TICKETS: On sale after each Mass, and in the Piety Shop, £1 each, with a 1st Prize of £100 and lots of other prizes, all in aid of St Peter's Hall Maintenance. The draw is on **14 July**.

WE CAN BARN DANCE: in St. Peter's Hall **19 July, 7-11pm** in aid of the **BORAF**, a charity that funds dance classes for disadvantaged

children. £20 per ticket to include food and barn dance tuition. Tickets via the website BORAF.ORG, the QR code on the poster in the hall or from Sean O'Rourke at anytime, mob: 07710 685899. It will be another fun evening.

WARWICK MARTYRS' WALK: On **18 August** the annual Walk in commemoration of the Warwick Martyrs takes place. They are our local heroes of faith—Bl John Sugar, priest, died 1604; Bl Robert Grissold, layman, died 1604; Bl William Freeman, priest, died 1595; Bl Margaret Pole, lay woman, died 1541. The site of the execution on Gallows Hill lies just inside Whitnash parish, just outside St Peter's and is approached through Warwick parish. Furthermore, the time to walk there from these three churches is in all case about 50 minutes. Given the recommendation of the Deanery Visitation that we cluster more broadly (see below) these martyrs make great patrons as we enter a time of change in order to best serve the Church and faith they died for. So, please consider walking this year. If we leave St Peter's at 3pm (simultaneously with Whitnash and Warwick) we arrive for Vespers at 4pm. The route is being planned to avoid being on Europa Way. More details soon.

WANTED: An electric sewing machine and fabric. If you have an unwanted machine or fabrics, then please contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002. Mums at the Tues 'Come and Play' session seek to develop their skills.

SVP APPEAL: for any spare suitcases and travel bags for families moving house. Please let David know on 07713 246987.

YOUTH GROUP: Volunteer leaders have now successfully completed their training course and a Yrs 6-9 group based at St Peter's Hall (to complement the Yr10+ group being established at St Mary Immaculate, Warwick) will be running in the autumn.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY: By Advent Sunday this year, all parishes must begin using the new translation of the readings at Mass. These are taken from the **English Standard Version, Catholic Edition (ESV-CE)**. The new books are not yet available (the complete ESV-CE Bible is). If anyone would like to consider donating one of the four volumes we shall need for each church, they cost £175 each. So far two volumes have kindly been paid for at Our Lady's and three at St Peter's. **Thank you.**

7 DAY CANDLES at ST PETER'S: This week the **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns: **For Sharon's Recovery**. If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete an envelope titled 7-day candles, at the back of Church with your donation of £10. Thank you.

SERVERS AND SERVING: Thank you to our servers at both churches. **We'd love a few more!** See Bob at St Peter's or Adrian at Our Lady's **ST PETER'S HALL** **The hall is available to hire.** Please promote it—Email hall.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk We need many more bookings if the hall is to pay for itself.

DEANERY VISITATION FINAL REPORT: The full report is available on the Warwick & Banbury Deanery Website here <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/> It is suggested that the deanery form four clusters, ours being the parishes of Lillington, Leamington, Warwick, Hampton-on-the-Hill and Kenilworth. This will mean that 'Catholic Leamington' looks set to be superseded.

MASS INTENTIONS: The **earliest 11:15am Mass** availability is **Sept 2024**, if you would like a Mass said sooner, do consider SP Sat 5pm, OL Sun 9:15am or during the week at SP, when demand is less.

JUSTICE & PEACE: July's Prayer intention: That the newly elected Government will support the poor, marginalized and vulnerable.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARISHES: Thank you for returning the forms. We are processing the replies and working through contacting you.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP: 1st Coll—£556.85, 2nd Coll. (Peter's Pence) —£313.24. OL: 1st Coll—£271.01, 2nd Coll. (Peter's Pence) —£179.40. Standing Orders in June—SP: Approx. £2,870, OL: Approx. £1,283. This weekend the second collections are for **Church Maintenance**. **Thank you** for your generosity.

DONATING TO THE PARISHES

Each parish has its own, separate bank account. Money paid into these dedicated accounts goes to the parishes, **NOT** to the diocese. You may give in various ways...

- **Cash or cheques** in the collecting bags
- **Standing order**, an instruction to your bank to make payments to your parish—complete a form from the back of church and give to Fr Stephen, put through the presbytery letterbox or put in a collecting bag. Don't worry about the parish's bank account details, the parish completes that part of the form as we have to have the form back anyway.
- **Please GiftAid your donations** if you are a tax payer: this enables us to reclaim the tax you paid on earning the amount you give. Each £10 turns into £12.50 at **no cost to you**. Forms for this are included on the Standing order forms at the back of church.
- **On line by card**: simply scan this code on your smart phone. Then choose which parish you are giving to. **SCAN THIS CODE...**
- **St Peter's has a card reader** at the back of church, ready to accept donations



Thank you for your support! *We wouldn't be here without it.*

THE DEANERY VISITATION AND THE PARISHES:

LATEST NEWS. *Things parishioners should be aware of.*

Changing circumstances in the Church in England (smaller congregations, fewer priests, increasing high maintenance costs of buildings) mean that things simply cannot stay the same as we have been used to. Hence the Diocesan Vision. Over the next few years, changes will be inevitable if parishes are to continue with vigour and vibrancy, with secure financial foundations.

The Deanery Visitation Report was a positive reflection on the need for changes building on the real strengths we have. (See <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>)

Its main recommendations as they affect our two parishes are -

- **To form a new cluster of parishes** for mutual support, encouragement and to pool the many strong resources we have of skills and abilities, working together as people and priests. Ours would be Lillington, Leamington, Whitnash, Warwick, Hampton, Baddesley Clinton and Kenilworth. There is no set way in which a cluster works: it needs to be worked out on the ground. Clergy of the cluster are meeting for the first time in a week or so to discuss ideas. The idea of 'Catholic Leamington' might therefore be superseded. This should be an exciting and positive development.
- **A review of the use of our buildings.** Clearly, the most important building for any parish is the one in which it worships—the church. Many parishes (as we are) are cash poor and asset rich, with high running costs hitting budgets. Can we adapt, rebuild or sell buildings to create income, reduce overheads and secure a financial future free of anxiety about paying bills?

Our parishes will therefore need to address these issues.

St Peter's is at the very early stages of consulting with the Diocese about what might be best done with the Hall and the Presbytery. These are large buildings, very costly to maintain, with large carbon footprints. You will have seen the parish accounts: we are moving towards running at a loss. The Hall is very big (three meeting rooms, two large store rooms, a large hall, a coffee lounge and a kitchen, plus a flat, which is now not possible to let as it fails to meet fire regulations—another potential substantial cost). The overheads of trebled utility costs are simply huge and are not met by the income of letting it out. (Yes, we **are** on decent tariffs). **So far this year** outgoings on the hall have been £12,000 **more** than the income, despite the great work of the hall management group in finding lettings. It is just **impossible** for us to stand this loss indefinitely. So, perhaps the hall could be rebuilt as a building with a smaller parish

space, well insulated and cheap to run, and several flats incorporated as an income stream. The Diocese has an expert team to advise on what might happen, how, and how long. We are at the earliest stages: once concrete suggestions evolve, you will be kept informed. Other parishes are already exploring options for their needs, up and down the Diocese.

The Presbytery is a gorgeous building, but too big for current needs and very expensive to run. Should that be converted into smaller dwellings or sold off entirely, with a smaller Presbytery being secured within it or found in a nearby property? Again, we are at the very beginning of considerations.

If St Peter's is ever to be redecorated and the parish to be financially secure, then we must consider these options. Further into the future, there will be considerations for the St Peter's School building which we own and of the football pitch, but these are much more complicated and quite rightly involve other organisations and statutory authorities.

Once there are ideas to discuss, then we shall be asking for parishioners' views, rest assured. Any redevelopment project, once decided on, would take 2 to 5 years to be completed.

Our Lady's faces different challenges. Although the parish has £150,000 in reserves (unlike St Peter's which has none), it faces at least £100,000 of work on the Church and a forthcoming inspection of the Hall may well reveal further needs as the Hall is, as we know, old-fashioned by today's standards. The buildings are reaching an age when things start going wrong. The architect has been asked to find the necessary three quotations for the roof work. It will be impossible to start this before the spring so unfortunately we face another winter of leaks. Our other issues include steps and disabled access needing rebuilding, and the heating system.

Its asset, the Presbytery, is not an easy property to sell: there would be issues over access on a shared narrow drive and we would have *extremely close* neighbours who might object to things we would want to do. It is currently let, to the parish's benefit.

Both parishes now have the beginnings of a single Parish Pastoral Council for both up and running. There will be more details about this soon, but at present the adoption of a constitution and the council's composition are still being worked on. Having a Parish Pastoral Council is a recommendation of the Diocese and feeds into the Deanery Pastoral Council, recently set up, as a forum for laity and clergy to meet and consider action. Our embryonic Parish Pastoral Council members are currently, Martin Foley, Anne Elson, Gill Ayers-Hunt, Paul Milton, Ira Winters, and Fr Stephen.

If you have any questions about any of this, don't hesitate to ask Fr Stephen. We are at the **very beginning** of a process of consultation. Our Lady, St Peter, and the Warwick Martyrs, pray for us!

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, a meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be correctly followed. At least six months' notice needed

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.

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' birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.