

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 4th August 2024

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
SUNDAY 4th August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:15-45pm - Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	The McVeigh Family
	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Czeslaw Golub RIP 1 st Anniversary Daniel Warburton RIP
Monday 5th <i>Opt. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	~	~	9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash
Tuesday 6th Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	10am	~	Rosalina Alves Pereira
Wednesday 7th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs</i>		10am <i>Coffee & chat follow</i>	Ellen Barrow RIP
Thursday 8th <i>Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest</i>	10am	~	Patricia Robinson RIP 1st Anniversary
Friday 9th Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Jim & Maria Murphy's Intentions
Saturday 10th Feast of St. Lawrence, Dcn., Martyr	9:15-45am - Confessions Exposition until 10am Mass	~	Janet Bannon RIP
	4:15-45pm - Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Tom & Mary Beirne RIP
SUNDAY 11th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.15am Sung Mass	9.15am Sung Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	In Thanksgiving Felisa Blevins

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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Ellen Barrow, Arthur Thurlow, Deirdre McConville, Mary Pettipher, Concetta Clews, Donald Byrne, John Rellis, Antonio Munoz, Jerzy Kajkowski, William Stack, Patrick Petticrew, Patricia Robinson, Mary Woolley, Margaret Soomro, Anna Foley, Noel Edwards, Fr. David Ford, Fr. Cuthbert Brown, Fr. James Gough, Fr. Denis Manion, Dcn. John Leach. **THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fred Wright, Anne Dibb, Antonio De Luciano, and Dermot O'Flynn. **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, 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. Our Lady, help of the sick, pray for them.**



AUGUST:

MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

'Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'. Luke 2,19

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: Today, Jesus makes a great promise to us. The crowds have seen the great miracle of Jesus feeding the them with just a few loaves and fishes. They want to see more, but can not begin to guess how much more Jesus has to give them. They wonder, what sign will Jesus give to show that he is the one they should believe in. God provided a miraculous food for the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert, the manna that kept them fed for as long as they needed. But Jesus promises yet more, that He Himself is the Bread of Life, that He is all the food we need to travel not though the desert to the promised land of Canaan, but through life itself into the glory of heaven. Whatever Jesus did with the loaves and fishes is pretty small beer compared to that!

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!**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OL: on its summer break, back on 8th September.

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

PASTIMES RAFFLE: The list of Prize winners from the recent Pastimes Raffle located on the noticeboard in the Church Porch and Hall noticeboards.

COME & PLAY: Tuesdays 9:30—11am in SP Hall. We welcome mothers and children, no charge. Contact Clare Burdett—07720 887 002. We'd be grateful for a dolls pram, little tyke car, pots, pans and tea set for the lovely play kitchen we have been given.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: Tuesdays 12-3pm. Join our lively community for good company and activities including a session of chair based exercises. Refreshments throughout. Volunteers for the kitchen? See Margaret.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS: Fridays in the Daventry Room 11 - 12 looking at the next Sunday's readings. **All welcome.**

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.

NEW: THE CHOSEN: Online drama based on biblical characters, to be viewed one episode at a time. Followed by study and discussion of the relevant Gospel passages from **2 Aug 6pm St Peter's**.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY: Thurs 15 Aug, Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at SP at 10am and 7pm, and at OL 12 noon.

WARWICK MARTYRS' WALK: 18 Aug the annual Walk in commemoration of the Warwick Martyrs. **Depart St Peter's at 3pm** (simultaneously with parishioners from St Joseph's, Whitnash and St Mary Immaculate, Warwick). The walk takes about 50 mins arriving in good time for Vespers 4pm. It is mainly gently uphill and there is little shade *en route*. The walkers meet at Marcus Astill Way CV34 6ZG just off Gallows Hill. This is a residential area so parking close by is limited.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Sat 7 Sept. Defend the rights of the unborn. See march-forlife.co.uk Coaches from B'ham, Coventry and Warwick Parkway.

ALL READERS AT MASS: Sat 26 Oct at 11am at SP. A session on the new translation of the lectionary. Please come: what you read will be changing and this is the chance to see the new books and try the new translation.

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, WARWICK: organised a house and support for a Syrian refugee family now look for a house in or near Leamington for an Afghan refugee family offered support on a Govt scheme with local help. Julia Fitzsimmons spoke after Mass recently and is grateful for offers of help given. The need for a house is urgent: the scheme ends in Aug. If you know of a house to let (there will be a rent guarantor) please contact Julia on julia.fitzsimmons@gmail.com or mention it to Fr Stephen.

PARISH ACTIVITIES: There is a red folder, listing activities in the Parish, located at the back of the church at St. Peter's and another in the coffee area of Our Lady's church. Please do have a look. For additions and amendments contact Mary Holden by Email—mcxholden@virginmedia.com

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

YOUTH GROUP: A Yrs 6-9 group based at St Peter's (to complement the Yr10+ group being established at St Mary Immaculate, Warwick) will be running in the autumn.

7 DAY CANDLES: 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

SPAN: No meeting this month but we continue our monthly core support here and abroad. We also send our annual £ 400 to help the communities of Fr Kasozi in Arua, Uganda and Fr Mwanza in Chadiza, Zambia.

NEW TRANSLATION PEOPLES MISSALS: if you would like the new Missal please register at St Peter's Piety Shop, we will then order these and contact you to collect them. Due the cost there will be no spare copies so please order beforehand. At Our Lady's there will also be a list. The People's Sunday Missal costs £19.95. Available from 14th October.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY: Thank you to the kind donors of volumes for both our churches.

THE PIETY SHOP: at St. Peter's is a treasure trove of Catholic items including Rosaries, Prayer cards, candles, medals, Children's books, books, and cards for every occasion. Please do pop in after Mass and have a browse.

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.

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS: to Father Stephen, the choir and organist, readers, altar servers, parishioners and friends who came to our Golden Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving Mass making it a memorable celebration. Jim & Maria Murphy

JUSTICE & PEACE: August prayer intention: As we remember the 350,000 people killed by atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, may our government never use the British nuclear stockpile against civilians.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: SP: 1st Coll—£647.11, 2nd Coll. (Church Maintenance)—£286.62. OL: 1st Coll—£299.95, 2nd Coll. (Church Maintenance)—£195.90. Standing Orders in July—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. Give by... **Cash or cheques** in the collecting bags **OR** on the **Catholic Leamington website** home page **OR Standing order**, an instruction to your bank to make payments to your parish—fill 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 **OR on line by card:** simply **scan this code** on your smart phone and select which parish you are giving to **OR** use the card reader at the back of St Peter's then choose which parish you are giving to **OR** via the Diocesan website. **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. **Thank you for your support!**



ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr Stephen is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be 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.

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.