

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

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 22nd September 2024



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DAY	AT ST PETER'S	AT OUR LADY'S	INTENTION
<b>SUNDAY 22nd September</b> <b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i>	4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Sean Bell RIP
	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	John Salt RIP Sheila Griffin RIP; John "Sean" Smyth RIP
	~	~	<b>9:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Whitnash</b>
Monday 23rd <i>Mem. of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	~	~	The school Brian Fairclough RIP
Tuesday 24th <b>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	9.30am at St Anthony's Sch <b>12 NOON Mass</b>	~	Kitty & Jack Ryan RIP
Wednesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	~	10am Mass, <i>Tea &amp; coffee follow</i>	Mick Polanyk
Thursday 26th <i>Opt. Mem. of Ss. Cosmos &amp; Damian, Martyrs</i>	10am Mass	~	Deceased Members of the Maestri family
Friday 27th <i>Mem. of St. Vincent de Paul, Pr.</i>	10am Mass with St Peters Sch 3pm Divine Mercy Devs.	~	Young Adults Group
Saturday 28th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr</i>	9-10am Exposition, 9.15-45 Confession, 10am Mass 4:15-45pm - Confession <b>5pm: Vigil Mass</b>	~	Veronica Mary Houlton
<b>SUNDAY 29th September</b> <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>11.15am Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Sung Mass</b> <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Hugh & Ellen O'Sullivan Solange Beckles RIP Anniversary

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Anniversaries of the faithful departed:** James Dunbar, Giullietta Browne, Caroline Mancini, Ernest Timlin, John Daly, Velma Harrison, Michel Pettipher, Joan Doyle, Catherine Ryan, Teresa D'Souza, Thomas Hill, Brigid Dunbar, John Cronin, Sheila Griffin, Mary McCann, Margaret Launchberry, James McGivern, Mgr. Michael McTernan, Mgr. Henry Farrelly, Cn. Albert Adams, Cn. Peter Reilly, Fr. John Roddy, Fr. Bernard McAllister, Fr. Peter Lloyd, Fr. John Bale, Fr. Gordon Bancks, Fr. Paul Orchard, Fr. Edward Cotter, Fr. Laurence Daly, Dcn. Michael McCormack. **The recently deceased:** Ron Hall, John Collins, Ann Marshall, Margaret Locke. **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:** Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Portia Brightburn, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Sheila Freeman, Barbara Gekoski, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Sandra Hunt, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, Nathaniel Manning, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Jo Murphy, Andrew Murray, Ahmed Musa, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, George Pearson, Fr. Tony Rohan, Gilly Schweigert, Nell Smyth, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Uta Winter, 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.**



### SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY'S SEVEN SORROWS

'And a sword shall pierce your own heart... Luke 2,35

O sorrowful Mother, pray for those in sorrow today.

St Peter's, & Our Lady's and St Joseph's Churches working together as Catholic Leamington, are all part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.  
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**WELCOME TO MASS:** Especially visitors and those returning to study for the new academic year. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen. The wicked jealously inflicting suffering on the good is a theme of the first reading. Can they break the good man? Will God come to vindicate him? Then in the Gospel Jesus reveals Himself as that good man who will indeed be made to suffer out of jealousy, to see if indeed God will help Him. Christ's Passion bears all the hall marks description given in the book of Wisdom. And against this, the disciples argue about which of them is greatest! Jesus has none of this and speaks of servanthood and humility. He takes a little child as an example—powerless yet trusting, loving yet vulnerable—as an example of welcoming Christ and His Father too in the welcome we give to the weak, vulnerable and needy.

*God bless you all, Fr Stephen*

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



**PARISH FINANCES:** The Parish Finance Committee met this week. The Parishes' finance are not strong. Of particular concern is the continuing **high cost of running St Peter's Hall**. The committee unanimously agreed that options for reducing spending on the hall need to be explored. It is the fixed costs of running such a very large complex that challenge us: gas, electricity, maintenance, repairs, inspections, complying with fire and health & safety legislation, sanitary services, internet, coupled with very low demand from outside hirers and bills to make the flat lettable and the hall roof sound. In the last eleven months the hall raised £8,118 and cost £27,789 to run. A loss of £19,671. The management group meets this week to discuss the actions needed now. In the longer run, this shows how our review of buildings and their use is so necessary. We are still awaiting professional proposals.

**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:** Our Lady's after 9.15am and after 11:15am Mass at St Peter's. Also Tea & Coffee after Weds Mass at Our Lady's. **All Welcome.**

**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.

**BRUSH UP YOUR BRIDGE SKILLS:** 6 week beginners course at Pastimes 1:30pm prompt start. Every Tue until 8 Oct. Contact Margaret Davies at [margomatt@icloud.com](mailto:margomatt@icloud.com) or pop into Pastimes and leave your name.

**STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS:** Fridays in the Davenport 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!

**'THE CHOSEN' DRAMA SERIES:** Every Friday at 6pm in SP Hall.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY HELPERS, OLD AND NEW: This Thurs, 26 Sept 7pm** at Our Lady's—a meeting for all who help with Children's Liturgy currently, and any who'd like to help whether in Our Lady's or to start something new at St Peter's. The purpose of, resources for and helps to lead Children's Liturgy will all be addressed.

**YOUTH GROUP: SPARK** St Peter's Group for yrs 6,7 and 8 starts Thurs 26th September 7-8.30pm at St Peter's hall.

**KINDAID QUIZ: Fri 27 Sept 7.30pm** in Our Lady's church hall. This will include a short talk from our Scouts about their trip to Belize.

**PASTIMES SALE: Pastimes Jumble Sale—in aid of the Church Hall** on Saturday 28th September in SP Hall. Any jumble may be donated to Pastimes on Tuesdays where one of the team will be happy to receive it.

**CAFOD HARVEST FASTDAY, FRI 4 OCT.** Donations will help projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, helping young people develop skills in carpentry and tailoring, enabling them to earn a living. **CAFOD Soup and Roll lunch** on Fri 25 Oct St Peter's Hall, 12 - 1.30pm. **All welcome**

**NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** St.

Marie's, Rugby welcomes the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco Marto on Sun 6 Mon 7 Oct, the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to join in this visitation, to pray the Rosary and hear the story of Fatima including the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. St. Marie's Church, Dunchurch Road, CV22 6AQ  
**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or want to know more? Or wish to be confirmed as an adult?** Then 'Come & See' is for you. Starts 9th Oct. Email [rcia.cathlearn@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.cathlearn@gmail.com) or phone Gareth on 07539 502436 to make contact and find out more.

**NEW READINGS TRANSLATION: For all readers and anyone interested: Sat 26th Oct 11am 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. If you can't attend, an online resource provided by Fr Allen Morris, a liturgist who works in the Archdiocese, is available—<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/preparing-for-the-lectionary-refresher-programme-for-ministers-of-the-word> **ONLY NINE MORE SUNDAYS OF THE CURRENT TRANSLATION...**

**NEW TRANSLATION MISSALS:** Those who have reserved their copy will be contacted from 14 Oct onwards. As an alternative, the online resource 'Universalis' for a one off fee of £19.99 provides the text of Mass, the lectionary, the Breviary and devotional reading, on your phone, tablet or PC. 'Magnificat', the monthly prayer book will be using the new translation from Advent. It is marketed in the UK by the Catholic Herald in a British version. See <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/>

**OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sat 9 Nov** in the hall. Make a date now!

**LEAMINGTON PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Mon 18-Thu 21 Nov.** Make a note. To book, please collect a booking form from Fr Stephen or from the presbytery and return with a £100 deposit (any cheques payable to 'St Peter's Church')—details soon. Final cost depends on transport arrangements which can't be made until we know how many are going.

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

**7 DAY CANDLES:** If you would like a Sanctuary candle lit for your intention please complete a 7-day candles envelope, at the back of Church. Suggested donation £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:** We have been thanked for our contribution towards free school meals for vulnerable street children at a Catholic school in Rwanda. Locally we have responded to urgent requests from social workers for refurbished goods for parents in difficult circumstances. Thank you for supporting our neighbours near and far through SPAN.

**THE PIETY SHOPS:** at both churches are open for Catholic items including Rosaries, Prayer cards, candles, medals, Children's books, books, and cards for every occasion. Christmas cards now in stock. Please do pop in after Mass and have a browse.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** SP 1st – £600.05, 2nd (Church Maint.)-£274.33, OL 1st—£148.56, 2nd (Church Maint.) - £186.15. This weekend the second collections are for **Fr. Hudson's Society. Thank you** .

#### DONATING TO THE PARISHES

As well as the collection bags, the website, the card machine at St Peter's, via standing order, you may give by scanning the code at the top left on the first page of this sheet with your smartphone. **Thank you**

#### 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

**L**ORD 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.**