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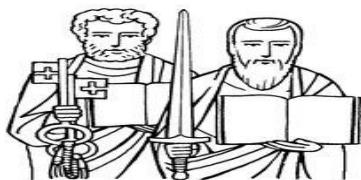
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St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

27th/28th June 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Acts 12:1-11; Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

Readings Next Week: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9. 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the 2 founders of our church, Peter and Paul. Peter was a fisherman who made many mistakes along the way including denying Jesus, but became the 'rock' upon which Jesus built his church.

Paul turned from persecuting Christians into the greatest missionary and theologian in the early church.

For both Peter and Paul, Jesus became the centre of their lives. When Jesus is at the centre of **our** lives, our love can be expressed in our many services to people.

There are many stories in the Gospel of Jesus helping those in need. This is the central point of faith.

Many thanks to Annie Baker for all the help she has given to people in our parish during this time of 'lockdown', for coordinating the group of volunteers helping parishioners who are shielding or not able to get out and about, with their weekly shopping and making phone calls. Thanks also to the volunteers for giving up your time.

We all help in simple ways. This is what Pope Francis refers to in his encouragement of simple love 'like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone to get up early to go to work. Homely gestures like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home.'

Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love"

Recall a time when someone helped you in a small way, be grateful offer yourself to do the same when you can.

Make me, O Lord, a channel of your peace and love when I see the needs of others". Amen

FR. JOHN

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

The church porch will be opened each day for Individual Prayer this week:

Monday to Saturday: 11.00am to 12noon

during which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. No liturgies or public prayer will be permitted. A maximum of 8 people will be allowed into the porch at any one time. Social distancing must be observed at all times. Stewards will be on hand to help and direct people in and out of church. The main church and toilets will be locked.

Thanks to all the stewards for your help. We will also be needing more stewards when the church opens for Mass. Please contact Fr. John On 0787 905 8732 if you can volunteer.

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

MASS

There will be no public Mass for the foreseeable future. Mass will, however, be said every day in private. If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please email Feltham.rcdow.org.uk or call Fr. John on 0787 905 8732

Are you living alone? Are you over 70? If you need to chat or need a little support please contact Fr. John on 0787 905 8732.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls and those who have died recently:

Michael Nsiah, Lina Edwards, Patricia Frances Matthews, Sheila Harvey and all who have died with the Pandemic Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Please keep all their families who mourn them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27	Aloysius Celdeira (Baby 3 rd Anniv) Mary Francis' intention
Sun 28	Mary Teresa Lomas (RIP)
Mon 29	Mylie Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
Tue 30	Kathleen Clancy
Wed 1	Helem McGaugh (ill)
Thurs 2	Keith De Souza – 16 th Birthday thanksgiving
Fri 3	Joao Lawrence Mendes and deceased members of his family
Sat 4	Anne Lingenco's Intentions
Sun 5	Eileen Galligan's Intentions
Sanctuary Lamp: People of the Parish	

Remember, Mass is said every day in private. If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please telephone Fr. John on 0787 905 8732.

Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral are available to watch at (www.churchservices.tv/westminster)

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order; cash or cheque. If you would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: St Lawrence Feltham (or
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee
St Lawrence Feltham)
Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.
FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS**

JUSTICE & PEACE – DIARY OF EVENTS

13th July: Caring for Creation: 7.30-8.30pm – Please join us for a Zoom gathering of priests, deacons, Justice & Peace parish reps. CAFOD supporters, educators and all interest persons in the Diocese of Westminster and beyond! Please register now with Eventbrite

18th July: National Justice & Peace Network – 10.30am-2-3.30pm. Book by 10th July at Eventbrite.

RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH FOR MASSES

The guidance from the Bishops' Conference about the opening of churches for Mass from 4th July. This guidance is shaped by the Government's scientific advice and Public Health England.

The Cardinal has produced a video which is available on the diocesan website and which will be useful for parishioners. The Cardinal describes that we are not going back to the normal and familiar, emphasising the need for new volunteers and says that Mass in the short-term will be simpler and a bit shorter than usual.

It will be important in these times to help people manage their expectations and recognise that we are not returning to the "old" normal. Mass should not be prolonged.

While the Sunday obligation is suspended, people are encouraged to attend any Mass they wish. With social distancing in place, the numbers attending any particular Mass will be limited. The 2m distancing will be in place.

Congregational singing is not permitted.

After Mass, it will be necessary to clean those areas which have been used. Parishioners should be encouraged to leave promptly.

Here at St. Lawrence's we will be opening our parish for the celebration of **Mass next weekend on Sunday 5th July with an open-air Mass at 10.00am on the grounds of St. Lawrence's school.**

Social distances will be necessary.

Please be patient as sacrifices will have to be made regarding attendance at Mass, keeping in mind that the Sunday obligation is still suspended while this deadly virus is still with us.

Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth you spread your healing power. We place in your loving care all who are affected by Coronavirus. Keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved, protect those who care for us. We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy, as we wait for the daybreak. Amen.