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Saints Peter and Paul

29th/30th June 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 180: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;

Matthew 16: 13-19

Next Week: 14th Sunday of the Year: Page: 105: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



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Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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Dear Friends,

We remember today Saints Peter and Paul who formed the early church just after the time of Christ. They certainly knew each other, although I'm not convinced they liked each other, "When Cephas (Paul called Peter Cephas) came to Antioch, however I opposed him to his face, since he was manifestly wrong" (2 Galatians 2:11 CTS New Catholic Bible).

They both suffered martyrdom for their faith in Rome, and at a similar time, just thirty years or so after the death of Jesus. Peter was crucified upside down in the courtyard by St. Peter's Basilica and Paul was beheaded between Rome and the sea, in a place now called Tre Fontane. They were both buried in nearby cemeteries and the Basilica of St Peter and the Basilica of St Paul were built over their respective tombs with the main altar in both Basilicas marking the actual place of burial.

Despite the similarities these two saints are important for different reasons. Peter is important because he was the first Pope and kept the church united, a formidable task in the years following Pentecost. We must remember the early Christians were mainly converts from Judaism. However, as time went on Paul began to preach also to Gentiles. His preaching and his missionary journeys were so successful that he brought huge numbers of non-Jews into the church, so much so that the number of Christians from Jewish heritage in the church was greatly outnumbered by those from non-Jewish heritage. Undoubtedly, it is because of St Paul that we are now a Church.

So both Peter and Paul had very important tasks in the early church, Peter maintaining the unity in the church which during his lifetime had already spread throughout the Middle East and Europe, and Paul who taught the Jews that Jesus is the fulfilment of their Old Testament hopes and at the same time teaching non-Jews that Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Messiah.

As we look at the personalities of Peter and Paul, it would be fair to say that neither of them were perfect, after all Peter denied Jesus and Paul could be volatile, but equally true is that God called them to use their personalities to spread the Gospel, Peter to use his impetuous love to look after the flock, and Paul to use his training as a Pharisee and his strength of character to ensure that the gentiles would be welcomed into the church.

If we fast forward 2000 years to the 21st century we would do well to remember that our talents and our weaknesses too can become God's means of helping others, if we allow. As neither Peter or Paul were perfect we can take comfort in the truth that we don't have to be perfect for God to work through us, God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with Peter and Paul.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Group will be away on their Weekend Retreat from **28TH -30TH June**. Please keep them in your prayers.

On **Thursday 4th July** Rehearsal for Group 1 Confirmation Candidates takes place in Church at 7pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you would like your child to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2020, application forms are available at the back of Church on Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses on **29/30 June and 5/6 July**.

Completed application forms should be returned to Jordan in the Presbytery on **Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July** between 3.30pm and 5pm. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard and wait in Church with your child on the day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2019 and **not** attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. This programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **1st September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School**. We require your child to attend Sunday School for **one year** prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Jordan for more details

PARISH NOTICES

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA ANNUAL APPEAL

We welcome Fr John Gerrard from the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) who will be making an appeal at all Masses this weekend, speaking about the work of the Society in Africa and other parts of the world. There will be a collection at the end of all the Masses.

COFFEE MORNING/TABLE TOP SALE

The Coffee Morning and Table Top sale takes place in the Parish Centre **this Sunday** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please pop in for a cuppa, chat and a bargain Table Top.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 1st July** at 7.30pm. Unfortunately, the arranged meeting has been cancelled. Members are asked instead to bring a photo of themselves as a young child. Arrangements will also be discussed for the UCM Summer Garden Party on 16th July. Please do come along.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

The CAFOD First Friday Coffee Morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 5th July**.

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

The Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place every first Friday of each month from 10.30am. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8pm to give time for all parishioners to drop in at their leisure to have an hour or two with our LORD. In the event of a funeral Mass, Exposition will follow soon after.

PARISH CENTRE AND PARISH CARETAKER

We will be appointing a new Parish Centre and Parish Caretaker. If you are interested, please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732.

Closing date: 5th July.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **6th July, from 10am to 11am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team.

MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Our Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing for the Sick will take place on **Saturday 6th July** at 12.00noon followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

There are lists at the back of Church for those who would like to attend, helpers, offers of lifts for those with no transport. We need offers of help to bring people to Church and take them back.

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL FCJ ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR

takes place on Sunday **7th July 2019** from 12 midday to 4pm. All are very welcome but please be aware that there is no parking on site. We look forward to seeing you!

CARITAS

Next **Sunday, 7th July** Jackie from Caritas will speak at the 11am Mass on a new pilot scheme they are launching to help with environmental issues, food waste, holiday clubs for children, etc.

QUIZ NIGHT

The West London Goans are having a Quiz Night with a Fish & Chips Supper on **Saturday 6th July** from 7pm to 10.30pm. Tickets: Adults: £10 for fish/chips or chicken/chips; Children: £5 chicken nuggets/chips. Contact Mary D'Souza for further information. Please bring your own drinks.

COMBONI RETREAT DAY, SATURDAY, 6TH JULY

from 10am to 1pm at Comboni Centre for Spirituality and Mission, 2 Chiswick Lane, W4 2JF. "Nature and Human Thirst for The Divine. Pray not with words, but with the fire of love." An opportunity to explore together, how nature can become a "house of prayer" for the whole humanity. A one to one Spiritual Direction is available. Please confirm to Sr Natalia or Sr Graça Tel: 020 899 41220 or email: combonicentre16@gmail.com Parking is available. All welcome!

BISHOP JOHN WILSON CONGRATULATIONS

We send our congratulations to Bishop John Wilson – the Holy Father has appointed him as the new Archbishop of Southwark. We thank him for the support he has given our parish, especially for his work with our Confirmation groups over the years. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes to Southwark. There will be a Mass of Farewell at Westminster Cathedral on **Thursday 11th July** at 5.30pm. Bishop John's installation as the 11th Archbishop of Southwark will take place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on 25th July

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

The last session for this course takes place on **Wednesday 3rd July** from 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Parish Centre. Just in case you missed a session there will be a recap video shown on **Friday 5th July from 10.15am-11.15am**

REST IN PEACE

MARY FOGARTY RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Fogarty RIP** who died recently. Mary will be received into the Church on **Monday 8th July at 4.00pm**. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 9th July at 11.00am**. Please also remember in your prayers her family and friends who mourn her.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Ludovino Soares (Intentions)
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Mylie Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
Sun 30	09.00	Marlon Dias in Thanksgiving and Well being
	11.00	Arthur Greenwood RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Mon 1	9.30	Larry Byrne RIP
Tues 2	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 3	09.30	Keith Dias RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 4	09.30	Deceased members of the Fernandes Family RIP
Fri 5	09.30	Zion Caldeira in Thanksgiving (1 st Birthday)
	10.30 –	Sacred Heart Devotion and Exposition and
	20.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 6	11.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		MASS FOR THE SICK WITH ANOINTING
		(Holy Souls Botelho Family)
	14.00	Baptism of Theo Elias Grindrod
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Bill Newland
Sun 7	09.00	Antonio Baruc RIP
	11.00	Rajiv Kanagarasa RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Johnston Family (Intentions)		

**Thank you for your generosity in the Easter and last week's collections:
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