

ST MARGARET'S PAGE



Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul – Year A
28th June 2020

In Peter writes: This was also the week that marked the beginning of the end of lockdown, something to which all of us can appreciate, though the vast crowds on the South Coast were anticipating the return to some sort of normality too quickly. This period is time of transition but as to what changes and what remains the same of our former way of life no-one is yet in a position to say. There are plenty of theories but few hard facts.

The two Feast Days, the Birth of John the Baptist and The Martyrdom of Sts Peter and Paul (this Sunday) involve individuals who shared something of the confusion of these days. They crossed, as can be seen in retrospect, the bridge between two distinct cultural zones but at the time the course of events looked very different.

Towards the end of his life John the Baptist had to send messengers whilst he was in prison to check that Jesus really was the Christ. He became unsure as to whether proclaiming the coming of the Messiah, his life's work, had been to no avail. Jesus reassures his messengers that the kingdom had indeed broken into the world. His doubts were answered. Despite his questions John the Baptist had spanned two worlds, the closing of the Old and birth of the New Testament.

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul marks another crossing that between the New Testament and world history. The Gospel account is at heart history interpreted through faith in the identity of Jesus Christ. Rome, though, their city of destiny, is a historical place of a different magnitude to the villages of the Holy Land and requiring no faith in its existence or then importance. Travelling to Rome, St Peter and St Paul entered world history and brought the Christian faith to a universal audience. Their tombs are still there whose veracity has been corroborated by archaeologists thus answering the questions of doubters.

Outside the city are two monuments to the saints, a small chapel on the Via Appia Antica, entitled, 'Domine quo vadis?' (Lord, where are you going?), the site of Jesus appearing to St Peter heading into the city the moment St Peter was having second thoughts, and the Monastery of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains) where St Paul was beheaded

having been betrayed by a member of the community. The first location resonates with St Peter's indecision, his constant ability to misunderstand Jesus' teaching, and his denial of Jesus the night of his arrest. The second, the site of St Paul's martyrdom, demonstrates the courage of St Paul, the tireless missionary who preached the Gospel throughout present-day Turkey and Greece. He describes his life as a libation poured away, and it is fitting that by tradition three springs of water gushed forth after his execution.

Both these pilgrimage sites, along with the traditional basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, testify to the transition from the world of the New Testament to world history. This is similar to our journey too, from good idea, what someone might disparage as the time of wishful thinking, to become our way of life. The person of Jesus, His vision and understanding of the human vocation and His offer of forgiveness progressively becomes our identity too. This takes courage as St Peter found on the Via Appia Antica, but ultimately makes sense as St Paul witnessed by offering his life.

The visible Church Sts Peter and Paul founded in Rome is the communal umbrella that provides a spiritual canopy under which every Christian life unfolds. The Church offers the sacraments and spiritual solidarity for the journey of faith, and recognises that every Christian possesses in themselves, both Christ's victory over sin and the failures and limitations of their condition. But like Sts Peter and Paul, with grace every Christian can perpetually pass over from their former ways of life to new ways of life. Great things are possible when grace animates the soul. We too can offer our society the template for change that promotes a Christian humanism that both recognises the worth of each individual and the individual and collective failures of ourselves and our society. Pulling down statues is the easy bit, replacing them no so difficult, creating a just society a great leap in complexity. Here the Christian can show their true constructive voice.

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The Parish Office is closed because of Covid-19. Emails are continued to be checked regularly.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 29th June - Sunday 5th July

Mon 29 th	10.00am Mass	Maja and Lanka Vitharanage (1st Wedding Anniv)
Tue 30 th	10.00 am Mass	John and Margaret Ainscough RIP (Mary)
Wed 1 st	10.00 am Mass	Fr Christopher Gawecki RIP (Gawecki Family)
Thu 2 nd	10.00 am Mass	Keith Mathewson RIP (Jean & Desmond)
Fri 3 rd	10.00 am Mass	Robert & Elizabeth Bailey RIP (Margaret Crowe)
Sat 4 th	10.00am Mass	All those who are struggling to find work
Sun 5 th	10.30am Mass	For you the people

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Reagan, Pauline Slawson, Janet McAllister, Ben, Mark Titmus, Carol Samba, Colin Bartram, Gerry McEntee, Rose Williams, Peter Coughlan, Hilary Sudell, Rose Lorden, William Hamilton, Mary Arnold, Cesar Juan Urrutigoity, Mary Ethel Arnolda, Sydney and Patricia Parkes, Judith Thomas, Wanda Ostrowska, Christopher Browne, Antonella Sesta, Margaret Masterson, Bernard Sharratt, Carmen Ruibal, Ann Macpherson, Chris McLoughlin (son of Olga), Paul Costello and Kevin Sweeney

RECENTLY DECEASED

Donal Dwyer (brother of Mary Ibbett), Rose Mitchell, Ann Noble, Juliane Ditsche, Antonio Lopes, Muriel Kelly, Juliet Grafton, Karina Kinnear

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass said for your intentions or for the repose of the soul of someone, please contact Cynthia via [email](mailto:stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk) (stmargaretsonthames@rcdow.org.uk). She will compile the list which will be published on the Parish website each week.

Sunday Mass will be offered for the intentions of all the Parish, but Masses may be said for specific intentions from Monday to Saturday.

St Peter & St Paul

Entrance Antiphon (CPs 46:2)

These are the ones, who living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood, they drank the chalice of the Lord and became friends of God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 88:2-3.16-19)

From all my terrors the lord set me free.

Gospel Acclamation (Cf Acts 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, And the Gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon (Cf Ps 102:1)

Peter said to Jesus: You are Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

THE FINANCIAL WELFARE OF ST MARGARET'S

The St Margaret's [Virgin Money Giving](#) is now live. This is a secure method for giving. If you are using the St. Margaret's website, you will find the Virgin Money Giving under the 'Support' tab.

Even if you are only able to donate less than you might normally do, every gift is valuable.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



News Centre

Bishops stand in solidarity with sisters and brothers in the USA [against evil of racism](#)

CAFOD are offering a webinar of a Liturgy of the Word with Children at home. Parents and children are encouraged to join online for prayers and reflection on this Sunday's Gospel. It is based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources.

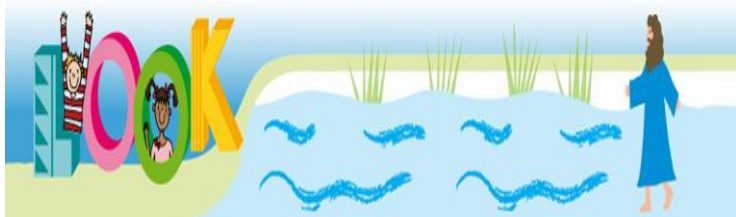


CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Please use [link to register](#): After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For family support, TenTen are also making freely available resources for families, called Prayers for Home, which include ['Sunday Liturgy for Families'](#) and ['Daily Prayers for Home'](#)

Please find the link to [LOOK](#), color in sheets to find what is in the Gospel today.



On behalf of the Bishops' Conference, Bishop Declan Lang, Lead Bishop for International Affairs, and Bishop Paul McAleenan (pictured), Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, issued the following statement expressing the Bishops' solidarity with sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd:

'We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: "we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice."

'Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this.

'As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image.'

Bishop Declan Lang, Lead Bishop for International Affairs
Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice

Arrangements

Public Mass will resume on Sunday 5th July under the following conditions laid down by the English Bishops following guidance from the Government. This is a welcome moment in the life of the Parish and I am sure many of you wish to chat with each other after so long. Please resist breaking social distancing however tempting! Everyone should be able to feel safe coming to Church so please respect each other in this regard.

There are a number of options with regard to Mass attendance though the Bishops have suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the time being. The 10:30am Parish YouTube Mass will continue.

Mass at 8:30am; 10:30am and 6:30pm. The maximum number that the Church can safely hold, following all distancing requirements is between 80 and 100. Every alternate bench will be unavailable for sitting and the middle part of available benches will be unusable. This will maintain social distancing.

Reception of Communion only at 4:00pm. If you have participated in the YouTube Parish Mass or another and wish to receive Holy Communion please come to the Church at 4:00pm.

Protocols

Entry: Please use the hand sanitiser available in the entrance.

Mass sheets and hymn books will be unavailable. There will be no public singing.

Reception of Communion: This will take place after Mass has finished. The priest will receive communion, then conclude Mass. The congregation will receive afterwards and then leave the Church.

Helpers

Every Mass will require two volunteers at the front to ensure everyone uses the hand-sanitiser, and further helpers to give a quick clean to the benches after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Gloves and cleaning material will be provided.

Weekday Mass 10:00am Monday to Saturday

This Mass will take place in the Main Church with the same protocols

Confessions

These will take place in the Library after the Saturday 10:00am Mass.

These arrangements may change slightly as the Parish works out how best to provide Mass whilst maintain government and episcopal requirements.

<u>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th July</u>	
Reading 1 Zech 9:9-10	See now, your king comes humbly to you.
Psalm Ps 144: 1-2. 8-11. 13-14 r. 1	I will bless your name for ever, O God my King OR Alleluia!
Reading 2 Rom 8:9, 11-13	If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
Gospel Acclamation cf. Matt 11:25	Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Gospel Matt 11:25-30	I am gentle and humble of heart.

<u>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th July</u>	
Reading 1 Isa 55:10-11	The rain makes the earth give growth.
Psalm Ps 64:10-14 r.Lk 8:8	Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.
Reading 2 Rom 8:18-23	The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.
Gospel Acclamation 1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68	Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Gospel Matt 13:1-23	A sower went out to sow.