



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

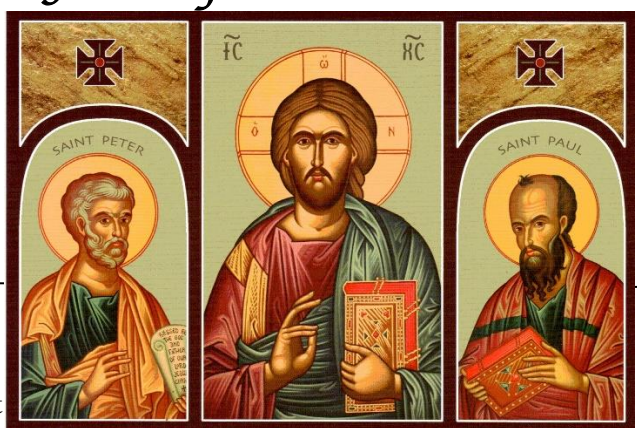
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## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday year A

### Feast of SS. Peter & Paul

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Mass Times	
Sunday	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07.30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday	07.30



Mass Intentions
Sun 28: Billy Gore RIP
Mon 29: May Thomas RIP
Tues 30: Sr. Pennie MacInnes
Wed 01: Jimmy & Nellie Dickson
Thu 02: Maureen Rice
Fri 03: Parishioners
Sat 04: Parishioners

### Homily Notes

This Sunday the Church of Rome celebrates its two great Saints, Peter and Paul.

On this feast the One Catholic Church, united under the Bishop of Rome, the Successor of St Peter, prays together. It is an occasion for us to pray in a special way for Pope Francis, that he may continue to lead us in the profession and the practice of our faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter makes a profession of faith in the name of all, but really each one is invited to believe personally in Jesus. We are each asked to respond to the question: "Who do you say that I am?" Can we answer it? If someone asked us, could we tell them who Jesus is for us? Do we know Jesus sufficiently? How do we get to know Jesus? One way is by reading the Gospels which tell us what Jesus did and what he preached, and how he died for us and rose again from the dead. Another way is through prayer. We meet Jesus in prayer, but we can also meet Jesus in other people, those who are in need of assistance. He himself said: "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it to me."

Paul met Jesus on the way to Damascus where he was going to have the followers of Jesus thrown into prison. He heard a voice saying to him: "Saul. Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Jesus identified himself with those who were being persecuted. Paul came to know Jesus and gave his life to him, so much so that he could say later: "I live, no, not I, but Christ lives in me."

It is in living as Jesus wants us to do, according to his spirit and following his example, that we get to know him better.

We can ask Peter and Paul to help us to follow their example in loving Jesus, or ask Jesus directly, with this beautiful prayer:

*"Lord, help me to know you more clearly  
to love you more dearly  
and to follow you more nearly". Michael*

### Corona Thoughts

So, after 4 months of Eucharistic fast, we are to be allowed back to church to meet, pray and celebrate! Thanks be to God for having brought us safely to this moment!

It would be good, though, not to simply rush back to church and pick up where we left off at the end of February. We have been through a most unusual period and we need not to forget it but to look back to see what we have learnt from it; what the Lord has been saying to us, as individuals, as members of our families and as a church community. What have we learnt that is important for us in life?

I would dare to suggest that families sit down together and ask themselves what they have learnt about the value of family: of being together, of mutual support, of the need for each to have some space for personal and spiritual development, of school and education, of work and how we employ our time.

It has often been noted that the isolation we have experienced has had a positive effect on the quality of air in the city, of our appreciation of nature; that nature has blossomed in human absence. Yet the litter left on our beaches and in our parks these recent hotter days begs the question; what have we learnt?

In our Christian Community, what have we learnt about prayer and the value of silence; about giving time to God in prayer and reading the Word of God at home? What has been our experience of praying as a family, in a prayer group or elsewhere? What have we learnt about Church Life? Do we appreciate what we have experienced, and do we want to continue that as we return to "normal life"?

We have all appreciated the dedication of the NHS staff, of carers in our nursing homes, of the Police and other agencies who have kept us safe, our streets clean, our grocery shops open, our essential services open. Now that we have noticed them, how can we reward them in the future? So many questions to ponder as we thankfully return to our life in community...

*Terry*

## Parish Notice Board

**Lottery Results**  
**01 05 09 12 13 14**  
**Drawn 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

**Don't Forget**  
**6.30pm, every evening**  
**Parish Evening Prayer**  
at home

**Churches now open for Prayer  
in our Pastoral Area:**  
**OLMC** – 27 High Street, L8 8DX  
Daily 10am – 1pm (*Exposition*)  
**St Francis of Assisi** – Earp Street,  
Garston, L19 1RT  
Mon-Fri 9am – 10:30am,  
Tue & Thur 4:30pm – 6pm,  
Sun 9am – 12noon  
**The Cathedral** will open from Wednesday  
1 July daily 12 noon – 4pm.

**LIVING JOYFULLY**  
**Catholic Vocation Project**  
**AGM Zoom Meeting**  
Saturday the 11th July  
from 10.30am - 12noon via Zoom.  
Guest Speakers Fr. Jerome (Carmelite Priest)  
and Audrey Bernadine Cistercians.  
Followed by the AGM.  
Please confirm your attendance so that we can  
forward you the link details to join this meeting  
by email to [compass@ukvocation.org](mailto:compass@ukvocation.org).

**Restored Lives**  
**Annual Training (Zoom) Conference**  
*Do you have a heart for helping people get  
through relationship breakdown?*  
*Come to Restored Lives training day on  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020*  
For all necessary information:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/restored-lives-training-day-2020-tickets-94840330983>

### **Pastoral Associate Update: Justice and Peace Annual Assembly**

With the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul coinciding with the beginning of the Justice and Peace Annual Assembly, the missionary focus for each of us, as Covid-19 eases, is strong. Our Zoom virtual assembly starts, on *Sunday evening*, with **Cardinal Michael** from St Vincent's setting our current situation in a profoundly spiritual context. *On Monday Diarmuid O'Murchu* discusses the context from an eco-justice viewpoint, focussing on what we can do via networks and on *Wednesday, Christine Allen (CAFOD)* looks at the global impact. **Andy Burnham** (Mayor of Greater Manchester) will join the three speakers for a panel discussion on *Satu*

*riday 4 July. This is a great opportunity to get informed, to be challenged and to participate in a unique forum in these unprecedented times. You must register* for the zoom events, which include group discussion on Monday and Wednesday or via Q&A at [jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk). The talks will also be broadcast simultaneously on Facebook and YouTube. The panel webinar will be livestreamed on Facebook. *"Mosaics are made from broken pieces, but they're still a work of art. And so are you."* - found online. God

### **RETURN TO COMMUNITY LIFE**

It is with **JOY** that we receive the news that we will be able to **celebrate the sacraments in church from the 6<sup>th</sup> July**. From that date, daily Mass will be open to all who wish to come, including, on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, our first Saturday evening Mass in 4 months. Praise the Lord.

However, there are many conditions and you will find them attached to this newsletter; in a two-page document we have received from the Archbishop.

What is important to us all is the safety both of those who come to church and of the community at large. For this reason, people who feel that they are still vulnerable to an infection by the virus are excused still from attending Sunday Mass. The obligation of Sunday Mass remains suspended.

To help keep us safe, everyone must wear a face-covering, will be required to keep a distance of at least one meter, and must avoid touching objects through which the infection may pass to another.

Volunteers are needed to help people keep distance and to sanitise the area where people have sat. Only the presiding priest will be around the altar; no assistants and no servers for the time-being. Also, to avoid spreading the virus, there will be no singing.

All this will be explained again at the beginning of each Mass.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

### **Prayer Intentions**

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Michael BRATIN, Kenneth BROPHY, Les BURNS, Vera CARTLEDGE, Molly McEVOY, Elizabeth, Midsaeter, May MURRAY, Joe & Jane PERRY, Dominic REID, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

**Also for the intentions of:** Baby KERWIN, Anne BAXTER, John BIRKENHEAD, Catherine BOWLES, The BRATIN Family, Kenneth BROPHY, Angela EVERETT, Lilly FLANNERY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Lindsey MAHER, Keeva Charlotte MAHER, The McCANN Family, May McCARTHY, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Ann NEEDHAM, Aurelia PAY, Edna RENSCHAW, Leigh ROBINSON (birthday), Carole and Billy RUDKIN, Hilda RUDKIN, The RYAN Family, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, The THOMAS Family, Terri VALIANT, Pauline WALSH, The WILLIAMS Family

**And for those who have died:** May THOMAS (funeral on Monday), Billy GORE died 7<sup>th</sup> June - buried 16<sup>th</sup> June.