



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

28 JUNE 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL		
KINDLY PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
27 Sat <i>Vigil of Ss Peter & Paul</i>	18.30	Ottavio D'Agostino – RIP (<i>Franco</i>)
28 Sun <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	10.00 18.00	Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (<i>Mary</i>) <i>Cancelled</i>
13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
29 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Paul Joseph –RIP (<i>Family</i>)
30 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Vincent Sebastian–RIP (<i>Sebastian</i>) <i>Cancelled</i>
1 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Private (<i>de Menezes</i>) <i>Cancelled</i>
2 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00 9.30	<i>Cancelled</i> Esme Mills – B/Day (<i>M Tett</i>)
3 Fri <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	9.30	Colin Gray– RIP (<i>M J Gray</i>)
4 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Molly Du'Pratt – RIP (<i>Trutwein</i>)
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
4 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Walter Ed Chester – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
5 Sun	9.00 11.00 18.00	James McGrath – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>) <i>Pro Populo</i> (For the People) <i>Roisin Loftus – RIP (Trutwein)</i>

OTHER SERVICES - CANCELLED	
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK
 That those who will be visiting our Church for private prayers during the week and our volunteers who help to keep our Church open may be kept safe

KEEPING IN TOUCH
 We have been emailing a limited list of parishioners each week with a copy of the newsletter and any other points of interest or note. We only email once a week. We would like to collect email addresses from anyone not currently receiving this mailing so we can keep in touch with a much larger percentage of the parish. Please email the parish office asking to be added to the weekly newsletter email. Thank you.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

The solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is normally celebrated on the 29th of June. In Rome and most parts of the world, it would still be observed on this date. However, in England and Wales, the Bishops Conference has, with the approval of the Holy See, moved the celebration to the preceding Sunday (today, 28 June), to facilitate its observance as a *holy day of obligation*.

The commemoration of these two great apostles in one celebration serves, among others, to emphasize the complementarity of their persons and roles in the spreading of the Gospel and the formation of the early Church. Peter, a simple fisherman, was called by Christ to be his follower and a *fisher of men* (Matt 4:18-20; Lk 5:1-11). He entrusted him with the care of his flock (Jn 21:15-19), the leadership of the Church (see Matt 16:13-19). Paul, a learned pharisee was initially a fierce persecutor of the followers of Christ (see Ph 3:4-4). Through a dramatic conversion experience on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-18), he became a follower of Christ and received the mandate to proclaim the Good news to the nations (Gal 1:11-20). Sacred Tradition confirms that both concluded their mission as martyrs in Rome. The liturgy celebrates their unity of purpose and mission despite their diversity of pathways: *“Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call. And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr’s crown.”* (see Preface).







Two of the four major basilicas in Rome are named after them: St Peter’s and St Paul’s Outside the Wall. St Peter’s occupies a prominent position which is directly linked to the pre-eminence of the Blessed Apostle Peter among the apostles and, by extension, of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) as his successor. Its High Altar is believed to be directly above the tomb of the Apostle Peter. It is a symbol of the unity of the Church, which the commemoration of the two great apostles in one celebration also emphasises.

Of course, Peter’s profession of faith – *“You are the Christ ... the Son of the living God”* – is the foundation upon which the Church of Christ is established as Christ promised: *“You are Peter and, on this rock, I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.”* Yet we cannot forget that Peter had to grapple with both understanding and living out this confession. It would, therefore, be unhelpful to reflect on his person and mission without also considering his weaknesses. The same holds true for Paul.

The greatness of Peter and Paul consists more in their openness to the power of God’s love and mercy and their responsiveness to the grace of God through their personal encounter with Christ. This is evident in the scriptural accounts of their callings, lives, and ministries. *“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man,”* Peter told Jesus at his initial encounter with him (Lk 5:8). Jesus would rebuke him for not understanding the message of the Cross, *“Get behind me Satan...”* (Matt 16:23). Besides, despite his avowals to the contrary, he would deny Jesus three times (Matt 26:33-35, 69-75). Still, he was given another chance by the Risen Lord through a threefold confession of love which effectively reversed that painful fall (Jn 21:15-17). On his part, Paul was not only aware of his past as a persecutor, but was also always conscious of his unworthiness as a human being; hence, his emphasis on the power of God’s grace over any human efforts or merits (Ph 3:7-9; 2 Co 12:7-10; see 4:7-9).

Like Peter and Paul, through baptism (and confirmation), we have been called not only to follow, but also to witness to Christ as his *missionary disciples*. Walking in their footsteps, may we be inspired by their examples and supported by their intercessions. **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Zechariah 9:9-10
2ND READING	Romans 8:9,11-13
GOSPEL	Matthew 11:25-30

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially John Joseph Reddan, Lucy Mulcahy, Philomena Effiong, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Monday (29/06): 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (30/06): 10.15am – 12pm & 5.30pm – 7pm Wednesday (01/07): 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 5pm Thursday (02/07): 1pm – 4pm Friday (03/07): 4.30pm – 6pm Saturday (04/07): 9.45am – 11.15am Sunday (05/07): 2pm – 3.30pm	
	Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, and Ann-Marie Deasy.	RESUMPTION OF MASS WITH A CONGREGATION: We look forward to resuming public worship on the 4 th of July, with the 9am and 6.30pm Masses. While many are excited about the prospects of returning to Mass after three months, we must do everything possible to make the participation at Mass (and other liturgical celebrations) safe through the maintenance of required hygiene, social distancing and oversight. A pastoral letter from the Archbishops of England & Wales to all Catholics and guidelines from the Bishops Conference are available on the parish website. Please, kindly note that the dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops at the onset of the lockdown is still in place till further notice. Livestreaming of the weekday and Sunday Masses will also continue so that those who may not consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, could participate virtually.	
CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE	
	<i>In this time of uncertainty and as we will no longer have a weekly collection, please seriously consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), cash donation (envelope through Presbytery door) or by online banking: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05. Thank you. <i>Please, if you are not a member of the gift aid scheme, kindly add NGA to your payment reference.</i> Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>	Once again, the Parish has supported the Lenten Project with characteristic generosity and enthusiasm. In a typical year we have around 24 different events and activities. Due to Covid-19, however, we are not now able to complete the events we had planned. We had hoped only to postpone them and proceed with them when the current restrictions are over. On current advice, it does not look like there will be a sufficient relaxation of social distancing to allow large events to take place. If, later in the year, there is a relaxation we are going to organise a large multi-cultural event to give thanks to all those who have worked selflessly to care for us and provide us with sustenance. We are still keen to support the charities we adopted this year and so, if you would like to make a donation equivalent to what you would have spent at the events, or on the raffle, you will see below the various methods by which you can do so. Methods of making a donation: 1. Online donation at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject 2. Making a donation through the Lenten Boxes. To do this you will need to put the contents of your box into an envelope, carefully flatten the box and place that in the envelope too and put through the Presbytery letter box. The envelope needs to be marked 'Lenten Project Box'. If Gift-aiding the donation the label on the box needs to be completed. 3. Placing a donation into an envelope marked 'Lenten Project Donation' and place through the Presbytery letter box. The raffle too has been cancelled. If you are a parent of OLI School and you received a book of raffle tickets in school bags, please DO NOT return them. You are, of course, welcome to donate the same amount should you wish to. The Parish Lenten Project began in 1971 as the focal point to assist parish groups with Lenten observances. Many charities have benefited from the £427,300 raised to 2019. Next year is our 50th anniversary. If anyone has any ideas how we can mark our anniversary, please email Phil Townsend at townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk Parish Lenten Project Committee.	
INFANT BAPTISM		DONATIONS TO FOODBANK	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm) & 313 Ewell Road. URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: cereal instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP: Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		CONSIDER BRINGING YOUR SUNDAY MISSAL TO MASS	
	1. Next Children's Session: Next date TBA. 2. Rehearsal: Next date TBA.	As part of safety measures as we resume Mass with a congregation on 4 July, Mass Books will not be provided till further notice. And for environmental reasons, we would not supply single-use Mass Sheets. If you would like to consider purchasing your own Sunday Missal, there are a couple of options at https://www.rpbooks.co – the Redemptorists Sunday Missal "Your Sunday Missal" is around £19 or https://www.ctsbooks.org – CTS Sunday Missal is around the same price.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID	
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA	If you give to the Church by weekly envelopes, we encourage you to switch to monthly standing orders from your bank. A bank mandate form can be downloaded from the Gift Aid section of the Parish website or obtained from Allan Cook tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8399 4368. For 2nd collections and to give to the clergy at Easter and Christmas, you can make individual online payments to the same account quoting your Gift Aid number and the cause to which you are giving. Parishioners who do not belong to the Gift Aid scheme can give to the Church by online transfer from their bank (details on the left column); please, kindly add the reference NGA (Non-Gift Aid)	