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St Peter and St Paul

30th June 2024

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These two apostles who have gone before us, 'marked with the sign of faith', are not remote and distant. They are the foundations of our community today as much as when they first heard the call of the Lord. In the vivid words of Paul and in the very human example of Peter these great men live on, and we know they still pray fopr us, their brothers and sisters, in the presence of God.

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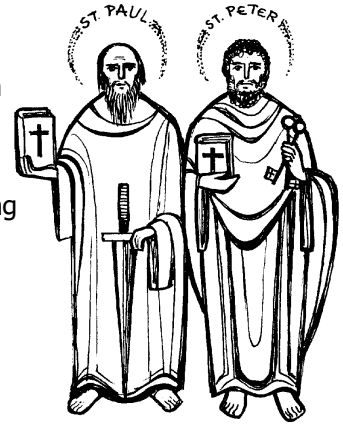
For the time being, we will suspend the celebration of the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on a Saturday evening.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 30th June	**St Peter and St Paul**	9.15am Marilyn Haughton
		11:00am People of the Parish
Sunday 7th July		9.15am People of the Parish
		11.00am Robert Keating RIP



All Masses will be celebrated in the Church of St Richard of Chichester, Buntingford

Prayer Intentions. At this time of the year we are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers.

For those who are ill: Sim Tan, Marilyn Haughton,
For those who have died recently: Monica Giles, Robert Keating, Robert Denham
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Danuta Brzozowska

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection £149.45, and for your Regular Standing Orders.

Congratulations. Our prayers and best wishes this weekend to Leah Sexton and James Dean who celebrated their wedding in St Richard's Church at 1.00pm on Saturday 29th June.

Parishioners Details Forms. We are collecting the details of our parishioners so that we can keep in contact with you. Please take one light blue form per household from the porch to complete and return next week.

Counting and Cleaning. We are now looking for volunteers to help to count the collection after mass each weekend, and to help to clean the church so it is ready for mass on Sunday. Please sign one of the list on the table in the font area at the back of the church. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We will be in touch shortly.

Sacraments. If you, or your children, would like to receive the sacraments of baptism, first communion, or confirmation, or if you yourself would like to become a Catholic, please speak to Deacon Paul after mass today to collect an application form.

Catechists. We also need Catechists to help prepare candidates to receive the sacraments. If that is something you have done before, or if you would like to find out more about what it involves, please speak to Deacon Paul.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass offered for an intention, please write the details on an envelope along with your offering and hand it in at the sacristy after mass. Deacon Paul will be able to arrange a suitable date for you.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments after the 9.15am mass this Sunday morning as usual. If you attend the 11.00 mass, you are invited to come early so that you can join us before mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lunchtime Concert. Monday 1st July at 12.30pm in St Peter's Church in Buntingford, with musicians from St Edmund's College. All are welcome.



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THE GENERAL ELECTION

The Cardinal has sent a message to the Diocese.. He writes:

"*The opportunity to vote in a general election is a privilege. You should want to know what your candidate will think and say on your behalf when that candidate gets into Parliament. But I would like to put forward a theme for us all to think about. How do we seek to construct a society in which families can flourish? That's the bedrock – many positive things flow from that.*

There are many good resources that offer guidance on seven key topics of interest to Catholics. The information and guidance can be found on the Bishop's Conference website at cbcew.org.uk/election24/ covering the following areas:

Criminal Justice

Domestic poverty, family life and taxation

Education

Environment

International relations, human rights and peacebuilding

Life Issues

Migration

Please look at these resources, explore them and become a bit more familiar with them so that when it comes the election you've got in your mind what you want to see the next government strive to achieve. My view is that our next government should strive to create the circumstances in which families can flourish."