Mass Times
1st July—7th July

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 1ST JULY	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	SHEILA SULLIVAN **RIP** DEDICATION OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL
TUES 2ND	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DICK HINDE **RIP**
WED 3RD	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JIM WHELAN **RIP** ST THOMAS , APOSTLE
THURS 4TH	8.30 AM	**9.00 AM**	CATHERINE BIRCH **INTS** ST ELIZABETH
FRIDAY 5TH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
SAT 6TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SR TERESA HARRINGTON **INTS** ***FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS*** ST MARIA GORETTI
SUN 7TH JULY		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	TANSLEY FAMILY **INTS** JIM BLUETT **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKDAY MASSES -Starting from the week commencing 8th July, the normal pattern of weekday masses will return to Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday. There will be no Mass on a Thursday.

100 CLUB– This weekend is the final draw for the current year of the 100 club membership. We are now once again signing up for the new year from July to June 2025. Cost is £60 for the year, with a chance of winning £100—£50—£25 each month in the draw. Please see the table at the back of church for further details. All the funds go to the church and you get a chance to win too! If you have never been in the 100 club, perhaps give some thought to joining. Deadline for signing up 25th July.

ROOM TO RENT FOR FRENCH MALE STUDENT SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024? We have been asked if anyone would be able to rent a room to a male French student for the months of September to December this year. The request comes from a couple who are personally known to Fr Martin. If you can help with this request please contact the parish office.

SPUC GUIDANCE APPROACHING THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children have produced leaflets and information to inform voters as we approach the election in our country. SPUC have provided a simple link to contact parliamentary candidates to question them regarding their voting intentions on pro-life issues. Our recent 'Day for Life' informed us that concerted efforts are being made to legalise assisted death and the same is true regarding the decriminalisation of threats to unborn life. The leaflets can be found in the porch. The link to follow is https://www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote

SACRED HEART SCHOOL—RECEPTION Due to a lower birth rate in 2019-20, we currently have vacancies for children starting in our Reception Class this upcoming September 2024. To learn more, please contact our admissions office on 01895 633240 or E mail admissions@shpsruislip.org. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community.

ST SWITHUN WELLS SCHOOL have places available from September in Nursery and Reception years**.** Please contact Mrs Sharp, Admissions Officer on **01895 808194** or e mail **admissions@ssw.school** if you would like to find out more or visit our website. **https://www.st-swithunwells.hillingdon.sch.uk/admissions/**.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection is **Tuesday 9th July.** The food bank have asked for the following items which they are in particular need of: Pasta sauces, Jams/Spreads , Tinned fruit, Rice, Tinned/Mashed Potatoes, UHT milk, Tea/Coffee, long life juices.

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP—meeting next on **Wednesday 10th July** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
29TH/30TH JUNE

6.00 PM RENNA, GEORGE DEMIR **RIP**

9.30 AM ANNABELLE TIMILSINA **INTS**

11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS

Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy, Hilda Minoli and Kitty Power



FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Patricia Dixon

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Kitty Goldie

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this coming week

in loving memory of

ROMAN HENCEL

RIP



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week

for the intentions of

The Gomez and Singarwel Families

Dear Parishioners,

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. These two saints are often referred to as two of the great 'pillars of the Church.' They each played an essential role in the early establishment of Christianity. Peter was a family man, a local fisherman, uneducated and, from what we know about him prior to being called by Jesus, there was nothing that made him uniquely qualified to become one of the pillars of the Church. Perhaps we can consider that Peter's humility may have been a key feature. The first time he met Jesus he fell down at his feet and acknowledged that he was 'a sinful man' who was unworthy of being in his presence. However, later this sinful man was told: *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."* Paul was well educated in the strictest interpretation of the Jewish law and was zealous as a young man. Prior to becoming a convert to Christianity, Paul '*persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it*'. Paul is a most unlikely person to be chosen to be a pillar of the Church, because he so vigorously opposed it at first. What changed these men and made them such powerful instruments in God's plans? Each in their own way was radically transformed by their encounter with Jesus Christ. Simon became Peter as he witnessed the extraordinary love and wisdom given to the world through Jesus. Saul became Paul as he was confronted by the risen Christ on the way to Damascus. Each of these men came to understand that they were saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus and there was nothing more important than sharing this grace with the rest of the world. We too have been called by God to a unique mission within the Church that has not been entrusted to another. In our own way, God wants to use us to reach certain people with the Gospel as he did with Saints Peter and Paul. Let us reflect, today, upon these two holy and unique pillars of our Church. How does God want to use us to continue their mission in this world like them? Let us commit ourselves to this mission so that the preaching of the Gospel and the rock of the foundation of our Church will remain strong within our days just as it was in the lives of Sts Peter and Paul.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

SECOND COLLECTION—there will be a second collection after all the masses this weekend for Peter's Pence.

SVP MEETING The next meeting will be this **Sunday 30th June** at 10.45am in the Library. All welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community.

CTE– Invite you to their AGM, service and social **Sunday, 30th June 4-5pm** in the grounds of St Lawrence church, Bridle Road, Eastcote, followed by refreshments. See posters at the back of church for details.

ST THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY—We had a wonderful parish celebration last Sunday. The weather was amazing, the food was delicious, the Pimm's flowing and the live band playing. Special thanks to Denise, who put together our menu and spent many hours preparing and cooking for the event. Thank you also to everyone who helped in any way from setting up, to clearing away, not to mention those who helped during the event with drinks, food, activities and serving. It could not have happened without your support and the parish are very grateful. We would like to build on the success of this event and plan more in the future but in order to do this, we do need some volunteers who would be willing to help plan social events. Could this be you? More details to follow soon.

PARISH OFFICE– The parish office will be closed from 1st to 8th July.