

EASING OF LOCKDOWN: As the rules slowly change it brings us new freedoms and new challenges. The most important thing is to keep our churches open and safe spaces for the faithful to gather to worship, and this means constant vigilance. In using our churches please keep in mind:

1) RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER: We need to preserve **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**. Please follow the directions of the stewards, and give each other space coming into and leaving church.

2) RESPECT FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: If you are able to come to the grace of Holy Communion remember the guidelines: Holy Communion is received silently in the hands, which should be extended as far as possible in front of you, and you should be holding nothing else in your hands, including for example face coverings or a rosary. You are respectfully asked **not** to wear your face covering when coming to Holy Communion, so that you may worthily consume the Blessed Sacrament. This is why the priest wears his face covering at this point, to maximise mutual safety.

These guidelines are not invented by your parish clergy - they come to us from the bishops and we are all asked to respect them, clergy and faithful alike.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL Tuesday 29 June is the great feast of SS Peter and Paul. In normal times this would be a Holy Day of Obligation, but remember that these obligations are currently only to be fulfilled when we are comfortable with returning to worship. Thanks to the generosity of our volunteer stewards, Mass will be available at St Gabriel's at 10.00am on Tuesday. You can reserve a place [here](#). **"Peter's Pence" Collection:** if you wish to add anything to the annual collection for Papal charities please put it in an envelope marked accordingly and add that to the collection buckets or put it through the door of the office or presbytery.

SEA SUNDAY AND SUPPORT FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Sea Sunday will be on 11th July this year, when we remember in prayer and practical aid the work of the Apostleship of the Sea. To support the charity's work, please go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. To listen to Bishop Paul Mason's Sea Sunday message go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday. If you wish to add anything to the annual collection for the Apostleship of the Sea please put it in an envelope marked accordingly and add that to the collection buckets or put it through the door of the office or presbytery.

STAFFING CHANGES IN THE PARISH: As it was recently later in the year Fr Tom will be moving to a new parish. He is still awaiting to be told where the Cardinal wishes him to serve. We do know that he will be replaced by Fr Chinedu Udo who is currently the Assistant Priest in Enfield. Please keep Fr Tom, Fr Chinedu and Fr James in your prayers during this time.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: As things "open up" there is all the more need to manage the buildings - so we need all the volunteers possible to help with this. It is a bit of an awkward task, but a vital one. If you are between ages 18-70 and can help your parish in this way, please email your name etc to the parish email address.

PARISH OFFICE: The office remains closed to visitors, because the building is not open to unscheduled visits. You can contact the office by the parish telephone number and Cynthia can make arrangements to collect or drop off documents etc on an individual basis. Please respect this and please don't ring the door bell on the way in to or out of Mass.

SPUC ASK FOR YOUR HELP: Please meet your MP to lobby against DIY abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

APPEAL FOR PRAYER FOR LEBANON: The Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Lebanon have asked for prayers and support as the Lebanese nation is facing a serious risk of losing its identity forged by encounter, plurality and fraternity, in the light of an unprecedented political, social, sanitary and economic crisis. Practical support can be given through Aid to the Church in Need.

SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE AT SUDBURY!!! St George's Catholic Primary School, Sudbury Hill, have spaces currently available in Year 2 and Year 4 in this popular successful school. Please contact the school office for further information office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk or telephone the school 020 8422 1272. For families with children not in Catholic Schools, this is highly recommended.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE AT ST SWITHIN WELLS SCHOOL: The school have some spaces in Nursery for children born between 1st September 2017- 31st August 2018

IN YEAR PLACES AT ST SWITHIN WELLS SCHOOL: There are spaces due to families moving out of the area. Please contact Mrs Sharp, Admissions Officer admissions@ssw.school Tel:01895 808194 if you would like to find out more. Applications & relevant paperwork can be downloaded [here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE: The London Jesuit Centre offers: an opportunity for prayer, Saturday Retreats on 2.00-4.30pm. The next one is 19 June.

[Retreats in Daily Life](#) in June and in July.

Brian Purfield's [Introduction to the Bible](#) begins on 21 June. He is offering morning or evening classes. Booking opened.

We are also delighted to announce that, following the easing of lockdown restrictions, the [Heythrop Library](#), one of the largest specialist theology and philosophy libraries in Europe, is now open Mondays to Thursdays.

You can book online for each event via our website: www.londonjesuitcentre.org

REDUNDANCY COACHING: <https://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self Employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. This has been passed on to us by the Diocese of Northampton.

INFO ON THE EU CITIZENS SETTLEMENT SCHEME: Settlement Scheme for European citizens EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK by 31st December 2020 have until 30th June 2021 to apply for the Settlement Scheme. Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their rights to live and work here or access important services such as healthcare. There is a need to continue drawing this to people's attention as we approach the deadline. Older and vulnerable people may require assistance with the online application or not even know that their status is at risk. In many cases their main point of contact with society will be through the Church. Relevant information can be found on the official government [website](#), from the [European Commission](#) or from the charity [Settled](#). *Please note, Irish citizens do not need to apply.*

MESSAGE FROM RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE SUPPORT: **Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many couples.** Retrouvaille is a programme for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 1st - 4th July 2021, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

"JESUS, I ADORE YOU": is a new book of prayers before the Blessed Sacrament for younger children. Available from St Gabriel's office or stewards priced £5.95. A really good teaching resource for parents, especially in this time without public celebration of Mass.

HAND MADE ICON FOR SALE: Cristinel Paslaru, who made the icons of the Baptism of Christ in St Gabriel's and of the Holy Trinity in St Bernard's is a professional Icon Writer from Iasi in Romania.

He has made a new icon of St Christopher (25cms x 12cms) which is looking for a home. His price is £150. Cristi's work is beautiful and of the highest quality. All questions or enquiries to Fr James.



Support our parish.

You can make a donation to the parish by scanning the QR code or making a card payment on the card machine at the entrance of both of our churches.