NEWS
Saints PETER and PAUL, Apostles **28 June 2026**

OUR PARISH NEWS

DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: St Gabriel's: Monday 10.30am - 11.00am
St Bernard's: Thursday 10.30am - 11.00am
Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am

Devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus (First Friday only): St Gabriel's: 10.30am - 11.00am

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday only)
St Bernard's 10.30am - 11.30am

Holy Rosary: Monday - Friday: after Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Friday at 9.40am before Mass

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group: St Bernard's: Monday 6.30pm.

June is the month of Sacred Heart of Jesus

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: £872.31
DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTIONS: £535.50
Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

YOUTH RETREAT on HOLY TRINITY: We will have a day of retreat for all our parish youth on THIS Saturday 27th June 2026 starting from 10am to 4pm at St Gabriel's Church Hall. Come together in faith, friendship and prayer. We will have talks, activities and more praise and worship. You will have a chance to meet other young people from neighbouring parishes. All our confirmation children must attend.

PETER'S PENCE - SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, 27/28 June 2026 we have a second collection for Peter's Pence. This is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable work of Pope Leo, the successor of St Peter. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Join with Pope Leo and be a witness of charity to our suffering brethren.

St GABRIEL'S MONDAY CLUB with COMMUNITY CONNEX: Our St Gabriel's Monday club will have community Connex to help to provide some activities on coming Monday 29th June 2026 at St Gabriel's Church hall from 1pm to 3pm for the elderly of the parish. Community Connex can offer including History and Memorabilia, Slide Shows Quizzes, Music and Arts and Crafts Sessions. Please come and join us.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: Our confirmation children will have a rehearsal on Monday 29 June 2026 at St Bernard's Church, at 7pm, for an hour or so. Both parents and children will attend the rehearsal. Please parents bring your children on time.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION: The celebration of the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation will be on 5th July 2026 at St Bernard's church at 2pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place this year on **Saturday, 19 September 2026.** There will be a bus going from our Church. We have booked a coach! Those who are interested to go to the pilgrimage, please call parish office for booking and further information.

STELLA MARIS / SEA SUNDAY: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

MISSIO RED BOXES THANK YOU! In 2025 our parish raised £1,932.63 through our Rex Boxes and including individuals giving directly. Red Boxes are available from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy at St Bernard's.



QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP: The Queen of Peace prayer group has started their prayers on Mondays at St Bernard's Church at 5.30pm every week. Those who are interested to join them and pray for world's peace, you are most welcome.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE – SVP summer raffle tickets are available for sale from Saturday 20 June 2026, it is £1 per ticket. This contribution goes towards SVP help and daily support to people in need in our community.

CATECHESIS: INFORMATION AND NEWS

BAPTISM of INFANTS: Expectant parents or parents of new-born children are asked to register your name by calling parish office for baptism class.
After attending the baptism class, you can contact Fr Raja, the parish priest after the Sunday Mass or send an email to know next steps to arrange Baptism.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our parish runs RCIA programme for those adults who want to be baptised and to be received into full communion with the Church. We have weekly classes for them. If you are interested, please meet the parish priest to be accepted for the sessions.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:

For the values of Sports - Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations; and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth, the world might grow in compassion

Of your charity, pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, among them:

Peter Woods; Bridie O'Riordan; Catherine Stack; Brigid Smith; Christina Strong; Joseph Baptiste; Colleen Stayner; John Rossington; Sylvie Lobo; Hannah Price; Muriel Steventan; Patrick Hughes; Sebastiano Rato; Chirtopher Strong; Ken & Gwen Owers; Americo Francisco Rodrigues; John Meaney; Dave.

SVP CONTACT NUMBER: The Parish SVP (St Vincent de Paul) Group, in communion with the Parish Team, continues to coordinate the response to the vulnerable in the Parish. Those needing help with practical assistance or just feeling isolated can contact our SVP members on **+447596462206**.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS & CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

Parish office hours: only on **Mon, Wed, Fri from 9am to 2pm**.
Church opening hours: *The church will be opened for prayers, during the Parish office hours and on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am to 3pm*.

THIS SUNDAY Reflection: BEING TRANSFORMED HEARTS

To a disciple who was forever complaining about others, the Master said, "If it is peace you want, seek to change yourself, not other people. It is easier to protect your feet with slippers than to carpet the whole of the earth."

One minute wisdom—Tony de Mello

First reading (Acts 12:1-11): In the first reading, Peter is bound in chains, facing almost certain execution by King Herod. Yet, an angel of the Lord wakes him and leads him past heavily armed guards into the city. Peter thinks that he is merely seeing a vision! When we too find ourselves in dark "prisons" of anxiety, fear, or doubt, it often takes time for us to realize when God is actively intervening in our lives. God frequently breaks through the secure walls we build around ourselves to lead us into a larger, freer life.

Second reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18): If Peter represents the foundation and stability of the Church, Paul represents its restless, outward expansion. Writing from his own impending martyrdom, Paul says, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Paul's transformation from a zealous persecutor to the greatest missionary of the Gentiles shows how God turns adversity into a powerful platform for grace. .

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-19): In the Gospel, Jesus poses the defining question: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter, speaking not from flesh and blood but by divine grace, answers: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus then declares Peter the "rock" upon which He will build His Church. Just as Peter was given the keys to the kingdom, we too are entrusted with the responsibility to unlock the truths of the Gospel for a world that desperately needs hope, mercy, and direction.

Both Peter and Paul experienced radical conversions that shaped their entire destinies. They show us that holiness isn't a "one-size-fits-all" experience. God uses our unique personalities, sensibilities, and God-given talents to serve His Kingdom.

GABRIEL'S TABLE TENNIS CLUB: The sessions are normally on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 to 9pm** at **St Gabriel's Church Hall.** We have started table tennis for youth and children on **Saturdays 1pm to 3pm.** During funerals and hall hired by parishioners, we will not have table tennis games. Come and enjoy the game!



CALLING ALL SINGERS/MUSICIANS! MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS: The one who sings with love prays twice. A GREAT WAY TO OFFER A MINISTRY TO YOUR PARISH IS TO COME AND JOIN THE SINGERS TO LEAD MUSIC AT THESE MASSES. Speak with the clergy if you can offer your talent in this way…and don't be shy!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT: As we are required to provide safe environment for all to worship in our parish. Please parents do not let your children (below 18 years) to use the toilet facilities unattended.

BE AWARE OF EMAIL FRAUDSTERS: There is a rise in scam emails targeting our parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest.
Never to purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means. Please double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office. Please avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: On the 13th May 1917, Our Lady first mentioned devotion to her Immaculate Heart to the children of Fatima saying "You have seen hell, where souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." On the 10th December 1925, Our Lady appeared to Lucia detailing how devotion to her Immaculate Heart was to be practiced. Confession, Rosary, Mass and Meditation are the 4 requirements to fulfil the devotion.



Four Practices to fulfil the Five First Saturday's Devotion:

1) **Confession:** Make a good confession. the Sacrament of Penance helps us to prepare us to receive fruitfully a Communion of reparation, removing those obstacles to our

love for Jesus and Mary".
2. **Communion**. You should attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of offering reparation for the offences against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.
3. **Devote recitation and meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary**: in Our Lady's company: "You can do this any time on the First Saturday. If possible, a special time to do this is after Mass and receiving Holy Communion.
4. **Reparation:** All of the conditions mentioned above – in numbers 1 to 3 – should be fulfilled with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These minimum requirements for fulfilling the conditions of Our Lady's promise to obtain for us "at the hour of death the graces necessary for salvation." We have first Saturdays' devotion to the Immaculate Mary **at St Bernard's Church at 10am.**

OTHER NEWS

PATRONAL FEAST at St John Fisher, North Harrow – A number of events are taking place at St John Fisher, North Harrow to mark the feast of St John Fisher. In particular on Saturday evening from 7pm – 8pm there will be a Catholic storytelling event on witness and faith in the Parish Centre; come to listen to inspiring stories of Catholics from history presented by Kevin Turley; listen, engage and be inspired! Followed by light refreshments. Donations welcome. For more details visit:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrownorth/

ST RAPHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - Applications for Reception 2026-2027
We are still accepting applications for admission to Reception in September 2026. If you have a child who will be 4 years old by 31st August 2026, you are welcome to apply for a primary school place for September 2026. Visit website: https://www.st-raphaels.org/admissions/.
If you would like to book a visit, please telephone the school office (0208 8410848).

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer - Wednesday 24 June 2026
Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests for St Michael's Catholic Grammar School are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Wednesday 24 June between 5pm and 7pm. Headteacher talks will be held at 5pm and 7pm in The Sports Hall.
We have 128 places in each year and are historically heavily oversubscribed with girls who meet the criteria of Baptised Catholic girls from a Practising Catholic

family. Priority for up to 32 places is given to girls who are registered as Pupil Premium with their primary school and meet the Catholicity criteria. Full details of the Admissions Policy can be found on the School's website St Michael's Admissions 2027-28.
The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2027 is now available Year 7 2027. The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School Office is 4pm on Tuesday 7 July 2026.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE for Young Adults (aged 18-35) in Vilnius, **Lithuania** with the Assumption group from **6-12 June**. Take part in the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy, an international Catholic gathering held in the birthplace of the Divine Mercy devotion. **Cost: £600 + travel**. Register by 30th March, for more information visit **www.assumpta-eu.org/divine-mercy-pilgrimage-in-vilnius/** or email rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES 2026:
Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026
Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026
Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Westminster's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has received an overwhelming number of registrations. Registering to book Westminster's packages with Tangney Tours is possible only for paired pilgrims sharing a room. There are no single rooms available. Independent pilgrims are welcome to register formally with us online before making their own independent travel, accommodation and travel insurance arrangements.
Find out more: https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes

VACANCIES: WESTMINSTER DIOCESE HUMAN RESOURCES:
For further details, please visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Sacristan	Stamford Hill	30/06/2026
Parish Administrator (Maternity Cover)	Yeading	03/07/2026
Safeguarding Officer	Safeguarding	05/07/2026
Receptionist & Administrative Assistant PT	SJPC	06/07/2026

OTHER JOB VACANCIES: The Sacred Heart Language College, Wealdstone, has vacancies for a ***Key Stage 3 Pastoral Support (support staff post).*** Full details are available from the websites: www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk and www.blessedholyfamily.co.uk

SOME FINANCE MATTERS:

1) DONATE BY STANDING ORDER: Would you consider donating your offering by Standing Order instead of cash? If so, there's a form in the foyer or just ask for advice from the office or the clergy. Standing Orders make it easier to keep track of your outgoings, easier for the parish to plan what our income is, and easier and more secure as we handle less cash.

2)CONTACTLESS MACHINES:
We would like to invite parishioners to use our contactless (DONA) machine for your contributions. You can contribute your offertory now with Dona app. ***Thank you to everyone for your commitment and generosity.***

DONATION TO THE 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.