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Year A

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

28th JUNE 2020

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

You are Peter and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SOLEMN FEAST OF THE GREAT APOSTLES PETER & PAUL takes precedence over the 'ordinary Sunday of the Year' this weekend, and is a great celebration of these towering figures of the early Church. What they achieved in their 30+ years of ministry between Our Lord's Resurrection, and their martyrdoms in Rome in the 60s of the 1st c. AD, was colossal – between them they evangelized so many people.

THE ARCHBISHOPS OF ENGLAND have written us a [Joint Letter](#) regarding the resumption of public celebrations of Mass which are allowed **from Saturday 4th July**; a copy is available inside your Newsletter. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass **has not yet been restored**, and therefore anyone frail, elderly, or with health concerns should know that they need not come to Sunday Mass yet. Additionally, not everyone who wishes to, can come to Sunday Mass every weekend, because we need to impose a *safe capacity* in the church given the requirements of being sufficiently spaced. The current capacity of the church is 50 – 90 depending on whether people come as singles, couples, or families. Only half the pews are available for sitting in. It may be that at times the doors will need to be closed for Mass if capacity has been reached. Please be aware of this, and do not be upset if you arrive and cannot get in.

In order to mitigate this problem with numbers, I propose:

(1) **Only half those parishioners** who feel it is right to come out to Mass should come next weekend: **SURNAMES BEGINNING A-K** (with L-Z the weekend of 11th-12th July). This will probably have to operate for the foreseeable future. *I do ask you to abide by this*, so as to give everyone equal rights to the chance to attend once more the Holy Mass. Weekday Masses are also an alternative for now.

(2) **I will celebrate an extra 5pm Sunday Mass** every weekend for the foreseeable future. Please use this as an alternative to whatever Mass you might usually attend. Please be flexible.

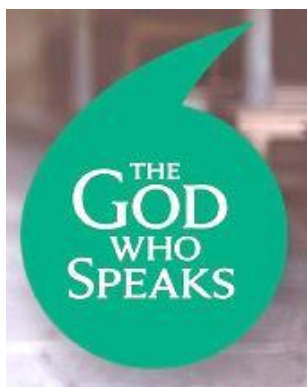
I am grateful to those parishioners volunteering in 2-hr shifts to be present to provide church supervision.

Anyone entering church must: (i) use sanitiser 'hand gel' at the entrance door; (ii) keep at least 2m away from anyone else in church who is not a member of one's household; and (iii) not have any of the classic symptoms of the coronavirus (fever, cough etc.).

May the Lord help us imitate the example of SS Peter & Paul! **Fr Philip**

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 28

Mary's familiarity with the word of God ... is clearly evident in the *Magnificat*. There we see in some sense how she identifies with the word, enters into it; in this marvellous canticle of faith, the Virgin sings the praises of the Lord in his own words ... a portrait, so to speak, of her soul – is entirely woven from threads of Holy Scripture.



PRAYER & LITURGY

LIBERATO REVEGLIA of Brunswick Court, Rawdon Drive, Hoddesdon, died on 5th May, aged 72. His funeral took place on the 29th May.

ROSA RUSSO of Tregelles Road, Hoddesdon, died on 8th June, aged 93.

GIUSEPPE COGNATA of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon, died on 12th June, aged 85.

ALDO MARIOTTI of Bell Lane, Broxbourne, died on the 18th June, aged 81.

Their funerals will be held in private at the cemeteries. Our sympathies go out to their families. *May they rest in peace.*

TILL FRIDAY 3rd OUR CHURCH TIMETABLE is for opening roughly the usual times (8.45am – 7pm) with Adoration at the start of the day and end of the day (8.45–10am; 6–7pm). Low-level supervision operates, to ensure that all is safe: Fr Philip or Fr Joshy, or volunteer parishioners, will be available in church/porch. There are hygienic facilities in place, and distancing (2m from any person other than from one's own household) is to be maintained. After Friday 3rd, the timetable will revert to the near-usual times for Mass & Adoration.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS: Mass will be celebrated by Fr Joshy & Fr Philip in private up to and including Friday.

AFTER FRIDAY (from Saturday 4th July):

- The Cardinal has released a [video](#) that you might like to view regarding the cautious, but welcome, resumption of public Masses.
- *The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended*, so no-one is expected to be at Sunday Mass if they feel it is not yet right for them.
- **SURNAMES FOR Sat 4th (eve) & Sun 5th Masses: A-K only.** Surnames L-Z the w/e of 11th/12th July. Please adhere to this to help give safe space to those attending Mass.
- **Extra Sunday Mass:** 5pm Sunday afternoon for the time being, as long as it is needed.
- The priests and the parish volunteer stewards will have to ensure that those arriving at Mass adhere to the protocols regarding hygiene and distancing. This means that *parishioners will have to be patient with any delays* in entering or departing Mass.
- Sunday Mass will be shortened, to compensate for the other delays and also to give time for sanitizing the church between Masses. There will be no congregational

singing, and no Bidding Prayers. Holy Communion will have to be distributed carefully and slowly.

- *Sunday & weekday Mass can still be followed online* at, e.g. Bishops Stortford <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford> or Westminster Cathedral <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster>.
- *The readings for Mass* can be found every day on the 'Universalis' website <http://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>
- A *video* of my Sunday homily on the parish FaceBook page will be available this w/e, but that will probably be the last: www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon.
- A *resource for daily spiritual nourishment* is the '[Pause for Faith](#)' YouTube channel hosted by Westminster priest Fr Stephen Wang: 30-min reflections, very accessible.

FINANCE

APPEAL FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP: the Finance Committee thanks all who participated in the March 'Planned-Giving' campaign. Please could all other parishioners whose income is not threatened by this virus outbreak consider their regular support for the parish, and maybe increase their giving, doing so by *Standing Order* if possible. Print the relevant inside pages from the [Financial-support form](#) on our parish website, and return the completed form to the Presbytery. The parish relies solely on parishioners' donations. THANK YOU!

BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: those who give via Offertory envelopes can continue to deliver your offering through the Presbytery letter-box. We still rely on your giving! **NEW BOXES FOR APRIL 2020 ONWARDS** available for collection from the Presbytery, if you haven't received yours through your letter-box.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

It is vitally important that we 'look out for one another' in this present crisis. We have a number of parishioners offering to assist with shopping or running errands for anyone who is self-isolating, or elderly and choosing to remain safely at home. PLEASE, if you, or anyone you know, is in need of such help, then phone the Presbytery and we will co-ordinate it.

**PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND,
EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED &
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY
COMMUNION AT HOME.**

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.
Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

"RCIA" / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: classes suspended for now. The celebration of Confirmation will be rescheduled in the autumn. It is now clear that the First-Holy-Communion celebrations also cannot take place when originally scheduled, but it is not yet clear when the children's classes can resume for their preparation.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD. We are one global family. Please will you sign the CAFOD petition to ask the government to work with other world leaders to help the most vulnerable people in our world cope with this crisis? To sign the petition visit www.cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Hundreds of people rely on generous donations to the local FoodBank from our parishioners and other local people. The need is for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of NON-PERISHABLE foods: dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. The FoodBank collection boxes are now returned to the **church porch in their usual place.**

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2020/21: We are still accepting applications for places in our Nursery commencing September 2020. Application forms available from the School

Office or to download from the school website. Visits to the Nursery are – in due course – warmly welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the School Office on 463549 or by e-mailing admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume making house visits when it is safe to do so.

200 CLUB: the June draw for the 200 Club has produced the following winner: no. 139, Irayna Coleman-Green. Congratulations to her!

CHURCH CLEANING – a special rota will be devised now that the church is open again.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

**POPE FRANCIS'S
PRAYER
TO OUR LADY
at this time of the virus
outbreak**



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus's pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 27th June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH Private Mass <i>Rosa Russo RIP rec. dec.</i>	PAGE 170 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 12: 1–11 <i>Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.</i> Ps 33 — From all my terrors the Lord set me free. 2nd Reading: 2Tim 4: 6–8, 17–18 <i>All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.</i>
Private Mass* Enzo & Maria Scozzaro silver wedding	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this Rock I will build My Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!</i>
Sun 28th June SS PETER & PAUL Private Mass <i>Kathy Rourke RIP anniv.</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Gospel: Matthew 16: 13–19 <i>You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.</i>
Mon 29th June Private Mass <i>Kane Glavey RIP</i>	PREFACE TODAY: SS Peter & Paul (p. 69) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Tues 30th June FIRST MARTYRS OF ROME Private Mass <i>Christopher Whelehan RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Gerard McDonagh's intentions</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Zech 9: 9–10 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11–13 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25–30
Wed 1st July DEDICATION OF WESTMINSTER CATH. Private Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP anniv.</i>	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Thurs 2nd July Private Mass <i>Martin Connors RIP rec. dec.</i> Private Mass <i>Jim Connors snr RIP & Jim Connors jnr RIP rec. dec.</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Fri 3rd July ST THOMAS, Apostle <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass <i>Aldo Mariotti RIP rec. dec.</i>	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
Sat 4th July OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary O'Driscoll & Tony Saunders family ints.</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
6.30pm Mass* Nadia Miragliotta RIP	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
Sun 5th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YR 9.15am Mass <i>Karla McGrath</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Parish deceased, April–June 2020</i> 5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	
REGULAR EVENTS	

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*