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YEAR B

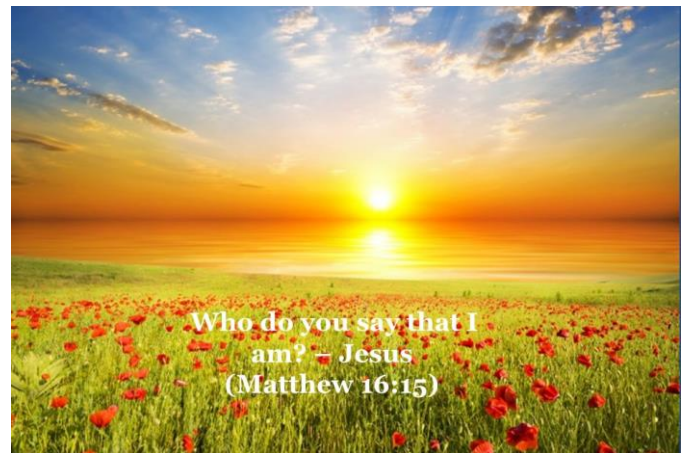
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

30TH JUNE 2024

Gospel: *Matthew 16: 13-19*

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus did not force his beliefs upon the disciples. He encouraged their relationship with him to grow so that they were able to recognise who he really was by gradual and discursive means. Their awareness of Jesus developed over time. Last week we saw how they came to a greater understanding of Jesus' person, by witnessing his authority over natural forces. Acquainted with the Jewish scriptures, they realised gradually that Jesus fulfilled the expectations of the Jewish Messiah. This is what Peter acknowledged for himself and probably the others when he said 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God', in today's gospel. But as yet Peter's conception of messiahship did not accommodate a suffering servant, and he would deny the need for Jesus to suffer. It would be a painful journey for all the disciples to accept Jesus' passion. Only after Jesus' resurrection, and the outpouring of the Spirit, would the disciples come to a greater understanding of who He was. This would go far beyond identifying him as the Messiah to recognising him as the 'I am' of Jewish revelation. Henceforth as his followers took the gospel out into the world, the Church could not be satisfied with anything less than affirming Jesus' divine credentials. On the basis of holy writ and the orthodox teaching of the faith, this meant affirming Father, Son and Spirit as the same God, not least through the very words with which Jesus commissioned the Church to baptise the nations. As we seek to share the gospel with others we should model how Jesus first revealed himself to the disciples. Jesus invited the disciples on a journey of faith. He does the same with us and with those whom he is calling. He journeys with us as we journey with others, and so it is as pilgrims on the way that we are able to introduce Him to others. Our creeds are the distillation of our beliefs, and we rightly recite them when we worship together, yet we can never grasp their perfection unless it is revealed truth. Following Jesus is not like sitting an examination where we have to get it right or else we cannot continue as his disciple. The Holy Spirit makes clear what human wisdom fails to grasp. Also, Jesus' credentials are authenticated by the witness of his life. His actions reflect his words, which is so often different from ourselves. Consequently, the inclination of our heart should be to practice what we preach, and to draw others not to ourselves, but to Jesus and His Church, for it is He who evangelises. God makes up for our own shortcomings. St Paul reflecting upon his own apostolate to the gentiles, said that the Lord stood by him and gave him power. God can only work through the humble, who trust, not in their own ability, but in God's powerful grace working through them. If we asked today's gurus of leadership and management which of the twelve disciples they would choose to be the rock upon which Jesus would build his church, I wonder whom would they choose. Judas has interesting credentials. In the light of Peter's record, they would probably not have chosen Peter. Perhaps even the disciples would have decided against him. It seems that Jesus went out of his way to pick as the chief of the apostles one whose human inadequacies meant that he had so self-evidently to depend upon God's grace. And as for Paul, consider the mercy of God. Is anyone beyond redemption if Jesus can save Paul and turn his life totally around. Let us forgo the thinking of the world, and admit that God's ways are not ours. Jesus said that it was his Father in heaven who revealed the truth of his identity to Peter. The question he posed to Peter and the disciples, 'But you, who do you say that I am?' is one which we will all have to answer. It is not our own wisdom, not the world's thinking, nor the world's religions, in spite of their many noble ideas, which will provide the answer but only the truth sent from above and working through the communion of the faithful on the rock of Peter.



Who do you say that I am? – Jesus
(Matthew 16:15)

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be at 7pm on **Friday 5th July**.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Ian Witham, Abigail Satwick, Antonio Albanese, Maria Nugara and Giuseppe Morreale and Ernest Beades and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Croce Cuffaro, Sebastiano Randazzo, Livia Melillo, Caterina Carini, Allan Connolly, John Jones, John O'Driscoll, Bill Pollard, Maureen Fallon, Nadia Miragliotta, Giuseppe Ferrari, Mavis Sanderson, Christopher Whelehan, Ned and Alice Brien and Mary Kenny. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

MARIA NUGARA & GIUSEPPE MORREALE of Woodlands died recently. Their Requiem will be on **Tuesday 2nd July at 10.30am**.

ANTONIO ALBANESE of Whittingstall Road died recently. His Requiem will be on **Friday 5th July at 1.30pm**.

ERNEST BEADES of Old Highway died recently. His Requiem will be on **Tuesday 16th July at 12 noon**.
May they rest in peace.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will be on **Sunday 30th June & 7th July at the 9.15am Mass**. Adults also welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers

HELPERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9.15am Mass are needed. **If you can help, please do contact the presbytery immediately.** Without more volunteers, children's liturgy may

not be able to continue. Next date: **7th July**.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

will be on **Saturday 21st September**. We have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the Pilgrimage is 'Be it done unto me according to thy word', echoing Our Lady's words at the Annunciation.

The coach will leave the church at 8am, to get to Walsingham in good time for the 12 noon Mass. After lunch, we will walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction in the grounds of the Anglican Shrine. We have a 35-seater coach. To book a place on the coach, please contact the presbytery. The cost of the day will be £35 (£30 coach and £5 pilgrims' levy fee. Payment is not required yet.



WORTH ABBEY: We are hoping to have a parish trip to Worth Abbey, an English Benedictine Monastery on **Thursday 8th August**. The coach will leave the church at 9am and stop off somewhere where you will have time to have a walk and get lunch. We will then travel onto Worth Abbey where you will have the chance to visit the gardens and also the Abbey. We will stay for the Monastic Mass and then leave at 6.30pm. The price of the coach will be £27. If you would like to go, please fill in the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery, together with your money.



HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: 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 Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

CATECHETICS



RCIA: ('Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) continues on the **2nd July at 7.30pm in the crypt**. This is for those seeking full communion with the Church and those who wish to renew their faith. Please do come along.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025: Application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above, or going into Year 9 in September are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. Entry to the Confirmation programme depends on regular attendance at Mass. More details will follow in due course.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ROSARY: CAFOD pray the Rosary every Thursday at 9am via zoom. If you would like to join, please visit cafod.org.uk/rosary.

SCHOOLS

GOVERNOR VACANCY: St Augustine's School are looking for a Foundation Governor (Immediate start). Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. All skills are welcome, including HR, SEND and SAFEGUARDING. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to your local Catholic school, please let Fr Julian or the school know. For more information, please visit



<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/>

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S require a cleaner to start as soon as possible for 2 hours per week. For more info, please contact Lynn by email at staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk or call 01992.460614.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH PICNIC will be held in the Presbytery Garden on **Sunday 11th August 12.30-4pm**. In order to get an idea of numbers, if you would like to attend, please fill out the slip and return it to the presbytery, or just send an email to confirm your numbers. Thank you.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 31st July** from 4.30-6pm in the presbytery.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you've experienced a bereavement please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 5th September at 2pm** in the presbytery.

DAY FOR LIFE collection amounted to £326.82. Thank you to everyone who donated.

THANK YOU: We are very grateful to John Ruane & Ruane Construction Ltd for all the work done in the garden as we now have a wonderful new platform/patio area.



GOOD SHEPHERD COMPANY from the Holy Land, Bethlehem, which is based in Nottingham will be visiting our parish **on the 13th/14th July** to sell their produce. This will include crosses, rosaries, cribs, religious statues and much more. Their goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work as olive wood carvers as it is one of the most important sources of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. So, by selling their produce here on their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities.



CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna, Sophie & Angelo Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

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

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you to all who continue to give regularly by standing order, or by envelopes. For those whose finances are more stable at present,

please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

NO CASH? You can make your offering here by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. Alternatively, there is a contactless device at the left-hand exit door of the church. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.



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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WORTH ABBEY
ON THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST - £27**

Name:

Contact no.:

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:
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PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY
Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 12.30-4pm**

Name:

Contact no:

Email address.....

How many people attending.....

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Your personal details will be held on file until the picnic & will then be destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM
ON 21ST SEPTEMBER**

Name:

Contact no.:

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:
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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 29th June Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 7.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Vocations to the priesthood</i>	Page 172 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 12: 1-11 <i>Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.</i>
4.00pm St Anthony's Procession and Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 33 — From all my terrors the Lord set me free.
Sun 30th June SAINTS PETER & PAUL, Apostles 9.15am Mass <i>Christopher Whelehan RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Ned & Alice Brien</i>	2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 <i>All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.</i>
Mon 1st July DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. 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!
Tues 2nd July 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP anniv</i> 10.30am Funeral Maria Nugara and Giuseppe Morreale RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19 <i>You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.</i>
Wed 3rd July SAINT THOMAS, Apostle 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>John Whelehan RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6
Thurs 4th July Saints Elizabeth of Portugal 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Mary Beary RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Friday 5th July Saint Anthony of Zaccaria, Priest (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Thanksgiving Nsonwah Family</i> 1.30pm Funeral Antonio Albanese RIP- 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass <i>Provvidenza Accomando RIP 1st anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Saturday 6th July Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Deceased members of Stickland & Byrne Family</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 7th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Paul & Deirdre McGrath</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Philomena Robb</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 2nd 1pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 2nd 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	Tues 2nd 7.30pm RCIA, crypt Wed 3rd 6pm Brownies, crypt

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 in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post 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