

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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St Peter and Paul, 13th Sunday (Year B – 30th June 2024)

This Week		
Mon 1230 PM <i>Funeral Mass</i>		Sunday Masses
Tue Mass Cancelled	<i>(10am Funeral Mass at Blessed Sacrament)</i>	Saturday Vigil 6pm
Wed 10am Mass	<i>Followed by Adoration</i>	Sunday 9:30, 11am
Thurs Mass cancelled	<i>Church closed (Polling Station)</i>	Confessions
Fri 10 AM Mass	<i>Followed by Adoration</i>	Saturday 5:30 - 5:50pm (and anytime, as possible, on request)

Peter and Paul have been venerated together, from the earliest times in the Church's Tradition. We hold them with such great honour because they are not simply founding apostles, but in some ways, their respective callings and their experiences are foundational for the Church and our own spiritual lives. Peter, anointed as the 'Rock', was first among the apostles; he guarantees the unity of the Church. In Peter, Christ took Simon, whose name means 'one swayed by the wind' to be a rock which is not destroyed by the powers of hell. Paul, whose name means the 'little one', was born Saul, a fierce persecutor of the nascent Church. But Christ revealed his name to him, changing his murderous fury into the zeal of love, causing him to go around the world, preaching the gospel. Paul exemplifies the Church's missionary nature, it's very reason for existence. They were both martyred, and by their calling laid the foundations of Christ's church. In both these men, God reveals to us his power to transform lives; in the Church they built, Christ has given us a sure foundation, which the enemy cannot conquer and we can flourish in his love.

News & Events

Coffee and cake today after the 930 and 11am Mass. Do come and join in and say hello to other parishoners.

Requiescat in Pace Forthcoming funerals for July: a funeral service for **Christopher Jack White** at 12.30pm, 1st July; **Margaret Walsh** at Blessed Sacrament on 2nd July at 10am.

Church closed The church will be closed on **Thursday 4th July** as the church will be used as a polling station.

New Mass Times in September Just a reminder that we will be trialling new mass times from mid-September. We will be adding an evening Mass at 6:30 PM. Our morning masses will be at 10am and 12 noon. Hopefully this will not be too disruptive for people and will also be a favourable time for families with children.

Are you able to give some time for Children's liturgy? We would love to have a children's liturgy for the 10am mass but require the help of parents and others who can help animate this and help children connect to the gospel in a way suitable for them. If this is of interest, please let us know. We cannot do this without your help!

Coffee Drive – meet Fr Rajiv for coffee! It would be great to find time for coffees during the week with some of you. I can come around to visit your home or we could head to a local café. I'm hoping to meet all my parishioners in the next two years – let's make it happen!

Thank you We made an appeal for more donations given the state of our Presbytery a few months ago and some of you generously responded. Thank you! Fr Rajiv would love to say thanks to all in person – if he hasn't, please do introduce yourself!

Readers and Communion ministers. On Sunday 7th July there will be a training session for **Eucharistic Ministers (2-4 PM)** and **Readers (4-6 PM)**. If you're interested in these important ministries, please get in touch! We're particularly short of communion ministers and readers for the Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass. New communion ministers need to be interviewed by the parish priest so come and chat with Fr Rajiv or Fr Jakob.

An exhibition of photographs and prose, 'The Light on the Water,' by St Johns' parishioner Fiona Campbell Hicks is being held at Farm Street Gallery, W1K 3AH, from **Saturday July 5th until Sunday July 14th**. Centred on photographs of Lake Como and other lakes, the exhibition explores themes of water, death and redemption and is free to visit.

Catholic Job Opportunity to Work with Young People The Assumption Sisters from Kensington are now recruiting a 'Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry' to join their team based in London. (Closing **date 7th July**) Check out the Job Description online: <https://bit.ly/AssumptionYAM> More details are also on our website: <https://assumpta-eu.org/recruiting-coordinator/>

A Day with Mary is a day of prayer, Mass and Exposition based on the message given by Mary at Fatima in 1917. Join the event at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 13 July**, 9.45am to 5pm
Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

The 40th Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life will take place at Walsingham on **Saturday 3rd August**, led by Bishop David Oakley of Northampton. There has been a significant increase in the annual number of abortions throughout the UK as well as pressures to do away with the abortion time limit, to take the Abortion Act outside of the scope of criminal law, and to put in place restrictive measures to prevent public opposition. The pilgrimage will pray for reparation for the sins against human life and to intercede for a change in heart across every part of society. A coach from our diocese will leave from outside Westminster Cathedral at 7.30am. For details, see <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>.

The General Election 2024 The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) offers a guide to issues for the election here www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/.

July is National Picnic Month A great opportunity to get the children off their playstations and enjoy the company of friends and family in the park or the garden.

Care for Our Common Home, Plastic Free July begins on the 1st of July. This initiative occurs on the same date each year, encouraging individuals and communities to reduce their plastic use throughout the month. It's a global movement aimed at raising awareness about the environmental impact of plastic and inspiring lasting changes.

Passage Volunteer Do you feel strongly about helping the homeless? Do you want to make a difference? The Passage, a charity that helps the homeless, is looking for a Church Appeals Speaker Volunteer to visit churches across London on an ad-hoc basis and make appeals at Mass and speak with church groups. All speaking engagements will be organised in collaboration with our Church Appeals Coordinator and the church itself to ensure that talks fit easily in the speaker's calendar and are planned well in advance. The full description of the

role is available at [Church Appeals Speaker Volunteer – The Passage](#). To find out more or to apply, please get in touch with Max Elgot at max.elgot@passage.org.uk.