

Our Lady Help of Christians

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St Peter & St Paul

28th June 2026

PARISH TEAM

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Masses Times:

Tuesdays to Fridays: 10:00 am

Saturday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (Sung Mass)

11:00 am (Family Mass with Children's Liturgy)

Masses during the week are celebrated in the daily Chapel

Church opening hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays

9:30 am to 4.00 pm

LAST WEEK COLLECTION

£ 412.29

STANDING ORDERS MAY

£ 4.133.00

CONTACTLESS INCOME MAY

£ 380.00

Thank you!

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Mt 16:13-19)



Meditation: Today in many churches of the East and West the Apostles Peter and Paul are commemorated. Both were martyred in Rome in the first century. They tirelessly worked for the spread of the gospel, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. They risked their lives in the process and gladly poured out their blood in loyalty to their Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. As Paul so eloquently stated in his second epistle to Timothy, they courageously *fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith* (2 Timothy 4:7).

Who do you say I am?

How firm is your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? At an opportune time, Jesus tested his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am?* (Mt 16:13). Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that Jesus was *the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Through the gift of faith Peter recognized that Jesus was the "anointed one" (in Hebrew and Greek the word is translated as *Messiah* and *Christ*), and the only begotten Son of God sent by the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus then conferred on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build [which Peter describes as a people *redeemed with the precious blood of Christ* - First Letter of Peter 1:19], a church that no powers could overcome. Jesus played on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek.

Spiritual rock and living stones

To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Abraham put his trust in God and made God's word the foundation of his life and the bedrock of his faith. Through Abraham God established a nation for

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himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to proclaim that Jesus was truly the *Anointed One* (*Messiah* and *Christ*) and the *only begotten Son of God*.

The New Testament describes the church, the people of God, as a spiritual house and temple of the Holy Spirit with each member joined together as *living stones* (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into *rocks - spiritual stones*. The Lord Jesus tests each of us personally with the same question: *Who do you say that I am?*

Fr Allan

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 27th	6:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun 28th	9:00 am	Monica Fuentes and Jorge Fernando (RIP)
	11:00 am	Betty Sheehy (RIP)
Tues 30th	10:00 am	Francis Almeida (RIP)
Wed 1st	10:00 am	Fr Peter John Dwyer (RIP)
Thu 2nd	10:00 am	
Fri 3rd	10:00 am	
Sat 4th	6:00 pm	

PARISH ACTIVITIES

CONCERT IN AID OF SANKTUS
Summer Concert

Thursday 2nd July 2026, 8pm
Our Lady Hall, Kentish Town

Aeolian Sinfonia will play an orchestral concert in aid of our parish charity Sanktus (www.sanktus.org), at Our Lady Hall, Thursday 2nd July 2026, 8pm. The program for the evening features: Herold: Zampa Overture and Brahms: Symphony No 2. The orchestra will be conducted by Keith Bramich and Charlotte Harber.
Free entrance. Light refreshments included. Retiring collection in aid of Sanktus.
For further information please contact 07771 600 776 or www.aeoliansinfonia.com/contact.htm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

TEAS after masses in the Don Bosco Hall:
After 9am Mass every Sunday.
After 11am Mass once a fortnight.

REPOSITORY

The repository is open after 11.00 o'clock mass on Sundays. Please note: the repository is cash-only.

PARISH REGISTRATION 2026

We are updating our parish records to get an accurate sense of how many parishioners are currently in the community and who has recently relocated.

To help us maintain precise records and offer better support, we kindly ask everyone to update their details.

Who Needs to Fill Out the Form?

Everyone: Even if you have been in the parish for decades (including those who have been here since the parish moved from Falkland Road) or have just arrived
Families with children: This is especially important so we don't miss you during the key steps of the Christian life.

Please, when submitting your details, use **capital letters** when filling out the form and ensure all contact details (email, phone number, address) are double-checked . Thank you.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Scan the QR code with your Phone

CATECHISM CLASSES 2026

Saturday 4th July

HOLY COMMUNION: Rehearsal in the church, meeting starts at 11.00 am

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

St Patrick's Primary School Nursery is enrolling! We are now offering nursery places for children aged 3-4 years and free full time Nursery Care from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm.

If you would like to book a visit to our school, both for the primary and/or the nursery places, please contact the school office on admin@stpatricks.camden.sch.uk and we would be very happy to meet with you.

Bright Women, Bold Futures

La Sainte Union CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to our upcoming Open Events.

Come and explore our outstanding facilities, dedicated careers centre and learn about our inspiring work in STEM and the Performing Arts. Meet our passionate staff, speak to current students, and discover how we support every girl to achieve her bold future.

Open Evening: Tuesday 29th September 2025 4pm-7pm (no booking required)

Open Mornings: Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October (book on website)