



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
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3rd September 2023 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time–Year A

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of
Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am
10.30am Family Mass
12.30pm in Spanish

Confessions

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm
Or by arrangement

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Monday—Friday 9:15am
Sunday-8.30am

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Dear Friends,

Saying goodbye is never easy, but at certain moments in life this must be done. This weekend is such a weekend, as I say goodbye to you, and leave for the parish of Enfield later this week.

In last week's Gospel reading and this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is talking to Saint Peter about the Kingdom of Heaven. When it comes to the Kingdom of Heaven, we cannot think about it as it being a distant place that we will only discover after death. I cannot help but see that my time here in Pimlico has afforded me the great privilege of seeking this very Kingdom with all of you.

The kingdom of heaven is deeply mysterious. Seeking the kingdom of heaven is like following a river. Much of its course glides on beneath the ground unseen, and then at times it comes to the surface in all its greatness, for all to see. A lot of the time we are unaware of the kingdom, but at times we catch its reflection in the faces of one another. I have seen this reflection of the kingdom in your faces during my time here in Pimlico. Each of you have transformed me in some way and I thank you for it.

As you know priests move from parish to parish. It is part of their service to the church, to go wherever they get sent. This is and will be maybe at times somewhat daunting, but nevertheless it is necessary. Especially as a newly ordained priest, moving to a new parish will bring pastoral freshness and new experience which I need in order to grow as a priest. In essence, moving to a new parish is about nurturing the spiritual growth of both the priest and the parish community, that is the parish he leaves behind and also the new parish he goes to serve.

In the tapestry of our parish's life, there are threads woven by the hands of those who tirelessly dedicate themselves to the well-being of our spiritual home. Father Pat, Father Charles and Sarah have been these master weavers for me, ensuring that every fibre is secure, every knot is tight, and every stitch is applied with care to create a beautiful work of art that I consider the parish of Holy Apostles Pimlico to be. I thank Fr Pat, Fr Charles, Jan and Sarah especially for making my time here so wonderful, first as a parishioner and then as a student to the priesthood.

I am too junior in my ministry to give you words of advise. But what I can say is that I am ready to start my ministry as a priest. What I do firmly believe is that the future of our church is bright and beautiful. I would not have become a priest, if I did not believe this! So let us all continue to work as Saint Teresa of Calcutta used to put it on 'doing something beautiful for God with our lives'.

As I go to my new parish, know that you at Holy Apostles will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you,

Fr Patrick van der Vorst

Announcements

Please pray for: Gladys Rodriguez age 56 of Wilkins House, Churchill Gardens whose funeral will be on Tuesday 5th September at 10.00am, There will be a reception in the parish hall at 2pm that day & the family are inviting anyone who knew Gladys to attend. Please pray also for **Andrew Purves**, funeral details later. **May they rest in peace.**

First Communion programme for children in Year 3 or older as at September 2023 will commence on the 17th September 2023. Please download an application form online or pick one up from just under the lectern in the Church and return to Sarah asap, **BUT by the latest next Sunday 10th September.**

Welcome back to all of you who have been on holiday, we hope you had a good summer and have come back refreshed! You have been missed.

Fr Pat's retirement : We want to assure you that there will be an opportunity to celebrate Fr Pat's ministry, when the time is right and we can do it properly. In the meantime please let us all keep him in our prayers.

Our new parish priest Father Chinedu Udo. Will be taking up his position here at the Holy Apostles from next Saturday the 9th of September 2023, He comes to us from Tollington Park and is very much looking forward to meeting us. He hopes he can rely on our ongoing support and we must make sure we give him a good Pimlico welcome!

Thinking of decluttering? How many of us have old iPods, MP3 Players and Digital Camera's we no longer use in drawers at home? Why not donate these to CAFOD along with Jewellery (including broken), Games consoles, Tablets, old Mobile phones, SLR cameras and laptops? In doing so CAFOD will earn some cash and avoid the increase of landfill which is damaging Gods Creation. Please put these in the box at the back of the church or deliver them to Sarah at the Priests House.

Justice & Peace bidding Prayer: Mental Health— Mary Gilhooly— We pray for all people experiencing mental health difficulties especially young people who feel lost and afraid. May they find help and understanding and realise that they are not alone.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at St John Fisher RC Church, 80 Imperial Close, North Harrow, HA2 7LW on Saturday 9 September from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for July came to £6478.00. The Loose plate including Dona contactless payments for July was £2765.60 & the Offertory envelopes for July came to £1257.00. Thank you all very much indeed.

If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

The best way to support the parish is by standing order, you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the “Donate” button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils) These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school. Thursday 14th September 2023 & Tuesday 19th September 2023. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. Full details are available on our website <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>

Run for JRS UK at the London Marathon 2024: If you'd like to run the iconic London Marathon in 2024 and fundraise for refugees and asylum seekers, why not run with JRS? You can find out more and apply at www.jrsuk.net/london-marathon/. The money that you raise will go directly to supporting destitute refugees and asylum seekers in the UK

Action Prayer : In this week's gospel, Jesus is explaining to his disciples that the will of God is different from the will of man.

Peter's immediate reaction after Jesus reveals his future suffering and death, is to object and not want our Lord to suffer. Sometimes, in our lives, it's hard to understand why bad things happen to good people. In Jesus' case, we have the advantage of hindsight that he needed to fulfill prophecy etc. Our Action Prayer this week is to pick a situation that just didn't seem fair or make sense to us. In a meditative prayer ask God, please, for further insight and understanding of why this might have happened. Even if all that happens is a sense of peace, that is an answer