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SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES 30TH JUNE 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today we remember Saints Peter and Paul: two men so different, and yet so profoundly one in their faith, in their love for Jesus and his Church, in their Apostleship, and ultimately in their martyrdom in Rome. Two men certainly not born equipped to serve God, but who became equipped by Jesus himself with the grace necessary to become the human foundations upon which the whole of the Roman Catholic Church stands.

Peter is the “rock” on which Christ built his Church. Recorded in the gospels as betraying Jesus three times in one eventful night, who finds it so difficult to abandon kosher food and eat with non-Jews - this same Peter, a poorly-educated fisherman, prone to outbursts and weak under pressure, is the rock. His great capacity for love made Peter the perfect candidate for Jesus’ call. Paul was a fiery, intellectual Pharisee who life had been persecuting Christians in Jerusalem. But his experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made Paul one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors the Church has ever known. Christ saw that Paul’s very strong personality was needed to help the Jews to accept that Jesus was the Saviour of all, and to initiate the Church’s outreach to the Gentiles.

We must ask ourselves: if a denier and a murderer can be transformed by the mercy of Jesus Christ, why can’t I? Why can’t Jesus be calling me to do great things in my family, my workplace, my parish, my community, my country, my Church? Peter and Paul became apostles not through their own merits, but through their experience of Jesus’ mercy. We don’t have to be perfect for God to work through us - both our talents and our weaknesses can become God’s means of helping others, if we allow. May God grant us the grace we need to constantly renew and transform our lives with the great hope we find in Peter and Paul, two unlikely men called by God to do great things.

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Entrance Antiphon:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

1st Reading:

Acts 12:1-11

Response to Psalm:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-19

Communion Antiphon:

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Next Sunday’s Readings (at the Mass during the day)

Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12. 17-20 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £316.13; Loose Plate: £360.97; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1380.18**

Mill End: Envelopes: £228.50; Loose Plate: £88.51; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £493.97**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of May - **£2510.50**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 30TH JUNE	11.30am 12 noon 12.30pm for 1.00pm 12.45pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms Family BBQ Baptisms	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 1ST JULY	10.30am - 12.30pm 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist
TUE 2ND JULY	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Registration for First Holy Communion - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 3RD JULY	10.45am	Funeral - James Rudd RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 4TH JULY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 5TH JULY	10.30am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 6TH JULY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 29TH JUNE <i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</i>	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Denis Watters RIP
SUNDAY 30TH JUNE <i>SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Abraham & Beta Netto RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Fr Denis Watters RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 1ST JULY <i>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL</i>	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
TUESDAY 2ND JULY	9.30am Herbert Whalan RIP		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY <i>ST THOMAS, APOSTLE</i>		9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
THURSDAY 4TH JULY	9.30am Fr Denis Watters RIP		
FRIDAY 5TH JULY	9.30am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 6TH JULY	10.00am For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	6pm (Vigil) Fr Denis Watters RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 7TH JULY <i>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Paul Netto RIP 6pm Natasha Gladman RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Desmond Jenkins RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend and Maureen Douglas.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray; John Connor, Michael Dixon, Mary Gardner and Robert Gibson.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Betty McGuinness, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams, Paul Kennett and Ann Penn (please, no phone calls)

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

JAMES RUDD RIP

The funeral of James Rudd will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 10.45am on **Wednesday 3rd July**, followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a catholic? Are you a baptised catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to complete your initiation? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes', please drop me an email and we can have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step. *Fr Shaun*

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Registration of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 will take place in July 2019. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2019 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd July – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Wednesday 10th July – St John's Church, Mill End (in the church) – 3.15pm to 4.30pm

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance. There will be no First Communion preparation or First Communion Mass at St John Fisher, Chorleywood in 2020. Please see the Chorleywood section (back page) of the newsletter for further details.

BARBARA FLYNN - 70TH BIRTHDAY AFTERNOON TEA

On **Friday 5th July** beginning at 4.00pm until 7.00pm we will be celebrating Barbara Flynn's 70th birthday with an afternoon tea in St John the Evangelist's church hall. All who know Barbara are very welcome.

THREE PARISHES WALKING GROUP: IMPORTANT CHANGE OF VENUE

Sadly Bill is unwell at present and will not be able to lead the next walk on 13th July. Jeremy Blayney has kindly agreed to lead a beautiful walk along the Ivinghoe Beacon Ridgeway and through the Ashridge Estate. It's a 10 mile circular walk starting in Aldbury with a few steepish climbs and descents. We will stop for refreshments at the Bridgewater Arms in Little Gaddesdon before returning to Aldbury. Park in Aldbury Car Park in Stocks Road HP23 5RU to meet in the village by the pond at the later time of 10am to allow for travel. Everyone very welcome. Any queries please contact Angela awmdumughn@yahoo.co.uk

SEMINARIAN SUMMER PLACEMENT – SEPTEMBER 2019

From 31st August until 27th September 2019 we will be joined by Alex Balzanella. Alex is a seminarian for the Westminster Diocese, in formation at the Venerable English College in Rome. Alex will be ordained to the diaconate in Rome on 14th July 2019. We pray for Alex as he prepares for his ordination to the diaconate and we look forward to welcoming him to our parishes at the end of August.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We are having annual training for anyone interested in becoming an altar server. This is open for all those who have received their first Holy Communion. Revised training dates are as follows:

- Our Lady Help of Christians - **Sunday 14th July**, 4.30-5.30pm

If you are interested in coming to the training, please, email Fr Damian to confirm your attendance. If you are interested, but unable to attend, please, email Fr Damian to discuss other possible arrangements.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LORETO, RAVENNA, BOLOGNA AND FERRARA

There are still places available on the parish pilgrimage to Loreto, Ravenna, Bologna and Ferrara from 28th September to 5th October 2019. Unfortunately we don't have any single rooms left, but twin room and doubles are still available. We currently have 20 parishioners signed-up for the pilgrimage - it would be wonderful if we could reach 24 or even 26! Pilgrimage brochures and booking forms are available in each parish this weekend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - Please collect from the presbytery (week days 9.30am to 2.30pm). Thank you.

MUM'S CONNECT - 10.30AM TO 12.30PM IN ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S CHURCH HALL

Come and join our friendly group! Plenty of toys for the children and cake and chat for the mums! If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Boshoff on caitbos22@gmail.com or 07484 754843.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

We are looking for additional people to join our team of adult leaders working with children in any of our three sections Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. ***This could be your opportunity to make a difference for the young people of the parishes.*** New leaders will have plenty of support from the other leaders within the Group. If you would like to know more about what is involved in a leadership role, please contact our Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran at 6thRickySeaScouts@gmail.com or call 07792 103736. For places in Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, please register your interest via our website: www.6thrickyseascouts.co.uk

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

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READERS AND WELCOMER'S

Copies of the rota for July - September are available now at the back of the church for those of you who haven't already received it by email.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 30th June** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Kerry at the parish office if you would like to book the hall.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2020

We are very blessed to have Elena McBride preparing the children of the parish for 1st Holy Communion. Elena has requested a year off from running the 1st Holy Communion programme for 2019/2020. Consequently, there will be no First Holy Communion preparation or 1st Communion Mass at St John Fisher for 2019/2020. Any children wishing to make their 1st Holy Communion in 2020 will be invited to undertake their preparation at either Our Lady's, Rickmansworth or St John's, Mill End and to celebrate their First Holy Communion in whichever of those parishes that they are being prepared. Please see further details on the inner page of this Newsletter about how to register for First Holy Communion in 2020. First Holy Communion preparation and celebration at St John Fisher will resume in 2020/2021. Thank you for your understanding.

ST JOHN FISHER FAMILY BBQ - SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 12.30 FOR 1PM.

Please come along to the Parish's annual BBQ to enjoy the good food, and company of fellow parishioners.

CHORLEYWOOD CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE AGM - 4.00PM THURSDAY 4 JULY, FLORENCE BROWN HALL, HILLSIDE ROAD

You are warmly invited to the AGM where tea and coffee will be available. If anyone has any questions or suggestions about Christian Aid Week in Chorleywood, or if anyone would like to join the organising committee, please do come along. Everyone is most welcome.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
29 & 30 June	M Bychawski	A Roberts	M Latimer	U Lean	L Munro	F Holly	Una & Marguerite	J Whelan
6 & 7 July	E O'Sullivan	E Page	P Goble	J Hale	H McGrath	J Hale	Francis & Kate	

NOTICES

CHURCHES IN CROXLEY GREEN

Are holding a fundraising concert on **Saturday 6th July** at 7.30pm at All Saints Church Hall, Croxley Green. Admission £5.00 / Concessions £4.00 (concessions for full time students, unemployed and over 60s). Tickets available from All Saints Church, Croxley Green; Croxley Green Baptist Church; St Oswald's Church; St Bede's Catholic Church and Croxley Methodist Church. An evening of rock and pop songs, live band and community choir. All proceeds go to the Parish Nurse Project.

CARITAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY – SATURDAY 13TH JULY, 9AM-12PM.

On Saturday 13th July, Caritas will be holding a gathering at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Waltham Cross, EN8 7DP. The gathering is an opportunity for Hertfordshire-based parish groups and social action projects to learn about Caritas Westminster, network with other organisations and recruit volunteers. If you are an individual, it is an opportunity to learn about projects local to you and find out about Caritas' work across the Diocese. We will also be running the Universal Credit Savvy course on the day. Please join us from 9am-12pm. Contact francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk for more information. Visit tinyurl.com/caritascommunity to book your place, or search for 'Caritas in Your Community' on Eventbrite.

THE PASSAGE GARDEN PARTY FRIDAY - 19TH JULY 2019

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 19th July, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196> or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carkisle Place, SW1P 1NL. Tel: 020 75921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk

It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.