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Mass this Sunday: Ss Peter & Paul Apostles (C) 30th June 2019

Today's Readings

Acts 12:1-11 The power of prayer brings about the miraculous deliverance of Peter from prison.

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18 Paul is confident that, having tirelessly witnessed to the risen Lord, his reward will be eternal glory with Christ in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-19 Peter's profession of faith in Christ makes him the solid foundation on which God will build up the Church.

Mass this week

Saturday 29th 6:30pm

Sunday 30th 9:00am

Tuesday 2nd 10:30am
7:30pm

Wednesday 3rd 9:15am

Thursday 4th 9:15am

Friday 5th 9:15am

Weekday

St Thomas, Apostle

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Intention

For Our Parishioners

In Thanksgiving for the First Holy
Communion Catechists & Fr Philip
John Graham (Intention)

Fr William M Brown RIP

The Church and People of India

The Church and People of the USA

Fr Joseph Anthony Carr RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for those assisted by Peter's Pence

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £405.06 about £600 each week in bank standing orders from parishioners. Text Giving if you wish to support the parish by giving £5 via your mobile 'phone, just text PARISH ROYST to 70800.

CWL Coffee Morning The CWL will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses **this** weekend. There will also be a cake stall. This will be our last coffee morning before the summer break - please come and support us.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury Please sign up as soon as possible! We shall leave at 8:45am and return (hopefully) by 6:30pm. We shall celebrate Mass in the Cathedral, there will be time to explore Canterbury, as well as attend Evensong. The cost will be £25 for adults, £15 for children, which includes both transport and entry to the Cathedral. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Sunday July 14th Parish AGM and Barbecue

Parish AGM: from 11:40am If groups in the parish could please prepare A3 presentations on their work over the last year and their plans for the year to come, then these can be displayed in the Hall. There are THREE vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council. We also need a new representative for Churches Together in Royston and District, who is *ex officio* on the PPC. Nomination forms are at the back of Church or in the Sacristy. These will be elected at the AGM

Parish BBQ: from 12:30pm The plan is for the parish to sell (at reasonable cost!) simple grilled food and drinks but it would be appreciated if people could bring to share salads and desserts. Volunteers are needed to help cook etc and maybe to organise games and other family friendly activities.

If you are willing to help please see Fr Philip, Anita McHugh or Wanda Koslowska.

New Servers There will be a training session for new servers at 4pm on Wednesday 3rd July. If this is not convenient please see Fr Philip and other times can be arranged.

Children's Liturgy Help Needed Due to natural turnover, we have a need for more volunteers (leaders and helpers) for our Children's Liturgy ministry at the 10:30am Sunday Masses. **Could you help?** You'd be part of an enthusiastic and dedicated group delivering the programme, which makes a real difference to our children's spiritual growth. The commitment would be about once per half-term, and all training and support is provided. If you could help us by participating in this important ministry, please get in touch with Hans Pung (07976 218165 / hans_pung@yahoo.com) or Andrew Reeve (thereevefamily@hotmail.co.uk). Thanks!

Offertory Envelopes If you have not collected this year's box, please ask the Sacristan to retrieve it from the cardboard box in the Sacristy (before or after Mass).

Moved Home Or Changed Telephone Number Or E-Mail Address? Don't forget to inform the Parish Secretary. If you enrolled for Planned Giving, Lawrie Fernee will also need to know. Please advise by email to lfernee@btinternet.com or telephone 01763 243395.

Taybeh - Little Lamp Of Peace On our high altar stands a little lamp of peace. The Peace Lamp initiative, which was launched ten years ago, makes use of an abundant local product – olive oil – to promote peace and justice in the Holy Land. The project is run by the Olive Branch Foundation, the olive tree itself being a symbol of peace and prosperity. The olive industry is an integral part of Palestinian tradition, identity and economy and in the occupied Palestinian territories the olive oil industry makes up to 25% of the region's agricultural income. The dove shaped lamps are produced in a workshop in Taybeh, providing jobs for 20 young men and women. The goal is to place a Peace Lamp, with accompanying olive oil and a small candle, in every single church in the world, there is a lamp in St Peters in Rome and to unite as many Christians and people of faith in a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July:

The Integrity of Justice That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Caritas in Your Community 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. 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.

The House of Prayer meets on Thursdays, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive. New members most welcome.

Coin Collection: The school and church will be jointly fundraising to help with the celebrations of the Church Centenary and the school's 50 years. We hope to create a large outline of both the Church and the School, then fill them in with coins; these can be either UK or overseas coins. There is a bucket in the Sacristy to collect your donations. Thank you

Volunteer Counters We still need more volunteer counters. The counting is normally done on Monday morning but if counters are available for other times we might be able to plan around that. Please see Fr Philip if you can help

Key Holders If you hold a key to the Sacristy, please could you let Sharon in the Parish Office know as we are compiling an up to date list of key holders. Many thanks.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Jo Friday – Sharon

Our second collection today, Peter's Pence, is one of the oldest charitable collections in the world. Through the generous contribution of the Catholic people, the Holy father is able to assist many in need throughout the world. Pope Francis has said: "Faced with the cry of hunger of many brothers and sisters in every part of the world, we cannot be detached and calm spectators. The proclamation of Christ, Bread of eternal life, requires a generous commitment of solidarity toward the poor, the weak, the least ones, the defenceless." (Angelus, 29 July 2018)