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Mass this Sunday: Sts Peter & Paul (B) 30th June 2024

Today's Readings

Acts 12:1-11 Guided by an angel, Peter miraculously escapes from prison.

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18 Paul declares that the Lord has always stood by him and has given him the power to proclaim his whole message to the world.

Matthew 16:13-19 Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah; and Jesus proclaims that he will build his church on the rock that is Peter.

Mass This Week

Saturday 29 th	6:30pm
Sunday 30 th	9:00am
	10:30am

Intention

For Our Parishioners
Elizabeth Matthew (anniversary)
Pope Francis

Tuesday 2 nd	6:00pm	Weekday
Wednesday 3 rd	9:15am	ST THOMAS
Thursday 4 th	9:15am	Weekday
Friday 5 th	9:15am	Weekday

Peace
In Thanksgiving
The General Election
Carers

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Planned Giving Please use these next few weeks to prayerfully consider how you can best offer your time, talents and treasure in the ways that are right for you.

Praying with the Bible since prayer and bible both came up strongly in our survey for formation events, we shall have an afternoon on the topic of *Praying with the Bible*. This will involve some input but also a number of prayer experiences. This is part of our promise to provide opportunities for recollection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers but the afternoon is open to everybody and all are welcome. It will begin in Church at 3pm on Saturday July 13th and will conclude with exposition

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. Sign up sheet and current details in the Sacristy. More details, especially more accurate prices, will follow once the airlines are able to give us a quotation.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. We have now heard back from Letchworth regarding costs for the coach and pilgrim levy. Prices work out at £25 per adult and £15 per child aged 6 to 12 years (free for children under 6).

If your name is on the list in the sacristy, please confirm your commitment to attend the pilgrimage by emailing anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk.

Sacramental Programmes As we have concluded the '23-24 round of sacramental programmes, it is now time to look ahead. In the Autumn we will begin the next round of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA Adult Baptism and/or Confirmation and/or Reception into the Church. Over the summer we will collect names of candidates, and forms are available in the Sacristy. This is also the time to recruit more catechists and plan our programmes. If you are willing to help as a catechist, please see Fr Philip or e-mail him.

General Election Our Bishops' Conference have released resources to help us understand Catholic insights into seven key issues. A video has been released by Cardinal Vincent encouraging participation in the Election. These resources can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Race For Life This Sunday, eighteen members of St Mary's School staff will be taking part in the Cambridge 5K to raise money in memory of our wonderful colleague, Nicola Rorrison, who lost her battle with cancer a year ago. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, so please sponsor us. Thank you!
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/louises-race-for-life-171529184378>

Children's Fun Day Sunday 7th July (12pm to 4pm) in the parish hall. There will be food, drinks, bouncy castle, games and more. There will be no charge for this, but any donation to cover expenses will be welcome. We will require volunteers to help with various things. If anyone has a BBQ they are willing to lend for the day, any games we could borrow, or would just like to lend their time, please could you contact Anthony Ogwara on 07840 420585 or email anthony.ogwara@gmail.com We look forward to you joining us!

Raffle Tickets We shall be holding a fund raising raffle at the Children's Fun Day. Tickets will be on sale at the end of each Mass this weekend and next. The draw will take place on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date Fr Philip and Jane will have a delayed and anticipated Silver and Double Diamond celebration on **August 18th**. We would like to invite all of you to celebrate with us. And if anyone is willing to help with the day, please let us know.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for July
For The Pastoral Care Of The Sick We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all

Heavenly Father
source of all truth and wisdom, who knows and loves the whole creation,
watch over us at election time:
that truth may prevail over distortion,
wisdom triumph over recklessness
and the concerns of every person be heard.

Lord Jesus,
who chose the way of the cross in the Garden of Gethsemane,
help us to turn our backs on self interest
and to support policies that sustain the poor and vulnerable.

Holy Spirit,
who brought understanding among myriad peoples and languages at Pentecost,
give to all your people a passion for peace
and inspire us to work for unity and co-operation in our life together.

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