



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**



Sun ☒ 28 June	SS. PETER & PAUL APOSTLES Church open 9.30 – 10.30 With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass offered privately	Michelle Mollentze RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
Mon 29 June	Feria	No Mass	
Tue 30 June	Feria	No Mass	
Wed 01 July	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL Church open 9.30 – 10.30 With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass offered privately	For a private Intention
Thur 02 July	Feria	Mass offered privately	Bernadette Pepper RIP
Fri 03 July	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE Church open 9.30 – 10.30 With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass offered Privately	Matthew Rowntree RIP
Sat 04 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary PUBLIC MASSES RESUME	10.00am	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
Sun ☒ 05 July	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish Pro Populo - for the people of the parish Margarita Day RIP anniversary

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for July: Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance. Amen

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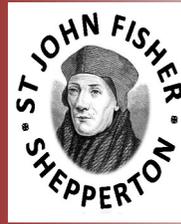
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Sunday 28th June 2020 Ss. PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 13
Divine Office
Week 1



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**
“The keys of
the kingdom”

First Reading: **Acts 12:1-11**

In the first reading, the story of Peter's arrest and deliverance has a miraculous note to it. God seems to be watching over the infant Church with Fatherly care. Peter attributes his personal rescue from danger to God's saving hand. We also notice that this first group of Christians seems to be characterized by a spirit of unity, support, care, concern and prayer.

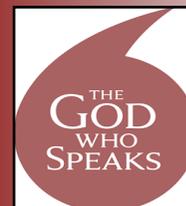
Second Reading: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

St. Paul compares his life to, among other things, a race well run, for which he will be rewarded by the crown of immortality. His success was due to the loving protection of God. Pray that like St Paul you will recognise the good you have done - but give thanks to God for it.

Gospel: **Matthew 16:13-19**

St. Peter was the first to make a profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter also denied Jesus, not just once, but three times, and then professed his love for Jesus three times. He trusted Jesus enough to walk on water in the midst of a storm, but began to doubt when he noticed the waves in the storm. He was a disciple of strength (the rock), of weakness (denial), of love (you know I love you), of trust (walking on water), of doubt (he gets scared and falls down into the water).

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**WONDERFUL NEWS: PUBLIC MASSES WILL
RESUME NEXT SATURDAY 4TH JULY.**

**A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops
of the Catholic Church in England**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that,
from the 4th July this year, places of worship will
be able to reopen for prayer and services. We
welcome this news with great joy. Since the
lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced
restrictions on how they have been able to
celebrate important religious festivals. Our own
experience of Easter was unlike any other we
have known. Now, in our churches, and with our
people, we can look forward again to celebrating
the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy
Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for
individual private prayer was an important
milestone on our journey towards resuming
communal worship. Our churches that have
opened have put in place all the measures
needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission
are minimised. This includes effective hand
sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We
remain committed to making sure these systems
of hygiene and infection control meet
Government and public health standards.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic
community for sustaining the life of faith in such
creative ways, not least in the family home. We
thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully
for their people, and for the innovative ways in
which they have enabled participation through
live-streaming and other means. We are grateful
for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those
for whom this time of lockdown has been
especially difficult, and, in particular, towards
those who have been bereaved. We recognise too
the chaplaincy services that have played a vital
role in supporting those most in need. Gaining
from the experience of all that we have been
through, and bringing those lessons into the
future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with

congregations, we tread carefully along the path
that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by
the experience of the pandemic and it is clear
that we cannot simply return to how things were
before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord
Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to “do
this in memory of me.” We must now rebuild
what it means to be Eucharistic communities,
holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the
same time exploring creative ways to meet
changed circumstances.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the
obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains
suspended. A significant number of churches may
remain closed as they are unable to meet the
requirements for opening for individual prayer.
Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for
any church opening after the 4th July for the
celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the
number of people who can attend Mass in our
churches. This will be determined locally in
accordance with social distancing requirements.
We therefore need to reflect carefully on how
and when we might be able to attend Mass. We
cannot return immediately to our customary
practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a
moment when we are going ‘back to normal.’

We ask every Catholic to think carefully about
how and when they will return to Mass. Our
priests may need to consider whether it is
possible to celebrate additional Masses at the
weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation,
we ask you to consider the possibility of attending
Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of
numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a
gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Moving forward, there will still be many people
who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore
ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-
streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who
remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for
those unable to leave home because of advanced
age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some
differences in how the celebration takes place.
For the time being, there will be no

congregational singing and Mass will be shorter
than usual. None of this detracts from the
centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ
in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and
follow the guidance that will be issued and the
instructions in each church.

“As I have loved you,” said the Lord Jesus, “so you
must love each other.” (Jn 13:34) The lockdown
has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of
loving kindness, from Catholics across our
communities as they have cared for the needy and
vulnerable. We have seen love in action through
charitable works, and through the service of many
front-line keyworkers who are members of our
Church. Now we can begin to return to the source
of that charity, Christ himself, present for us
sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in
Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again
to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come
together in thanksgiving to God for the immense
gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ
Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of
Westminster (and others).

WE CONTINUE TO MAKE PREPARATIONS for the
Public celebration of Mass, but as the Cardinals
letter states: *This next step is not, in any sense, a
moment when we are going ‘back to normal.’* The
restriction of parishioners allowed into the
church at any one time will mean that some
people will be disappointed if they can’t get to go
to their usual Mass or even to sit in their familiar
place with others. But remember that the
obligation to attend a Mass on Sunday has been
lifted during the Pandemic, so it might well be
easier for you to attend a weekday Mass?

We are awaiting guidance on whether ticketing or
pre booking will be required to help with the
Masses, but there will be more information as
soon as we are told. Feel free to wear face
coverings and gloves as you wish. But if you are
feeling unwell and especially if you have Covid 19
symptoms please remain at home. You will be
asked on arrival to use the hand sanitiser
available. Currently we know that congregational
singing is suspended, as is sharing ‘the peace’.
Holy Communion will be distributed under one
kind i.e. the Body of Christ on the flat palm of the

hand. The Mass will also be shorter in duration.
We are not permitted to open our toilets or the
hall or sacristy at this time. If you are lighting
votive candles please use the sanitiser before and
after using the tapers.

In these challenging times, please be kind and
understanding to those of us who are trying to
implement the new guidelines, which are there to
reduce risk and to help us all. Over the weeks
ahead we will be indebted to our door stewards,
because without their volunteering, our church
Masses would remain behind closed doors. If you
can offer to help then please do so, because we
have to think for the long term going forward.
Many thanks. Fr Shaun

**CATHOLIC VOICES SURVEY ‘CORONAVIRUS,
CHURCH & YOU’** Catholic Voices is collaborating
with researchers as part of a major survey
assessing responses to the Covid-19 crisis among
Catholics in the UK. This survey, which will form
part of a wider survey of UK Christian responses to
the present crisis, is intended to capture
Catholic experience and help us understand it
better. The survey takes the form of an online
questionnaire and has already received 1,500
responses and will remain open till early July. Its
also entirely anonymous. Any Catholic living in
England, Wales or Scotland can take part in the
survey. Find out more about the survey here:
<https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

THANK YOU: to the parishioners who have
delivered new plants to the Garden of the
Shepherds this week. They have enhanced the
garden greatly.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Bernadette Pepper, Pauline Bell

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JULY

Mary Ohlson, Joan Blues, Pam Hoghton,
Kitty Bale, Louise Heath (Pepper),
Dermot Rhatigan, Mary Fletcher,
Edward Fletcher, Peggy Rhatigan,
Thomas Schwartz (von Megyesi),
Joseph Reynolds, Bob Keating, Grace Ekkel

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD