



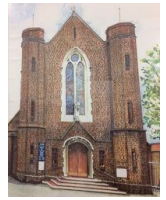
St Joseph's Catholic Church

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

29TH / 30TH JUNE 2024

SS PETER AND PAUL, APP (B) - Mass Book Pg 85

(Acts 12:1-11, 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18, Matthew 16:13-19)

This weekend we take a break from green to celebrate one of the great holy days of the year, commemorating the apostles Peter and Paul. It seems odd that these two men who played such a key role in establishing the church should share a feast rather than each have their own. They are both in fact commemorated by other feast days during the year but this joint feast is significant for a number of reasons. It emphasises both the complementarity of their missions – Peter primarily to the people first chosen by God, and Paul to the gentile (i.e. non-Jewish) world – and the unity of their message: the good news of the one risen Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. It reminds us of their common fate – bearing witness to Christ through blood in the city of Rome. In honouring these great men, we honour God whose grace accomplished extraordinary things in them, and we marvel at the way in which God chooses and uses ordinary human beings in spite of their evident shortcomings. May he also deign to use us to fulfil his purposes!

There are in fact many different ways in which he *does* use us to carry out his work in the world. During June and July we are celebrating different forms of service in our parish community with a series of Thursday evening Masses and social gatherings. This coming Thursday our focus is on the many different groups that exist in our parish engaged in a range of activities, as well as individuals engaged in specific works of mercy. There are so many different groups and activities that come under the umbrella of St Joseph's parish that it would be easy to overlook something, and I apologise if so. What these groups have in common, apart from a link to our parish, is that they include elements of fellowship and outreach. Both are important. Meeting regularly with other Catholics with whom we have a particular common interest is an opportunity to develop deeper bonds of friendship and provide support and encouragement in living out our faith in the world. Outreach – whether that is providing hospitality, companionship, fundraising, or intercessory prayer – means that groups and individuals don't become inward-focused, but instead put into practice the commandment to love our neighbour.

In putting the spotlight on a particular form of service each week, I have tried to do a number of things. Firstly, to thank and encourage all those who are involved. Secondly to highlight what opportunities for service exist in the parish so that we might prayerfully consider if there is anything we could get involved in. Thirdly to show how each area of service relates to our own lives as followers of Christ. All of our parish groups are open to new members and would be happy to tell you more

about what they do – coming along on Thursday might be a good way to meet some of the other members. Of course you don't have to belong to any groups other than the Church itself, but as followers of Christ we are all called to practice works of charity in our daily lives, and to encourage one another in this.

God bless, Fr Matthew

CELEBRATIONS OF SERVICE: During the months of June and July we have a series of special Masses to celebrate the different forms of service within our parish community. This Thursday (4th) it is for those who are involved with the various groups and organisations in our parish engaged in outreach, fellowship, hospitality and charitable activities. This includes SVP, Foodbank helpers, CWL, Catenians, Knights of St Columba, St Joseph's Catholic Club, Mothers Prayers, the Prayer Group, Canterbury Walk, and the Knitting & Craft Group. The following week (11th July) we conclude this series recognising those who enrich our liturgy for the glory of God (servers, musicians and those who clean albs and linens).

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the Parish Secretary will be away from 8th – 23rd July. It will not be possible to respond to any hall booking enquiries or Mass requests during this period.

GENERAL ELECTION: If you haven't done so yet, do take time to read the resources on the Bishop's Conference website (cbcew.org.uk) before Thursday's election, and pray for wisdom and integrity for all taking part. You may like to use this prayer which is used each morning in the House of Commons *"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen."*

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Brian McGilloway, priest of this diocese and Jan Cavalier. Jan's funeral will be held here at St Joseph's on Monday 1st July at 10.15am. The family extend a warm welcome to Jeanette & Derek's friends. May Jan rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Alan has announced the following appointments to take effect from the first weekend of September: **As Parish Priests:** Fr Tony Grant from Canning Town to Manor Park, Fr Gary Dench from Cathedral to Hutton, Fr Jerald Savio Terrance from Hornchurch, St Mary to Maldon/Burnham, Fr John Britto Michael (New to Diocese) to Great Dunmow, Fr Jon Ravensdale (Ordinariate) from Greenstead to Harlow, The Assumption, Fr Alex Garner (Ord, new) to Greenstead, Fr Timothy Ezet (Ord, new) New to Diocese to Chingford. **As Assistant Priests:** Fr Paschal Uche from Chelmsford to Grays, Fr Matúš Meleg from Grays to Cathedral, Fr Frank Westcott (Newly Ordained) to Hornchurch St Mary, Fr Saji Thomas RCJ Basildon to East Ham, Fr Paul Makita SCA from Barking St Thomas More to Barking St Mary & St Ethelburga, Fr Grzegorz Borski (new) to Clacton, Fr Albert Kollemkudy RCJ (new) to Basildon. **The following are retiring:** Fr William Young from Barking St Mary & St Ethelburga, Canon Leslie Knight from Hutton, and Fr John Corbyn (Ordinariate) from Old Harlow.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Please note that there is a second collection after all masses this weekend in aid of Peter's Pence. There will also be a second collection on the weekend of 13th / 14th July in aid of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).

DOM'S ITALIAN SUPPER NIGHT 13 JUL 2024 AT 8PM IN THE SOCIAL CLUB: If you wish to attend please place cash or a cheque in an envelope with names listed on the front and marked ITALIAN SUPPER. £10 a head. Drinks are available for purchase at the bar which operates a card only payment system.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION: An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

CDOT: Voices presents its Summer Concert at St. Peter's: Saturday 6th July in aid of two homeless charities: 'The Passage' and 'Only A Pavement Away' as part of our Live Simply campaign to support those in need. Once again we will be joined by the choir from St. Joseph's Primary School. Adult tickets - £10/Children - £1/ under 5s free. Choir family tickets from St. Joseph's school. Other tickets from Bernadette in the Repository or [07825235717](tel:07825235717).

MOST HOLY REDEEMER PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 3rd July, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

ST JOSEPH'S, UPMINSTER - RECEPTION CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024: There are currently vacancies in the Reception Class starting this coming September 2024. If you know of any families looking for a Reception space for September, please advise them to contact the school office. Some families who are not practising, may have chosen not to apply as they could not complete the Catholic Practice certificate. They would be very welcome to apply. Call 01708220277 for any information or for help with applying.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: Ronald Threadgill, Len Jones, Pauline Duncan, Violet Marsh, Ernest Phillips, Michael Reed, Betty Wellings, Dawn Ney, Mary Singleton, Joseph McConologue, Teresa Faherty, Laurens Pynenburg, Annie Allen, Kim Bateman, Dan Coakley, Annette Collier, Eileen Wennell, Francis Hartley, Alfred Allen, Charles Allen, Edward Caldon, Hanna Hale, Dorothy Moss, Patience Jones, James Cantwell, Ron Gillespie, Patrick O'Donnell, Peter Casey, Peter McComish, Paddy O'Shea, Robert Steeden, Maria Wayne, Michael Hogan, David Murphy, Patricia Hogg, Bernard Goodall, Kathleen Mansell, Frances Thurgood, Barbara Patullo, Ethel Kirk, Pamela Bailey, Margaret Baker, Patrick O'Shea, Hugh Scullion, Mildred Friel, Ellen Ivens, Anita Wolski, Alfred Best, Clorinda Pesci, Hannah Rynne, Dr Kevin McAndrew, Isabel Coleman, Mary Cooper, James Reid, Cornelius Barrett, Michael Mahoney, Beatrice Jordan, Marion McKenzie, Eileen Geddes, Grace Waterman, John Scanlon, Joy Ramsden, Eddie O'Sullivan, Clive Gleeson, Moya Armstrong, Bishop Wall, Denis O'Connor, Eileen Busby, Meryl Gibbs, Anne Tunstill, Betty Moore, Anna Gallagher, Shirley Hartley, Ellen Sharp, Mary Falconer, Sydney Cooper, Catherine Turck, Michael Neary, Joan Heelan, Christina Ritchie, Patrick Monaghan, Christine Mathurin, Eileen James, Margaret Garwood, Nancy Moncriefe, Henry Benjamin, Michael Ferrell, William Cates, Mary Doreen Clark, Rachel Ferrie, Joyce Croly, Patricia Gilbert, James Jinks, Thomas Tinney, Patrick Murray, Roy Hale, John Wooster, Joan Henry, Annie Dawson, Grace Connelley, Tony Nellist, Patsy Fowley, Leonard Tylar, James Cronin, Doris Newman & Kathleen (Kit) Murdock). May they all rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 29th June

5.30pm—6.15pm

6.30pm

Sun 30th June

9.00am

11.00am

Mon 1st July

9.15am

10.15am

Tues 2nd July

9.15am

Wed 3rd July

9.15am

12 noon—1pm

Thur 4th July

9.15am

Frid 5th July

9.15am

Sat 6th July

12 noon

5.30pm—6.15pm

6.30pm

Sun 7th July

9.00am

11.00am

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Paul & Valerie Bemand RIP (Bemand-Qureshi)

SS PETER & PAUL APP (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

People of the parish

Patsy Fowley RIP Anniv. (Bridget)

Pat Monaghan RIP B'day (Sheila & Family)

Funeral Mass—Jan Cavallier

Len Williams RIP (Butler) (With our Year 4 children)

ST THOMAS, AP

Sr Frances De Sales Oakley OSU RIP (Springham)

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Eileen McCardle RIP (Slattery)

Margaret O'Neill RIP Anniv. (Pavitt)

Wedding—Richard Mensah & Sandra Dallah

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

People of the parish

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Eileen Furzer RIP B'Day (Laura)

Dympna (Dinkie) Burke RIP B'Day. (Burke)

USEFUL INFORMATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening 5.30-6.15pm and Wednesday 12 noon-1pm. Confessions also available on request when Fr Matthew is available or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm (except Wednesdays).

Fr Matthew (emergencies—voice only): 020 3332 0486

St Joseph's School - School office 01708-220277

Sacred Heart of Mary School - School office 01708-222660

Baptisms & weddings - please speak to Fr Matthew after Mass

Repository: Saturdays before & after Mass, and Sundays after the 9am Mass until 10.55am

Queen's Hospital: If someone staying in the hospital would like Holy Communion, please contact the lay chaplaincy coordinator Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. In an emergency ask the ward staff to request the on-call Catholic priest via switchboard.

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**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE
EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH, AND PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL
MOBILE TELEPHONES ARE SILENCED BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS**