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Sunday 28th June 2015

Saint Peter & Saint Paul - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

*Sunday 28th June – Solemnity of
Saint Peter & Saint Paul
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:15 (Saturday eve, 27th June)

Len Phillips RIP

8:30 Jim Clark RIP

10:00 People of the Parish

11:30 Sheila Donohoe RIP

(Hymn Choir Singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Nicholas Flynn RIP

(Confirmation Enrolment Mass)

Monday 29th June

07:30 Welfare of Benjamin Ohen

10:00 Requiem Mass for

Michele O'Brien

Tuesday 30th June

7:30 Welfare of Mrs Anne O'Cullaghan

10:00 Vincent Fanis RIP

Wednesday 1st July

St Oliver Plunket,

Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

7:30 Welfare of Mary & Cliff Buckley

10:00 Gilly Fernandes – 80th Birthday

Thursday 2nd July

07:30 Leslie & Florence Bickers RIP

10:00 Welfare of Julie McDonagh

Friday 3rd July

Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast)

07:30 Kevin Hennessey RIP

10:00 Welfare of Martin Bergen

First Friday Adoration until 2:00pm

Saturday 4th July - Our Lady

10:00 Zofia Sommerfeld RIP

Next Sunday 5th July

6:15 (Sat eve) Elizabeth Davies RIP

8:30 Rosita Ugoeke RIP

10:00 Eileen Sage RIP

11:30 John & Jane Windsor,

40th Wedding Anniversary

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 People of the Parish

Daily Mass & Prayer:

Mass: Mon – Fri 7:30am

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

Adoration & Benediction

Mon – Sat 9:30am

Mass: Mon – Sat 10:00am

Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am

Confessions:- Saturday, after 10:00am

Mass, until 11:00am; then in the

afternoon from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, and

at call, provided that a priest is available.

A Thought

Today, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Saint Peter**, the first Pope (his role as the **Rock** now shouldered by Pope Francis) **and Saint Paul**, Apostle to the Gentiles (non-Jews). Saint Peter was, of course, Simon the fisherman, whom Jesus, in recognition of the Pope's fundamental role leading the Church and confirming us in the Faith, renamed Peter (the Rock). Saint Paul, as Saul, a Pharisee, was initially convinced that his mission was to stamp out the Christian Faith, which was regarded by the Jews as a heresy. His very spectacular and sudden conversion, while on the road to Damascus to arrest yet more Christians, led to his re-emergence as Paul, the fearless Apostle of the Lord.

Both these men, in working to spread the Faith, wrote letters to various members of the growing Church over the years, confirming and strengthening Faith, and resolving queries or disputes which arose. Saint Peter is credited with two Epistles, while Saint Paul's output is far more extensive, extracts being regularly read at Mass. In those times, much was passed on by word of mouth as mass-literacy and printing were a long way off in the future.

Both Peter and Paul were to die Martyrs' Deaths. Peter was crucified; humility moved him to request that he be crucified upside-down, feeling unworthy to die in the exactly the same manner as his Lord and God. Paul, claiming the privileges of Roman citizenship, eventually requested to be taken to Rome. Following a further period of evangelisation, even whilst in captivity, he was sentenced to execution by beheading.

Both men returned that 'Love unto death' shown them by Jesus and, in the following centuries, many other men and women, drawing courage from their example, would (and, indeed, still do!) relinquish their freedom and their lives on this Earth, rather than deny the Truth that comes from God. Generally speaking, we are probably very unlikely to be asked to make this ultimate Profession of Faith. We may well, however, need to be prepared to face disbelief and even scorn, for living as faithful Christians. Are we willing to make the sacrifice, not of our lives, but of being well thought of?

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday, 28th June – p 172

(Vigil Saturday 27th June – p169)

Next Sunday, 5th July – p 103

There will be a Second Collection today for "Peter's Pence" (Our apologies for failing to mention this last week). As its title suggests, this collection helps the Holy Father and the Vatican to provide all kinds of assistance to others, such as humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to support the Holy See itself.

Coffee Morning: with our LIFE

Group after the 10:00 & 11:30 Masses, in Aid of Zoe's Place Hospice, Liverpool. Please go to: <http://www.zoes-place.org.uk>; for further information.

Thank You:

The collection for June 21st was **£1962.76**: £1318.56 (baskets) & £644.20 (standing orders).

(Please see Gift Aid Message.)

The **Union of Catholic Mothers** would like to thank all those who supported their coffee morning last Sunday. This raised **£133.20**.

This week:

We welcome Fr Denis Paul, to say the 10:00 and 11:30 masses today.

Father Paul is away until July 17th.

We welcome into the Church,

on Sunday afternoon, through the Sacrament of Baptism,

Olanna Alexandra Chioma Miller.

Corpus Christi Procession today in Clapham Park. Please see poster.

St Bart's Orchestra and Polyphony Choir "Entente Cordiale" concert at St Philip's Church, Beech Road, Norbury at **6:30pm (Sunday)**. Please see poster.

Thursday 2nd July:

St Bart's Parish Playgroup meets in the lower hall from 10:00 – 11:30am.

Next Sunday:

No Coffee morning.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Canon John Naughton**, former Parish Priest of St Andrew's, Thornton Heath, who died on Thursday 18th June 2015, having lately been a resident at St Peter's Residence, Meadow Road, Vauxhall, where he was lovingly cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Details of his funeral will be announced once we receive them.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Mary Ellen Fox, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams & Georgette Yoo Foo.

Please inform us if you know of anybody else who would like to be added to the list of sick and housebound, and if they require a priest to visit.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 5:

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli.

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We are desperately short of cleaners. If you can help, please contact either of the clergy, or the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: July is filling up. Please note that throughout August and in the first week of September, there will only be one Mass said each day, at 10:00am.

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

The current rota runs until 01st/02nd August. Please advise the parish office of any dates on which you will not be available from 8th/9th August to 12th/13th September 2015.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please note that the first batch of pictures is now available for collection and payment. Photographs are available for viewing in an album, on the right hand shelf of the main porch. Instructions for placing orders are provided. We thank John Taylor once again for making this possible. Those photos ready for collection may be found in an adjacent tray.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2015:

Confirmations this year will take place on Sunday 15th November 2015 at 12:00 noon.

Please make a note of this in your diaries.

Enrolment will take place during the 5:00pm Mass today, followed by a short meeting in the hall, at which details of the programme will be provided, along with the opportunity for parents or guardians and candidates to complete the enrolment forms and ask any questions.

Baptism Course: Please note that as the 11th July session has had to be cancelled, our next course will take place on **Saturday 18th July 2015 at 3:00pm.** This will comprise of **two sessions in one.** Please take a Baptism Details Form from the porch in order to apply. Kindly complete it in full, and either hand it to one of the clergy or bring it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

LAUDATO SI' (Praise be to you) – **Pope Francis'** first **Encyclical Letter** has now been published. We have some copies on order, which will shortly appear in the CTS rack in the porch. Please see also: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND END OF YEAR STATEMENTS:

It is most important that you take your envelopes, even if you pay by standing order. This is because your standing order does not cover second collections. You should retain your end of year statement in case you are ever required to prove to HMRC what you have given. Please contact the Parish Office with any queries.

New Altar Server Training:

Would you like to become an Altar Server? And have you made your First Holy Communion? If the answer to both these questions is "yes", we have a training course for new servers coming soon. It will take place at **6:00pm on both Sunday 12th July and Sunday 19th July.** Prospective servers will need to attend **both** sessions, each of which will last for **one hour.** Please request an **application form** from the Sacristy, and return it **as soon as possible.**

MISSIO: Promoters and Box holders are kindly advised that collection is due in the coming month of July. With thanks, Cynthia Jouan, Missio Organiser.

CAFOD JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Community Participation Co-ordinators– 1 x permanent full time post and 1 x permanent post part time (14 hours per week) working with volunteers in parish and school communities, helping to inspire and resource Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice overseas, in partnership with CAFOD.

Closing date 10th July 2015. Please see also:

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC>

Employment opportunities in our Catholic Schools:

These include a Cover Supervisor at John Fisher, and a Religious Studies teacher at Bishop Challoner.

Please see the notice board in the porch for all job advertisements, of which there are often many.

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Parent

Association, Polworth Road, Streatham, SW16 2ET, are holding their **"Funday"** in the school grounds on **Saturday 4th July 2015, from 12:00pm until 4:00pm.** Everybody is welcome to come along and enjoy a great afternoon, which will include Conor Academy of Irish Dancing; "Radio Funday"; Various performances; Face Painting; BBQ/International Food; Bar; Pimms; Popcorn & Candyfloss; Fun rides; Photo booth; Toys; Bottles; Crafts; Cakes; Teas & Coffees and lots more stalls.

Evangelization Seminar 2: Spreading the Good News through Justice & Peace with members of the Justice and Peace Commission, 10:00am - 1:00pm on Saturday 4th July at St Francis de Sales' Church Hall, 26 Larkhall Lane, Stockwell SW4 6SP. (Behind Stockwell tube station; free street car parking.) All who wish to evangelize are welcome to join this discussion, especially members of Parish Evangelization Teams and Parish Councils, Religious, Priests & Deacons. No charge, but please book at Centre for Catholic Formation. (020 8672 7684; or office@cfctootingbec.org.uk).