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Sunday 30 June 2024 – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

Occasionally a Feast comes along to dislodge the usual Sunday and this weekend we are celebrating the great Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Patrons of Rome and the two most important figures in the birth of the Church (after Jesus, Mary and Joseph!).

These two giants were totally different to each other. Simon the Galilean fisherman, a bit "rough around the edges", impetuous, hot-headed and an action-man. Saul, the highly educated and trained Pharisee, student of the Mosâic Law, persecutor of the first Christians. Simon it was who was given the lead role among the original Apostles and it was his simple recognition and declaration of Jesus as The Christ, the Son of the Living God, that earned him that new name of Peter...."Rocky."

Saul was blinded and converted on the road to Damascus where he was on his way to find and punish the followers of "the Way"...and he too gained a new name: Paul, which means "Humble". So the man who cannot keep his promises is called a Rock, solid and unmoveable, and the man who rides high in his personal purity is called Humble. Between them they represent the two fundamental dynamics of the Church. St Peter is order, stability, "Office". St. Paul is charisma, energy, Evangelism. One stays still and anchors the Church, the other moves through the Empire spreading the Word.

They were totally different and at times even clashed with each other...but they were united in their vocations to tell the world of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, the unquestionable evidence of God's eternal love for His creation. They both died in Rome as martyrs, St Paul by beheading as he was a Roman citizen, and St Peter crucified upside-down. From their lives sprang the stream of Living Water that Jesus had promised to His disciples and over 2,000 years later their message is still ringing through all nations. What is so encouraging is that they were both very fallible and "human" and yet did wonderful things for Christ. What could each of us do if we opened our hearts like our Blessed Mother Mary and said "Not my will but Thine, O Lord."

God Bless Everyone

Father Clive

Parish Notices Masses 09:15 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Rosary for Peace 09:15 Friday. Confessions after Mass daily or at 5.30 pm on Saturday evening.

We are coming to the end of June, month of the Sacred Heart, and soon it will be July, month of the Most Precious Blood. Why not come for Adoration/Benediction after Mass on a Wednesday at St Teresa's and Thursday at Holy Trinity. This is a time of reflection and quiet before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Safeguarding conference went well last week as did the end of the Archbishop's Deanery Visitation which has stretched over the last year (remember the Archbishop himself visited us, one of only two parish clusters he did himself!). His Grace gave his verdict on future parish configurations and the full details will be published in time.

Last call for any First Communions/Confirmations/Receptions – Father Clive is drawing up the post Summer schedules. If you know of anyone in these categories please tell them to contact me as soon as possible!

In July we pray with Pope Francis 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

Please note in your diaries the Parish BBQ on 14th July is at St Teresa's

This link will take you to the Catholic Bishop's Conference website with guidance on the important issues for us in voting in the General Election on 4 July:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Proposed Joint Pilgrimage to Rome for Holy Year 2025 - Holy Trinity and St Teresa's - 2025 has been declared a Holy Year or Jubilee. These Holy Year's happen every 25 years and the theme for next year is to be Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has asked us to pray for 1) the resolution of wars 2) the post COVID situation 3) the climate. To celebrate this Holy Year, we are seeking **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ONLY at this time** DETAILS Spiritual leaders - Fr Clive and Fr Tony (dv) 4-5 days in September 2025 - to be confirmed. Cost - as economically as possible. To gain the benefits of a Holy Year we will visit the 4 major basilicas in Rome - St Peter's, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St Paul outside the walls and enter through the Holy Doors. Please contact Johnny Hulme 07770 433290 Johnnyhulme@me.com or Paul Branch 07771624578 pnmebranch@btinternet.com at Holy Trinity or Elizabeth Canning 07785 9714344 - emcanning1@btinternet.com at St Teresa's. For more information on the Holy Year and what it means please click on the following link; www.iubilaeum2025.va. Please also let Elizabeth Canning know if you would be interested in becoming involved in spiritual preparation for the Pilgrimage especially if you cannot travel.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes: Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O'Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.