



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

28th June 2020: **ST PETER AND ST PAUL**

YOU ARE PETER

This Sunday the Church in England, Scotland, and Wales celebrates the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

For this occasion, Bishop Philip sent a pastoral message to the Diocese to express his closeness to all the faithful in this time when churches are reopening and preparing to celebrate public Masses again. It is a great joy to be able to gather together again, especially for the most important act of our faith, the Holy Mass.

In his message, the Bishop highlighted this sentence from today's Gospel, 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it' (Mt 16: 18). He wrote that these words of Jesus are 'thrilling'. It is true, they reassure us that the Church is founded on Christ and led by the Holy Spirit. So, we don't have to be afraid, because 'the gates of hell shall not prevail'. Even if we can feel alone, abandoned, in distress, the truth is that we are never alone, because God is with us. He never abandons us; He is close to us through His Church. The Church is the closeness of God to our life. This is the will of Jesus. And He is not a liar. He keeps His promises, He is faithful.

I would like to highlight another sentence of today's Gospel. 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' When I was a child, I remember seeing this sentence inscribed in Latin on the wall in front of my usual seat in my parish, dedicated to St Peter. Peter received from Jesus the gift of the keys, and through Peter the Church receives this gift. What exactly is this gift? It is of great importance for a Canon lawyer as myself. I will try and simplify as much as possible; the Church has the gift of being able to help us on our journey towards salvation. 'Whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven'; for example, we are reassured that when the priest in the name of Jesus pronounces the words of absolution during Confession the sins we have committed are forgiven by God.

When I was teenager I began to reflect on these words inscribed in my church. They helped me to understand the importance of the sacrament of Confession and to practise it frequently. I would encourage all of you to take advantage of the treasure of this sacrament. It is a treasure originated in the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. Let us beg to receive the grace of God to enter in His kingdom.

Father Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is the recording of the meeting we had with Fr Tom Kleinschmidt of the Oblates of Mary the Virgin and Parish Priest in St Boniface (Southampton) . If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on website.sswp@gmail.com



LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 28th June 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 13

PSALM RESPONSE: FROM ALL MY TERRORS THE LORD SET ME FREE.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28TH JUNE, SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL:

1st reading: Acts 12:1-11 Psalm: 33 2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

MESSAGES



Reopening of our Churches for Private Prayer

The Diocese has now given us permission to reopen our churches for private prayer only. In order to do so there are a number of things that we have to do to ensure that this is achieved in a safe way and that we have minimised or addressed any risks involved.

1) Volunteers

We need your help. Volunteers are needed to manage the opening of the churches, ushers to ensure and maintain social distancing and cleaners to ensure that we have a clean environment.

Who can be a volunteer?

People who are in the High or Moderate Risk Groups, as defined by the NHS, at this stage cannot be volunteers. This includes those people who are 70 yrs. or more and those who have underlying health conditions. This is to ensure that these groups of people are protected during this time of transition. As the situation is changing rapidly, this can be reviewed and we are hopeful that we can be more inclusive in the near future.

If you want to help as a volunteer please contact the following people. We really do need you!

St Edward the Confessor: Deacon Paul Owen
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Holy Cross: Elizabeth Nash
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Our Lady Queen of Apostles: Canon Alan
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2) Requirements for parishioners coming to the church for private prayer

Private prayer is open to all, but please consider if it is safe for you to do so. Please follow the guidance given to you by the ushers and sit in the designated seating areas. All parishioners on entering and leaving the church will need to use the alcohol based hand gel. Some Parishioners may wish to wear a mask.

Times the churches are open for private prayer

St Edward the Confessor:

Tuesday 3.00-6.00pm

Saturday 10.30-1.00pm

Holy Cross:

Thursday 10.30-1.00pm

Sunday 3.00-6.00

St Andrew:

Tuesday 3.00-6.00pm

Saturday 10.30-1.00pm

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Friday 10.00-11.00am

New timetable for public Masses

From **Monday 6th July** we will be able to have public Masses in our churches. More details will follow in next weeks newsletter. At the moment this is the timetable we are planning to have.

St Edward the Confessor:

Wednesday 10.00am

Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am

Holy Cross:

Thursday 9.30am

Sunday 11.00am

St Andrew:

Tuesday 10.00am

Sunday 9.00am

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Sunday 9.30am

Summer Club Survey

We would like to have a Summer Club during the month of August for children ages 8-14, and would like to hear your thoughts through a survey you can find on the parish website.

Pastoral Message from Bishop Philip

Bishop Philip wrote a letter to all the faithful of the diocese, this letter was attached along with the newsletter.

ONLINE MASS TIMES & PRAYING OF THE ROSARY



Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross Church

Sundays at 10.00am

Mon to Sat at 9.30am

Please go to our website

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> where you will be able to watch and join in Mass being celebrated live from Holy Cross Church.

Communal Praying of the Rosary with Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm

You can listen to a short meditation by one of the priests or special guests and then join in praying the rosary.

Special guest: Stefano Zamagni newly ordained member of the *Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo* in mission in Washington D.C.

Please note that **Friday 3rd July** will be the last time we pray the Rosary online.

How to join our ZOOM meetings

Via internet:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>

If you don't have the "zoom" app, it will be automatically downloaded.

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Via phone:

Dial one of these four numbers

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

Follow the instructions

When asked enter the Meeting ID:

694 224 1055

CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING & MASS INTENTIONS



Main Parish Office/Priest Availability

The Parish Office is closed to visitors however the office telephone will be manned either by the Parish Secretary or by one of our Priests from Tuesday to Friday 10.00am-6.00pm.

If you want to speak to one of our Priests, for personal support or spiritual direction, please call this number during these times.

Parish Office telephone number: 02380 273882.

Outside of these times or if the matter is urgent please phone the emergency number below.

Emergency Number Tel: 02380 612430

If you urgently need to speak to one of our Priests please use this number. If no-one is around to immediately answer your call please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: There are open spaces in the following weeks for Mass intentions. Please book them by sending an email or calling the office.

How to make an offering for your Mass intention.

(1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass intention).

(2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** with sort code **30-93-04** and account number **01786599**

Please indicate that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for. This is very important for keeping everything in order.

PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM:

Stars of Abraham

(Live meeting) 7.00pm Tuesdays. Last meeting before summer break on **Tuesday 30th June**.

Grail Seekers

Before taking a summer break, on **Saturday 27th June** we will have a special quiz with prizes.

TOZ

(Live meeting) 7.00pm Sundays.

On **Sunday 28th June** we will have our last meeting before the summer break.

School of Community

Wednesdays 1st July will be the last time we meet before the summer break. We are planning to have a barbecue together on **Friday 24th July** in the carpark outside the Resource Centre. This will be confirmed closer to the date.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 27th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Elie Joseph Abdo (RIP) Felicity (Special Intention) Cagampang Family (Thanksgiving)
Sun 28th June <i>St Peter and St Paul</i>	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Louisa and Gavin Lockhart (Wedding Anniversary) Hazel Brown (RIP) Margaret and Raymond Kaufman (RIP)
Mon 29th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Keith Small (RIP) Jim Shine (RIP)
Tues 30th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Jim Shine (RIP) Siobhan Shine and Family (Wellbeing)
Wed 1st July	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	John Milles (FM) Jim Shine (RIP)
Thurs 2nd July	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Anthony Armshaw (RIP)
Fri 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Timothy Brannon (Special Intention)
Sat 4th July	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Bennett Family (Special Intention)
Sun 5th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mrs Mary McManus (FM) Chant and Clifton families (FM) Elsie and Brian (50th wedding anniversary)

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