

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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*In the Pastoral Area of St Raphael and St Paul
with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

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Parish Priest: Fr Chris Fallon Assistant Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly

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Sunday 28th June 2020

Feast of Saint Peter and St Paul

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially

Sue Lundy, Jeanette Thompson, Maureen Ashes, Elizabeth Naughton,
Francis Deans, Michael McElroy, Alan Williams, Barbara Johnson.

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Pauline Edwards, Christina Clinton, Augustus Thomas Kiely, Mary McKillop,
Anthony Swanson, Teresa Mahoney.

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for
those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**

Janet Clark, Margaret Bradley, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C.
Sheila Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary
Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Phyllis Cook, Anna
Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Deacon John Traynor.

Live Streaming System

All the Masses in both churches continue to be livestreamed via the parish websites. We will have a chat by Zoom at 12.30pm on Sunday for anyone who wants to join in, just send your name and mobile number to olqom@rcaol.org.uk and we will email you a Zoom invitation and instructions.

SATURDAY 27th June

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 28th June

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 29th June

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 30th June

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 1st July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 2nd July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 3rd July

7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 4th July

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 5th July

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

*All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.***Job Opportunities**

The Archdiocese is currently seeking to recruit a part time Schools Officer and a part time University Chaplaincy Assistant. Full details including job descriptions and application forms are available from the job page of the main website at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk.

EMERGENCY FOOD: The Food Hub is moving from De La Salle School to Ellergreen Community Centre as the school is re-opening for key workers' and vulnerable children. The service is still the same and the contact is **helpline@altvalley.co.uk or 0151 233 4604.**

CHRISTCHURCH FOOD PANTRY: This is now **OPEN** and offers essential groceries worth £15-20 for £3.50. If you are interested, please register on www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk. If you have any problems filling in the form, you can contact the Pantry Team by emailing: **christchurchpantry@gmail.com** or ringing **07874 772872.**

Churches open for private prayer

For this coming week, the following churches in our pastoral area will be open as before for private prayer:

Blessed Sacrament 11.00am-1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: 11.00am-1.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

Cautious Re-opening for Public Worship from Monday 6th July

From Monday 6th July we hope to open St Teresa's and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for public services, provided we can meet all the conditions for prevention of infection. We know that many people are excited about returning to Church and we want to make sure that you can do so safely. Mass will be different to the way we are used to celebrating but this is to ensure everyone's safety.

If you have Covid19 symptoms or are living with anyone who has symptoms you should not come to Mass. If you are clinically vulnerable to Covid19 you should be aware that there is a risk of infection which the measures below will reduce but not entirely eliminate.

The Sunday obligation is still suspended and live streaming will continue.

Please consider attending weekday Mass rather than Saturday or Sunday.

Numbers in Church will be limited to allow 1m+ social distancing.

You will need to **bring and wear your own facemask**.

Please do not bring large bags or shopping with you.

Everyone, including children, will need to **use hand sanitiser on entry and exit, observe social distancing, follow steward's directions to a bench and stay there until directed to receive Holy Communion (in the hand only) at the end of Mass and leave without returning to your bench**.

There will be no singing, no Sign of Peace, no handshaking, hugging or gathering in groups for conversations, no Children's Liturgy.

Only the priest will be in the sanctuary.

Piety stalls and toilets will remain closed.

Times of Masses and other details will be announced next weekend.

Volunteers needed

We will need more volunteers, not in the clinically vulnerable categories, to make all this possible. If you can help please email your name and phone number to the relevant email address at the top of this newsletter.

Letter from the Archbishops of England

A letter from the Archbishops about the resumption of worship can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishops-letter-on-resumption-of-collective-worship/> .

Don't let the past dictate the future

I stumbled across a phrase the other day which said, 'Don't let the past dictate the future'. This seems apt as today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, two pillars of the Church - Peter, the "rock upon whom Christ built his Church" and Paul, the evangelist to the Gentiles, and whose depth of writings we listen to regularly in the liturgy.

Both men, however, had what we might call a 'chequered past'. Peter, in his denial of knowledge and friendship of Jesus, and Paul, who was a lead persecutor of the early Christians. These two fallen men, however, were chosen by God for very important tasks. In spite of their waywardness, God was able to use them for hugely important roles in the building up of the Church.

These two saints stand as 'beacons of hope' to all Christians, showing that no matter what has happened in the past, all of us are called, with the help of God's grace, to new life. As St Paul tells us in the Second Reading of today's Mass, "The Lord stood by me and gave me power". So, too, does the Lord stand by each one of us, constantly encouraging, helping and loving us.

Perhaps, during the enforced lockdown, we have had extra time to reflect on things, and sometimes, the memories, the hurts and the wounds of the past, can come to the fore again. But, just as the doors of society are beginning to re-open, so too, does God continue to throw open the doors of love and mercy to us, his weak and fallen children.

So, may St Peter and St Paul inspire us to be people of the future and help us to always know that we are loved, that our lives are of the utmost value and that the world is in need of our unique contribution.

Therefore, on this day we are invited to renew our trust in God, who, as the Prophet Isaiah tells us, is "making all things new".

St Peter & St Paul, pray for us.

Fr Anthony.