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**SUNDAY 1ST JULY 2018**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR B**

On Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated the Solemnity of two great role models for Catholics, **Saint Peter**, the first Pope (succeeded by our current Pope, Francis) and **Saint Paul**, Apostle to the Gentiles (i.e. non-Jews). The Church declares this to be a **Holy Day of Obligation**; we were bound to go to Mass on that day as we are on all Sundays. The word 'holiday', (i.e. rest from work) is derived from this term. Centuries ago, Holy Days were the only days off, apart from Sundays, for the poor.

Peter and Paul came from relatively ordinary backgrounds. Peter, originally called Simon Bar Jonah (i.e. *Son of Jonah*), was a fisherman whom Jesus, in recognition of the Pope's fundamental role of leading the Church and confirming us in the Faith, renamed Peter (**Rock**, in Latin, **Petrus**). Initially fearful of those who sought the Death of his Lord and Master and who might well treat His followers in the same way, Peter denied, on the eve of the Passion, even Knowing Jesus! However, on Pentecost Sunday, Confirmed by the Power of the Holy Spirit, Peter would counter a potentially hostile crowd's mockery, converting three thousand with the Truth! We do not today, generally, risk our lives for correcting error and promoting God's Laws. Are we prepared, though, to risk our 'image' for displaying Moral Courage?!

Paul, previously *Saul*, was a Pharisee, earning his living as a tent maker. He was firmly convinced that his mission was to stamp out the Christian Faith which was regarded by the Jews as a heresy. His spectacular and sudden conversion (sometimes called his 'Damascene conversion'), whilst on the road to Damascus to arrest yet more Christians, led to his Baptism as *Paul*, the fearless Apostle to the Gentiles! We must continually seek his intercession that those who, even today, are convinced that it is their mission to kill 'in God's Name', are brought to discover and accept **God's Truth** and turn their zeal to spreading the Gospel of Love. Again, there is so much that our lovingly faithful practice of our Catholic Faith ('*Actions speaking louder than Words*') can do to convert the hearts of those who have been led astray!

Both these men, as they made converts and established new Christian communities, wrote follow-up letters (in Latin, '*epistola*') to these young cells of the Church over the years, confirming and strengthening them in their Faith and resolving queries or disputes which arose. Saint Peter, charged by Christ with leading the fledgling Church, is credited with two Epistles, while Saint Paul's writing, as with his missionary travelling, is far more extensive; extracts from his letters feature regularly at Mass. In Peter and Paul's times, much was passed on by word of mouth as widespread literacy and printing were yet to come.

Peter and Paul died Martyrs' deaths. Peter, like his lord and Master, was crucified; humility moved him to request that he be crucified upside down, as he felt unworthy to die in exactly the same manner as had Jesus.

Paul, as a Roman citizen, requested that he be taken to Rome for trial by the Emperor. In agreeing to this request his enemies unwittingly aided his Missionary endeavours. Throughout his lengthy journey to Rome, including being shipwrecked on the Mediterranean island of Malta, Paul seized every opportunity God gave him to evangelise. On reaching Rome, he continued to teach, further spreading the Gospel there, making converts, suffering two terms of imprisonment, and was eventually beheaded during the reign of Nero.

As we know, Rome's central location as what we might, today, term a '*communications hub*', was to lead to its establishment as the centre of the Catholic world, from where the Head of the Church still governs the now approximately 1.2 billion Catholics around the globe. Just contemplate the wonderful power for Evangelisation by the Church if each and every one of her members actually practises the Faith into which they are baptised! Another of our duties, in Love, is to pray that lapsed (non-practising) Catholics will heed God's continual Call and return to the Fold! How much do we contribute, through example, to bringing back '*the lost sheep*'?

Both Peter and Paul returned that '**Love unto death**' shown them by Jesus and, in the following centuries, many men and women, drawing courage from their example, would (and, indeed, still do!) lose their freedom and, indeed, their lives on this earth, rather than deny the Truth. 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, probably not of our life, but of our reputation?

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The collection for Sunday 24th June 2018 came to **£1909.00** (£1209.00 in baskets & £700.00 in Standing Orders).

Thanks from LIFE for helping them raise **£87.00** at last weekend's Coffee Morning for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice.

Please take a look at the web site for Zoe's Place for further information: [www.zoes-place.org.uk/](http://www.zoes-place.org.uk/)

The Over 55's thank all who helped them to raise £356.00 towards research into dementia. The money has gone to the Alheimers Society. They took over £100.00 last week from the sale of cup cakes!

## SEA SUNDAY - THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



**Next Sunday is Sea Sunday**, and there will be a **Second Collection** held for the **Apostleship of the Sea (APS)**. This organisation looks after the pastoral needs of seafarers, many of whom may be away from their families and communities, often for several months at a time. We all, indirectly, rely on such people to bring goods and food to our shores, but it may not have occurred to us that they need access to pastoral care through Catholic priests, other chaplains, counselling, welfare and so on. The APS provides a lifeline to these people. Please support them through your prayers, and of course do give what you can to that collection.

**Would Gift Aiders please note that only the special envelopes provided by the APS, which are now available in all porch areas should be used. Please do not use a yellow envelope.**

**Please make any cheques payable to The Apostleship of the Sea (not St Bartholomew's).**

If you are a taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your contribution, please just enter your details on an envelope, place your monies inside, and then the APS will claim the Gift Aid themselves.

You will also find some Prayer cards from the APS, whose patroness is Our Lady, Star of the Sea.

### **Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:**

**Under the new GDPR rules, any new names added to our list must be with the approval of those named.**

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,

Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,

Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

*If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please ask them or their legal representatives to contact the parish office as per the new GDPR legislation.*

### **CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK GROUP 5**

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Christine Ijezie, Emma Morrone, Josephine Ofili, Blessing Otite, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli.

Do you have some spare time, either during the week or on Saturdays, which you could give in order to help keep God's house clean? Please contact the Parish Office if you can help with this important task.

### **CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS**

Please ask in the Repository or at the Parish Office for the photographs you have ordered.

Please make your payment as soon as possible, as John Taylor has provided everything at his own expense.

We still have pictures uncollected from past years, for which payment has never been received.

We also have several unclaimed First Holy Communion Certificates and Baptismal Certificates

NB: Under GDPR legislation, items with names, addresses and phone numbers cannot be left in public view.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2018**

Some words of thanks are due to the dedicated team of Catechists who steered our First Holy Communicants through their programme of learning over the past few months. An enormous amount of planning and hard work goes on behind the scenes in order to make this special Sacrament one which we hope all candidates will remember for the rest of their lives. To everybody who took part, including parents, Altar Servers, choirs and organists, the flower arrangers and our cleaners who beautified the Church and the Sanctuary itself, many thanks indeed.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION "GOING FORTH" MASS**

The "Going Forth" Mass takes place today at 12 Noon. All this year's First Holy Communicants will gather to celebrate together, following which there will be a party for them in the hall. By tradition, this party is hosted by parents of last year's programme. Next year, it will be the turn of this year's parents.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019**

Planning for next year's First Holy Communion programme is already underway. A special meeting will be held this coming Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 8pm in the lower hall. This meeting is aimed at parents whose children are currently in Year 2, and who will be entering Year 3 in September this year, 2018. At this meeting, application forms, along with a brief outline of the programme will be provided. Please do your best to attend this meeting.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

The next course will be held as a double session on Saturday 28th July 2018 at 3pm. Kindly complete a Baptism Details Form if you would like to attend this or any future course. Please return the form to the parish office. You must attend a Baptism Preparation Course if you have not been on one in the three years before the Baptism. Further dates will be announced in due course, so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

## **WHY NOT LEAVE MONEY TO CAFOD IN YOUR WILL?**

CAFOD offer supporters a free will-writing service, and they very much hope that you might think of their work when making your will. Please see the poster in the porch, and pick up a leaflet which explains how to go about it.

## **COLOMA GIRLS' SCHOOL SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

To be held next Saturday 7th July 2018, in honour of Mrs Meyer. Runs from 12pm to 4pm. Many ex-parents/pupils of the school will have known Mrs Meyer. For more details, please email: [coloma.pa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:coloma.pa@hotmail.co.uk)

## **ST PHILOMENA'S ANNIVERSARY BALL**

Takes place next Saturday 7th July 2018 from 6.30pm. Proceeds to St Raphael's Hospice and the Missions of the Daughters of the Cross, the school's founding order. Full details of this event and how to apply may be found at: [www.stphils.org.uk/news-stories/648-125th-celebration-ball-saturday-7th-july-2018](http://www.stphils.org.uk/news-stories/648-125th-celebration-ball-saturday-7th-july-2018)

## **PUBLICATIONS WHICH ARE OFFERED FREE**

We currently bear the cost of The Pilgrim and Living Faith. If you are able to make an offering towards these publications, that would be much appreciated. The Pilgrim has a cover price of 50p, whilst £1 is suggested for copies of Living Faith, a booklet which provides daily meditations to help in our Catholic devotions.

Any money in respect of these or any other Catholic newspapers and magazines, including CTS booklets, should be placed in the lower wall box to the left of the main porch door when facing the street.

## **THE PILGRIM**

The July edition of our Diocesan Newspaper is now available in the main porch. This publication puts you in touch with what is going on across our diocese, with articles about parishes, schools, people and organisations.

There are also some helpful articles explaining various tenets of the Catholic Faith. With Sea Sunday falling next Sunday, there is also an extensive piece on the work of the Apostleship of the Sea.

## **CALLING ALL HALL KEYHOLDERS**

For security reasons, will all those who have sets of keys for the hall kindly return them to the Parish Office urgently. Some changes have been made, and you will not be able to enter the hall until you have come forward. We are holding an audit of all keys held and are also taking the opportunity to update contact details.

## **COFFEE MORNINGS**

There are still opportunities to hold Coffee Mornings this month. There are none in August. If you wish to raise money for a good cause in this way, please get in touch with the Parish office to check available Sunday mornings.



## Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses:	Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm	
	<b>Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.100</b>	
Weekday Masses:	Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am	
Morning Prayer of the Church:	Monday - Saturday 9.15am	
Adoration and Benediction:	Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm ( <i>Rosary &amp; Benediction in May &amp; October</i> ) <i>On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm</i>	
Rosary:	Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass	
Confessions:	Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm	
Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 1st July 2018		
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.15pm (Saturday 30th June)	Pat Nawrat - 90th birthday
	8.30am	Edgar Ming RIP
	10am	People of the parish
<b>FIRST COMMUNION “GOING FORTH”</b>	12 Noon (Polyphony Choir)	First Communicants, families & catechists
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>4pm</b>	
	5pm	Seamus Gallagher RIP
<b>13th Week in Ordinary Time:</b>		
Monday 2nd July 2018	7.30am	Karim Bacchus - birthday
	10am	Onwuekwe & Ilobi families & friends (Novena)
Tuesday 3rd July 2018	7.30am	Darko family
St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)	10am	Christel Rütter RIP
Wednesday 4th July 2018	7.30am	Thanksgiving for favours received
St Elizabeth of Portugal (Memorial)	10am	Ellen Ryan RIP
Thursday 5th July 2018	7.30am	Anthony & Mary McGing RIP
St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest (Memorial)	10am	Ellen Ryan RIP
Friday 6th July 2018 - <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	7.30am	Tadeusz & Janina Maciejewski RIP
St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)	10am	Thanksgiving - Kozlowski family
	<b>ADORATION AFTER 10AM MASS, CLOSING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2PM</b>	
Saturday 7th July 2018		
Our Lady	10am	Adam James McArthur RIP
Next Sunday 8th July 2018	6.15pm (Saturday 7th July)	Jane Celine Lobo RIP
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8.30am	Dorothy Adams RIP & family
	10am	Peter Ranawake RIP
	11.30am	Doreen Lynch RIP
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>4pm</b>	
	5pm	People of the parish