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THE YEAR OF THE WORD**DATE**

Sunday 28th June 2020

SUNDAY

Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

In response to COVID-19 all public Masses and liturgies have been suspended until further notice. We are, however, live-streaming all of our Services.

Please Note That All Masses Will Be Said In Private

Sunday 28th June Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction
Monday 29th June Feria	9.15am	Int. of Marie Scanton and Family ^(MS)
Tuesday 30th June First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Int. of Benedicta Hanley ^(Sr. A)
Wednesday 1st July Feria	9.15am	No Services Today
Thursday 2nd July Feria	7.30pm	Claire Kerrigan ^{RIP}
Friday 3rd July St. Thomas, Apostle ^{Feast}	9.15am	Eliz McCabe ^{RIP (SVP)}
Saturday 4th July Our Lady ^{Memorial}	9.30am	Int. of Margaret and Leo Jones ^(M&LJ)
Sunday 5th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis

Let us begin anew from the numerous examples of generous, freely-given love, which in these months have shown us how much closeness, care, and sacrifice are needed to nourish fraternity and civil coexistence. In this way, we will emerge from this crisis stronger.

SMA Primary School

There are still places available in the Nursery at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School for the academic year beginning September 2020. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01922 743411.

Public Celebration of the Mass

At the present time new guidelines are being issued by the Diocese with regards to the opening of our churches for public liturgies. As things are changing hour by hour I would ask that you keep an eye on the Parish Website for the latest news which will appear on the COVID-19 Page (I have already added a whole new section). If you do not have Internet access please ask a member of your family to keep you up to date. As soon as I know anything I will update the website.

The Church Grounds

Over the past several weeks much work has been done in the grounds of the Church, and a huge debt of thanks is due to all who have assisted in any kind of way. If you have been working on your own garden during this period of lockdown and have some shrubs that you would like to dispose of, we would very happily take them to be planted in the grounds of the Church. Or, if you would like to donate a plant in memory of a loved one, please contact either Dawn M or myself to discuss this matter further.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of July: **Our Families**. We pray today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Subscribing to our Newsletter

One of the best ways for us as a parish to share information is via the parish website and the weekly edition of the Parish Newsletter. A huge thanks goes to those who have been delivering the Newsletter to our parishioners over the past several weeks. One way of cutting the running cost of the parish, once we return to normal, is reducing the number of Newsletters we have to print each week. This can be done if you opt to receive a copy of the newsletter via email. If you would like to subscribe to an electronic version of the Newsletter this can be done via the homepage of the parish website.

Prayers for the Unborn

Whilst we cannot gather in church to pray the Rosary for the unborn before the Blessed Sacrament, we can still pray the Rosary at home. The Intention for July is: **For the Church, that its witness to life touches the hearts of all people.**



Live Simply Prayer – Week 31

We thank you, Lord, for the words and work of Saints Peter and Paul, the two foundation stones of your ever-living kingdom on earth. Help us to be attentive to them.

Our parish continues to support a parish, Magdalena Medio, in Columbia through CAFOD. Parishioners, who would like information on people and the developments there, can get the information from this address: cafod.org.uk/handson via the web.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them. Please remember especially:

Deirdre McLeary, David Goodwin, Jo Jones, Mark Desorgher, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan ^{nee Meehan}, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

A Message from the Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4th July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of

hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to "*do this in memory of me.*" We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed, as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4th July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined

locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.'

We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no

congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

"As I have loved you," said the Lord Jesus, *"so you must love each other."* (Jn 13:34) The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ

✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols

✠ Malcolm McMahon OP

✠ Bernard Longley

✠ John Wilson

And finally: Following the recent announcement by the Government and the Bishops' of England and Wales, we realise that for many this time could be a difficult and trying time for those who may have to self-isolate. Here at St Mary of the Angels we are putting into place a system where we can offer assistance to those who are most in need. If, for any reason, you as one of our parishioners, are in any kind of need, whether it be the need for some shopping to be delivered, or simply the sound of a friendly voice at the end of the phone, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Craig on the Presbytery phone number (01922 452316) and he will pass your details onto a wider support team who will do all that they can to help. If you know of anybody who might be in need of this support please pass on the above phone number.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig