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The Feast of St Peter and St Paul Tuesday 29 June



El Greco, ca. 1600, Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya
El Greco completed Saint Peter and Saint Paul between 1590 and 1600, while living in Toledo, Spain. The painting depicts the two Apostles of Jesus "enriched by modern use of colour, the fruit of the lessons the artist had learned in Venice." El Greco created a sense of a halo around the heads of the saints by providing an intense blue opening in the background. Peter (on the left) is shown holding the keys of heaven in his left hand; Paul (on the right) is depicted holding a sword, a symbol of his martyrdom for his Christian beliefs.

All Polish Masses in Oxford will now be celebrated at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

A Syro-Malabar priest has been appointed to Oxford and Syro-Malabar Masses are celebrated at Corpus Christi (normally 3.00pm on Sundays).

Now Available

The Revised New Jerusalem Bible has arrived. Please collect your copy now priced £30.

Scripture Reflection

The account of the raising of Jairus' daughter forms a biblical inclusio which is like a sandwich with a filling in the middle – here the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage. There are more details in Mark's account than in the other Synoptics (Gospel: Mark 5:21-43). The Book of Wisdom, the youngest book of the Old Testament, written in the mid First Century BC, is a compilation of teachings from Alexandria in Egypt. The author's aim is to show the truth of the Scriptures against the background of overwhelming paganism and hedonism (First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24). Paul encourages the rich Corinthians to be generous towards the poor Church of Jerusalem (Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me" (Psalm 29/30:1)

Scripture Readings	Monday Genesis 18:16-33; Ps 102; Matthew 8:18-22.	Thursday Genesis 22:1-19; Ps 114; Matthew 9:1-8.
	Tuesday Acts 12:1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19.	Friday Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 105; Matthew 9:9-13.
	Wednesday Genesis 21:5, 8-20; Ps 33; Matthew 8:28-34.	Saturday Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 116; John 20:24-29.

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention

July 2021:

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
27 June 2021

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 27 June 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Hilda Harte

11.00am Joan Doherty R.I.P

6.30pm Rodney McNally R.I.P

Weekday Masses: Cycle of the week B; Breviary Week 1
Mon 28 9.15am Fr. Patrick Joyce St Irenaeus Bishop

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL; Holyday of Obligation

Monday 6.00pm Vigil Mass (OLL)

Tues 29 9.15am (with St. Joseph's School live-streaming). Dominic McGeehin RIP.
7.00pm

Wed 30 9.15am Fr Thomas Williams. Feria
11.30am Requiem Mass; Gary Price RIP

Thurs 1 No Mass Feria

Fri 2 8.30am Benvinda Thanksgiving Birthday. Feria
10.00am Requiem Mass; Veronica Atayi RIP

Sat 3 10.00am Feria
12.00 noon. Baptism.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 4 July 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Esther Phipps

11.00am Anita Araujo R.I.P

6.30pm

Pope Francis: Catechesis on Apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians

At his weekly audience, Pope Francis spoke of Paul's adversaries who claimed that Paul was not a true apostle and therefore had no authority to preach the Gospel. He noted the uncertainty that filled the hearts of the Galatians in the midst of this crisis, especially since they had come to know and believe that the salvation brought about by Jesus was the beginning of a new life. Comparing it to the present day, Pope Francis remarked on the presence of preachers who present themselves as "keepers of the truth" on the best way to be Christians, instead of announcing the Gospel of Christ. He lamented that these preachers strongly affirm that the true Christianity is the one that they adhere to – a Christianity that is often identified with the past – and proffer as a solution to the crises of today, a return to the past "so as not to lose the genuineness of the faith." Today too, as then, the Pope said, "there is a temptation to close oneself up in some of the certainties acquired in past traditions." Paul's letter will help us to understand which path to follow... the liberating and ever-new path of Jesus Christ. "It is the path of proclamation, which is achieved through humility and fraternity; it is the path of meek and obedient trust, in the certainty that the Holy Spirit works in the Church in every age."

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Prayer for the Preparation of Mass

God our Father,
you call us to gather for this Sunday Mass.
Help us to draw strength
from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist,
so that we deepen our love for you.
May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit
to mirror the words and actions
of your Son Jesus Christ
and become more clearly
your instruments of mercy to others.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish news

Manresa Link is an ecumenical group in the Midlands who put on 6-week retreats for people in their ordinary lives (meeting them once a week). These Ignatian retreats encourage us to nurture an intimate relationship with Jesus and open ourselves up to the graces God offers so generously. **Click here for more information.**

Would you like to be involved? You could train to accompany people on their retreat (you must have made an Ignatian retreat, either in daily life or residentially). Basic Training Course: October 2021 - January 2022
St Mary's Convent, 98 Hunters Road Birmingham B19 1EB (Or online if the pandemic makes it necessary)

Eight Saturday mornings in 2021 (10am - 12.30pm): Oct 2 - Nov 27

Also two weekends in 2022: 15/16 & 29/30 January.

Click here for Video explaining Manresa link.

G7 Summit 2021 Wrap up

What a weekend! As young campaigners came together to call on world leaders to:

- Vaccinate the world
- Tackle the climate crisis AND
- End the debt crisis



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Click here for Wrap up video

Click here to urge Prime Minister to put people hardest hit at the heart of COP26 climate talks - sign petition

Prayer for Diocesan Vision - click here to pray with Archbishop Bernard.

Spirit of God, descend on me this day.
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,
the Spirit of love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
so that I may grow in worship of your name
in love of you in my prayer
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.
Strengthen and defend me,
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you.
Amen

Archbishop Bernard Invites us to participate in a survey to discover what effect the pandemic has had on local Catholics, and how the Church has responded with the light of Christ to so many in difficult situations.



Click here to take the Survey - Select Birmingham from the drop-down list of dioceses.

Dear The Justice and Peace Group...

Children preparing for confirmation told us how they try to live wisely and care for the environment. Two more confirmandi write:

I am along with my family making sure that we are not leaving any electronics on that are not being used. I turn off taps so we don't waste water. Me and my family try not to waste food. We put any leftovers in the compost bin. We also recycle plastic. We use blankets instead of electric heaters.

I am doing my absolute best to not waste things, especially food because I am very aware about others not having as much fortunes as I do. I hope in the future we will use water responsibly and also help others have water too. We also use less electricity such as using blankets more instead of heaters.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggle, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Kumu de Silva, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekera, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Joanne Kay, Mario Kim, Joan Knatt, Theresa Johnson, Cynthia Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Maxwell Rogers, Angela Scott-Smith, Rachel Smith, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams. Dorren McDonald. Nalen Uddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne .

those who have died: Gary Price, Janet Eaglesfield, Veronica Atayi.

Those whose anniversary occurs this week: Anthony Ward, Christopher Fulham, Dominic McGeehin.

Click here to send names and dates for Anniversary section

All those in the sick list must actively agree to their inclusion. The prayer list will be reviewed regularly - if names can now come off the list or if new names should be added please send an email to: corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com.

Parish Pastoral Council: We were preparing to re-form the PPC last March 2020 but then the series of lockdowns and restrictions began. Now we seem to be emerging from this period, it is time to go ahead with our plans. If you would be interested and willing to help discern the needs, priorities and mission of our parish by being on the new PPC, please contact Fr. Mervyn. It would be good if we could mirror the diversity of our parish on such a council. We need about 12 parishioners and there are four major meetings per annum.

The Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank OPEN FOR FOOD DONATIONS

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.00am – 2.00pm

The Food bank is located behind St. Francis Church, Hollow Way, for anyone to deliver donations of non-perishable food/toiletries etc. directly. Thank you to all our supporters from The Community Emergency Food Bank.

If you would like to make a financial donation, please go to:

www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank

School Governors: if anyone would be interested and willing to become a school governor – a crucial way to help in any school to further the education and well-being of the staff and students – would she/he please contact Fr. Mervyn.

NEW! Women in Scripture

A new podcast celebrates the lives and influence of women in scripture, some of the greatest women of all time.

It aims to ask and answer who they are and what they can teach us today. Each podcast will be accompanied by extra reading and resources for those who hunger for more. The podcast is part of the God Who Speaks initiative, helping to deepen our faith and love of the scriptures.

First Podcast : Listen to Anne Smith on Ruth in the Bible.

Click here for link



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