

Intentions – private Masses	Intention	Requested by
Sunday 28 June Ss Peter and Paul, <i>Apostles</i> (Solemnity)	Mr & Mrs Cheah – wedding anniversary	Mr & Mrs Cheah
Tuesday 30 June Weekday in Ordinary Time	Ronald Cooke RIP	
Wednesday 1 July Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mr & Mrs Wilshire	
Thursday 2 July Weekday in Ordinary Time	For all families affected by coronavirus	Maria & Josef
Friday 3 July S. Thomas, <i>Apostle</i> , (Feast)	Sean & Brenda Connor	

Public liturgy	
Sat 4	Our Lady on Saturday
	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer – week 1
	8.30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory (Oeuvre Expiatoire)
Sun 5	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (4th Sunday after Trinity)
	9.00 am Low Mass – Maria Santos
	10.00 am Solemn Mass – Helena Statkiewicz & B Racis RIP (J & B Cheah)
	4.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
	5.00 pm The People of the Parish

Stewards' rota	
Tuesday 9-10am	Tesse Javier
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Friday 9-10am	Yvonne Obi and Paul Aloysius
Saturday 9-10am	Bernadetta Sharon and Antonio or Michael Josef
Sunday 9-10am	Jennifer Alvares and Josef Sehon or Maria Josef
Sunday 10-11am	Paul Aloysius and Barbara Cheah
Sunday 11am to 12 noon	Duncan Lewis and Barbara Kandora



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Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

28 June 2020

More on the relaxation of the lockdown and the situation in which the Church finds herself

We have great news! From **4 July** the public celebration of the Mass and other sacraments is to be resumed. This however is under strict guidelines and along with other relaxations of the lockdown is contingent upon the continued suppression of the virus R rate. Therefore the celebration of Mass will be under the following temporary restrictions:

Social distancing **MUST** be maintained, if possible 2m, if not then 1m + face masks. We must continue to follow the one-way system and be attentive to the instructions of the stewards. There can be no live singing, although the use of recorded music is fine. Holy Communion will be administered in one kind only. Mass must be celebrated as quickly as possible though without undue haste and there can be no post Mass gatherings. No Mass leaflets are to be given out. Weddings and funerals can now be celebrated in church but without the Mass (maximum 30 people). It is not clear at this moment whether servers will be allowed.

Please note there are specific guidelines for eucharistic ministers and readers which **MUST** be followed to the letter. If you are on duty please arrive in good time to collect any items needed and to have a word with myself or one of the stewards. In order to allow as many people as possible to attend, the following programme will be followed until further notice. (I will attempt within the limitations to make the Sunday 10am Mass as much like our usual morning Mass as possible):

Sunday

9am Low Mass
10am Solemn Mass
4.30pm Adoration
5pm Low Mass

Tuesday to Saturday

8am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9am Low Mass
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Readings for the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 *Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-9 *From all my terrors the Lord set me free.*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 *All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19 *You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

The Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

Today the Church celebrates the transferred Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already long tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock', because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognise that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was travelling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off

his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptised and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St Augustine of Hippo said of Ss Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

Sound system/live-streaming

As I wrote last week, we are now going ahead with the installation of a new PA system and camera. This will have a two-fold blessing: first our present PA system is very old, in very poor order and very patchy in the way it works. So a new system will aid the proclamation of the Good News. Also this system will allow us to live-stream Mass and other events to the housebound and others who may not be able to come to church.

The overall cost of the system is £6,050. Our Ordinariate Mission has given £2,500 and I have received (or have been promised in the next few days) donations from parishioners amounting to £1,810. So we are looking for another £1,740 towards this important work to aid our mission.

Thank you to all who have so far made donations. If you would like to contribute, please either get in touch with me ASAP, or put your donation in a clearly marked envelope in the offertory.

Could everyone please also note that although we are able from 4 July to return to Mass I intend, once the new equipment is installed, to start and continue indefinitely the live-streaming of worship. I believe that this will have a twofold effect: firstly, some people will not feel safe to return to Mass straight away and so will need

Church opening

Until Friday 3 July the church is open for private prayer and devotions from 9am to 10am.

Please follow the instructions of the church stewards on entering the church.

The outer doors will remain open until 12noon Tuesday to Friday to enable people to come and pray in the narthex/porch.

this important link to the worshipping community. Secondly, over the period of lockdown, parishes that have live-streamed their services have found it to be a new and very fruitful means of ministry and evangelisation. Our live-stream at first will be of the 10am Solemn Mass and the weekday celebrations. If anyone objects to being seen on these live-streams then please do have a word with me.

The new sound system and live-streaming equipment is to be installed during the week beginning 6 July but BT cannot install the new fibre-optic line until 24 July. Therefore I would hope that live-streaming of Mass and other liturgical celebrations will start from around 26 July (if all goes well).

Fr Rob

Notices and News

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Confession is once again available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement with Fr Rob.

Gift aid boxes

Gift aid boxes are now available to collect at the back of the church. Please only take your own box and do not touch other boxes. If you need any help, ask one of the stewards, or Duncan or Sonia.

If you would like to make your donation by monthly standing order, please complete a standing order form, available in the narthex.

Parish finance

Although we cannot hold public Masses, we still have costs. If you would like to make a donation to keep the church and parish going, you can do so online at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/

Our Lady's Lamp

Our Lady's blue lamp burns this coming week for the Cheah family in thanksgiving.

If you would like the lamp to burn for an intention of yours, please fill in one of the special envelopes in the narthex.

[donations?parish=clayhall](#). Alternatively you can post a cheque to the address at the top of this newsletter, hand a donation to Fr Rob personally or put it through his letter box.

If you use the online facility to pay a Mass stipend, you must also send the details to us directly.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia. Alternatively put it through Fr Rob's letter box.

Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby nappies are greatly appreciated. More information at redbridge.foodbank.org.uk.

Dinner dance – cancelled

Regrettably in the present circumstances we have had to cancel the SJV dinner dance.

Vacancies

Trinity Catholic High School

The school seeks an SEN clerical assistant from September. See fc.tchs.uk.net.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School St Mary's Lane Upminster

The school seeks a senior science technician – biology or physics specialist – from September. See www.sacredheartofmary.net.

**Keep Safe.
Keep distance and use the
hand sanitiser provided.**