

30<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
**Ss PETER & PAUL**

"I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home. Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'" (Luke 9:61-62)

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### Sun 30 June Ss PETER & PAUL

Mon 01 July St Oliver Plunkett

Tue 02 July Ferria

Wed 03 July St Thomas

Thu 04 July St Elizabeth of Portugal

Fri 05 July St Anthony Zaccaria

Sat 06 July St Maria Goretti

**Sun 07 July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am Fr Martin's Intention & Vocations to the priesthood

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----- No Service

10 am Holy Souls

10 am -

7.30 pm EST/PAC Celebration Mass

10 am -

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8.30am †Annie Baughn

10.30am †Arthur Maxfield



**Welcome** to our Masses this Sunday. Please join us in the hall after both Masses today for tea and coffee and to browse/buy any of the good which were left over from yesterday's Summer Fair. All proceeds to the Roof Fund.

**Summer Fair** Thank you to all who were involved in the preparations and the running of the Summer fair yesterday as well as to all who attended and took part, to make it a success.

**Celebration Mass This Thursday - Southampton East Pastoral Council and Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST)** 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm (instead of 10 am Mass) at Immaculate Conception Church. This will be a celebration Mass in thanksgiving for the work of those involved with the Southampton East Pastoral Council over the past 10 years and to celebrate the launch of the Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST). All parishioners from the Pastoral area parishes are invited and there will be refreshments served in the hall afterwards.

**Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July – CAFOD Cake Sale after both Masses.** Any cake donations will be much appreciated. Please bring them to the hall before either of the Masses.

**Parish Open Meeting – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 11.30 am**  
Following our PPC elections and the forming of the pillars of ministry this open meeting will provide an opportunity for this new structure to be fully presented and for parishioners to ask open questions. Light refreshments will also be served as well as cakes being available from the CAFOD Cake sale stall. Please take this opportunity to come along and be a part of the next steps in the life of our parish.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Simon identifies Jesus as 'the Christ' and Jesus renames Simon 'Peter', 'the Rock'. It is on this solid rock, this fragile and limited man who will even deny his Master and friend, that Christ chooses to build his Church. After Saul encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus, his name was changed to Paul. With this new name began a new life at the service of the Gospel. Yet Paul's fiery temperament remains unchanged.

In Peter and Paul, God has chosen to build his Church with the cooperation of limited, fragile, humans. To this day, God requires our cooperation to build his Church and delights in us when we respond to his loving call, even in our limited, fragile, human ways. He gives us a new name, gives us a new grace, and yet infinitely respects our humanity, the humanity he Himself has assumed in Christ.

This reflection from the Dominican Sisters features in this week's Diocesan e-news and you can listen to the full webinar session on the Gospel at <https://soundcloud.com/user-635792875>

**Money:****Last week**Main Collection:

Gift Aid Envelopes inc tax reclaim - £72.50

Loose plate collection – £267.54

Standing orders - £1009.88

Second Collection – Homeless & Poor: £1,043.51

**Next week:** 2nd collection – Roof Fund

**Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Peter's Pence.**

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity. Through it, every member of the faithful can support the work of the Pope in helping the most needy and ecclesial communities in difficulty around the world who approach the Apostolic See for help.

**Roof Fund Standing Orders & Gift Aid**

If you already gift aid your donations and would like to make a regular donation to the roof fund, we would like to encourage you to set up an additional standing order to enable easy gift aiding of these additional donations. To do this our bank details are: Account Name: Immaculate Conception Church Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account number 00887995. Please quote reference "BF???" substituting your gift aid ID number for the question marks. Thank you again for all your valuable contributions.

**Tina Leng** would like to thank everyone for their love, care and prayers. She would like everyone to know that she is in the Greensleeves Nursing Home in Westwood Road and is improving greatly – “May our Heavenly Father bless you with his love”

**Good News from St Patricks Primary School**

St Patricks Primary School, which many children in our Parish attend, is pleased to announce that the recent OFSTED inspection rated the school as 'GOOD' again (the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in a row). Thanks to the Headteacher, Michael Lobo, his staff, the parents, the governors and all the children for their hard work in achieving this.

**Congratulations** to Peter Luther Ntasey who qualified as a doctor on 27<sup>th</sup> June. He will be working in the Wessex area, most likely at the Southampton General Hospital where he begins his medical career as a junior doctor.

**Funeral of Colette Clarke** Colette was a very active member of the Catholic community around Southampton for many years and was fairly well known outside of her parish of St Vincent de Paul. Her funeral will be Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1 pm at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Lordshill.

**Street Pastors** are beginning another round of training in September. If you are interested, but want to see what it's like first, why not try an 'Observation Patrol' alongside other Street Pastors. Contact 023 80333387 or e mail [southampton@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:southampton@streetpastors.org.uk).

**Assisted Dying** – On 4<sup>th</sup> July, there is an MPs general debate in the House of Commons on the Functioning of the Existing Law. Please contact your MP asking them to attend the debate and to speak out against assisted suicide. The current law prohibits all assisted suicide and euthanasia. This deters exploitation and abuse through the penalties that it holds in reserve but at the same time gives some discretion to prosecutors and judges to temper justice with mercy in difficult cases. It is vital that MPs attend and reaffirm their opposition to uncontrollable, unethical and unnecessary legal change. More info at [www.carenotkilling.org.uk](http://www.carenotkilling.org.uk)

**Southampton Council of Faiths** invite you to the Annual Peace Walk, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 12.15 pm, starting at the Peace Fountain, East Park. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us on this interesting and varied walk around the city visiting different places of worship, with refreshments provided on the way. For further information contact David Vane 07545982838

**Fanning the Flame Summer Camp**, run by the Dominican Sisters based in Sway in the New Forest. 19 – 23 August for ages 10 – 25 yrs. Gather with around 100 young people, bring your friends, make new ones. It doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, you are welcome to come along and ask questions, spend time with the Lord, receive the sacraments and have a lot of silly fun! [www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp](http://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp)

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021, organised by Fr John Cook. Please note: *there is a fair amount of walking involved & stamina required to join this Pilgrimage.* For further details please contact Fr John Cook or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01329 318 869.

**Golf Day in aid of CAFOD 12<sup>th</sup> July-** organised by the Catenians to raise funds for CAFOD at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. After the golf there will be a dinner which will include a speaker from CAFOD head Office. For more information please contact Pat Murphy on [pfm190654@outlook.com](mailto:pfm190654@outlook.com)

**Rotas for July**8.30 Mass

Welcoming – Maryvonne Tipper

Readers – Isabella Wright, Jochen Sparmann

Offertory – Pat & John Walker

Eucharistic Ministers – Francine & Dudley Plunkett, Stephanie Churchill, John Wellicome, Maureen Weir

10.30 Mass

Teams A, B, C, D for each subsequent week.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday & Friday 9.30 am – 3.00 pm