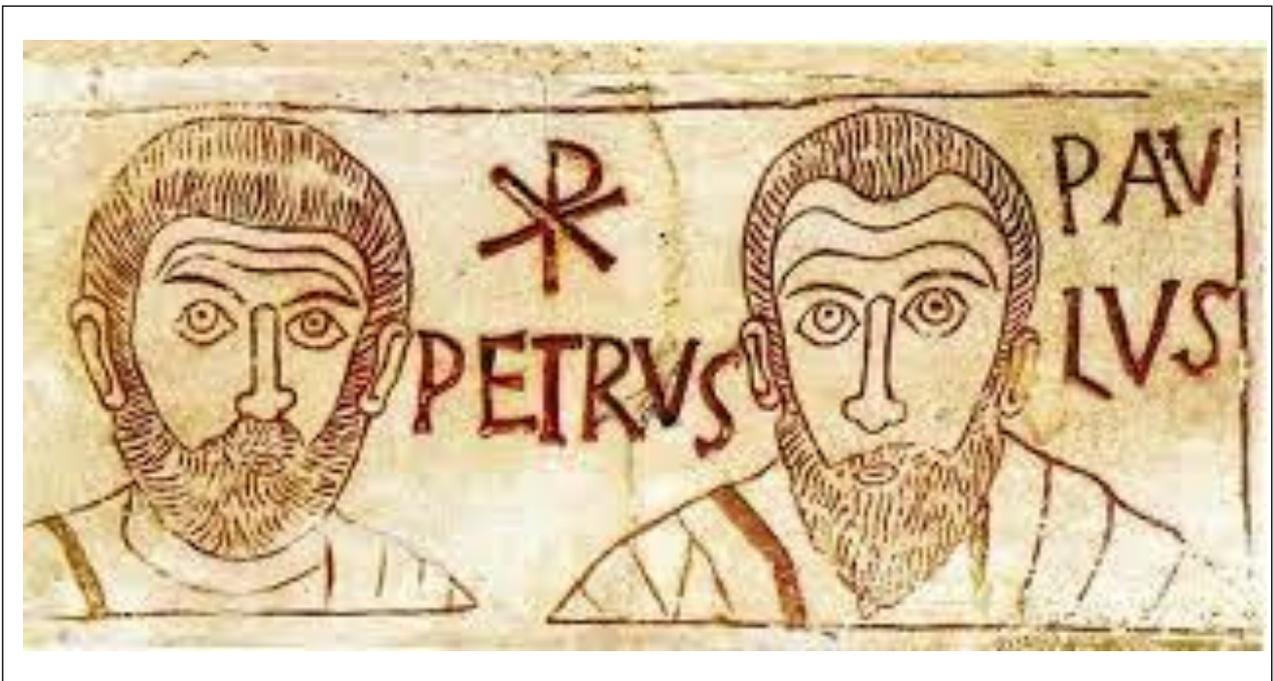


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Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul 28 June 2020

“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold our against it.”

Matthew 16, 18

OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Our Lady & St. Anne Church will be open for personal/private prayer each Friday, from 17.00 to 19.00 hrs.

- Entry to the church is through the double doors next to the Cenacle.
- Visitors are asked to carefully read the statements displayed on the doors, before entering.
- On entry, visitors will be greeted by a steward and will need to register their contact details for track and trace purposes.
- Visitors are asked to wear a face covering during their time in church.
- Visitors must apply hand sanitiser on entry and departure.
- Visitors will be escorted to a seat by a steward. We ask visitors to sit at the end of the designated bench and keep movement along the bench to an absolute minimum.
- A one-way system has been introduced with movement down the central aisle and back up along the side aisles. Visitors are requested not to slide along a bench in the centre aisle to reach a side aisle on exit, but to continue forward along the central aisle, similar to the "Communion route".
- Visitors will either exit through the doors opposite the sanctuary.
- The current capacity is 26 visitors.
- If we have reached capacity, visitors will be asked to wait outside (or in their car) until a place becomes available.
- Pews and kneelers will be disinfected by stewards as each visitor vacates their seat.

All the above measures are designed to ensure the health, safety and well being of all our parishioners and visitors and we thank you for your cooperation.

OPENING FOR MASS?

The Government has permitted churches to open for public worship as of Saturday 4 July. However, the regulations which the Archdiocese of Birmingham insists be implemented have not yet reached us and a decision on which churches in the South Oxford Deanery are free to re-open has not been taken as we print the Bulletin. As soon as a decision has been arrived at regarding the start of public worship, i.e. Mass, it will be posted on the parish website. Prudence would suggest we start with daily Mass, learn the new protocols and feel at ease with what promise to be cumbersome arrangements, and then proceed to Sunday Mass. **Father Patrick**

IN HOSPITAL DURING COVID-19

Priests are still willing and able to go to hospital to visit patients in an emergency. It is vital that family members let the staff know that their loved ones would like to see a Priest if they are in danger of death.

Tel: 01183225111

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY

team is continuing to run sessions via Zoom every Sunday at 10am. Any parish families who would like to join the sessions should contact the team at childrensliturgy.stannes@gmail.com

Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul: Across the year the Church celebrates the feast days of the apostles. We know, from visiting medieval cathedrals such as Brussels, that the twelve apostles have their statues on twelve columns in the nave, a powerful reminder that the Church reposes of them as its foundation stones. We are also reminded each Sunday when we recite the Creed that ours is an apostolic faith: we received it from them, they were the first to profess it, their relationship with the Lord Jesus had a unique intimacy, and – replacing as they did the twelve tribes of ancient Israel – they are the founders of the new family of Jesus’ disciples we call the Church. It is self-evident that we should hold them in the highest honour. Today, however, we are celebrating the joint feast of two apostles who do have their own individual feast in the liturgical calendar: Paul’s conversion on 25 January, Peter’s chair [at Rome] on 22 February. The Church has deliberately twinned them: they are the dominant figures in the Acts of the Apostles, through their often conflictual relationship the early Church broke new frontiers and opened up the Christian message to the whole world, and both are reputed to have died in Rome as martyrs in the persecution of Christians launched by the Emperor Nero in the mid-60’s AD. But they are twinned in the Church’s calendar because both represent an essential characteristic of the Catholic Church. The Church is governed by the Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome [Pope Francis], and the bishops united with him in faith and discipline. The pope exercises the Petrine ministry: he is custodian of the Catholic faith, he is the focus of the Church’s unity and the ministry he exercises goes back to apostolic times [as today’s gospel of the mandate given by Jesus to Peter at Caesarea Philippi reminds us]. The pope is guarantor of that faith we proclaim: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. But the Church is always missionary and that dynamic, energetic outreach to all men and women of good will is personified in the ministry of Paul. No one has ever articulated the Christian faith with such clarity, lucidity and commitment as Paul. Is it any wonder that these two gigantic figures of early Christianity should share the honours in a joint celebration?

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 12, 1 – 11: The Church has often endured persecution and has regularly felt itself weak in the face of earthly powers. This was particularly true in its early days. Herod held power, Peter was his prisoner. And yet God’s providence reversed the roles in setting Peter free from prison, thus confirming an observation Paul made: it is when I am weak I know that I am strong.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 4, 6 – 8. 17 – 18: Paul summarises the life he has led as an apostle and outlines the reward he feels sure the Lord will give him for his faithful service. He was only able to achieve all that he did thanks to the assurance that the Lord was always at his side. After all, it was the Lord’s bidding and the Lord’s work he was doing.

Gospel: Matthew 16, 13 – 19: The authority Jesus gave to the successor of Peter is outlined in his words to the apostle at Caesarea Philippi.

[Sunday readings](#)

Masses and Intentions

Week Thirteen of the Year

Fr Patrick will celebrate these Masses on his own,
at the times and for the intentions shown.

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| Saturday 27 th June | 10.00 | People of the parish |
| <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | (Exposition) | |

**Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul,
Apostles**

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| Sunday 28 th June | 10.00 | Parishioners of SS Peter and Paul, Wolverhampton |
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| Monday 29 th June | 09.15 | Our Lady & St Anne Intention |
| <i>Feria Week 13 in Ordinary Time</i> | | |

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| Tuesday 30 th June | 09.15 | Fred & Frances Battersby RIP |
| <i>Proto-Martyrs of the Roman Church</i> | | |

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| Wednesday 1 st July | 09.15 | Fr Giles intentions |
| <i>St. Oliver Plunkett Bishop & Martyr</i> | | |

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| Thursday 2 nd July | 08.00 | Winnie Lythall [JF] |
| <i>Feria Week 13 in Ordinary Time</i> | | |

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| Friday 3 rd July | 12.30 | Frank Archer RIP |
| <i>Feast of St Thomas, Apostle</i> | 17.00-19.00 | [Open for private prayer] |

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| Saturday 4 th July | 10.00 | Father David Barry [JF] |
| <i>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i> | (Exposition) | |

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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| Sunday 5 th July | 10.00 | People of the parish |
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