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28th June 2020 – Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul (Year A)

Mass Intentions this Week

During this week Fr Liam will say a daily private mass in St Peter's Church for the following intentions:

Sunday: Angela Jayatilleke *RIP*.

Monday: NO MASS.

Tuesday: Esterina and Bronyslaw Bril.

Wednesday: Clare Selman *RIP*

Thursday: Herta O'Neill *RIP*.

Friday: CMBF

Saturday 6.00pm: People of the Parish

Resumption of Public Masses

With the Government permitting the return of public acts of worship, public masses will resume from next Saturday, July 4th. The letter from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England welcoming this news can be viewed [HERE](#). Here in St Peter's, weekend masses will resume next weekend beginning with the 6.00pm on Saturday. Weekday masses will resume from Tuesday July 7th. The times of weekday masses will, at times, be different than normal. Please check the newsletter each week for times. With the return of Sunday mass it is important to reaffirm that, at present, **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended**. It is also stressed that any parishioner who feels uncomfortable about returning to mass at this time should not feel any obligation to do so. Where possible parishioners are encouraged to attend a weekday mass rather than a Sunday one. Strict observance of the 2m social distancing requirement will mean a much reduced capacity in church for all masses. Every other pew is closed off and not available for use. While people from the same household or from the same bubble will be able to sit in the same pew without the need to keep 2m from each other, individuals will have to ensure they keep the 2m distance from others. Once all available spaces have been occupied (anticipated to be between 40 and 65 depending on the number of family groups) no one else will be permitted to enter the church for mass. Stewards will be available at all masses to guide those attending and to ensure the best use of the spaces available. This may mean parishioners being directed to a different seat from where they would normally sit. Volunteer stewards are needed for all our weekend and weekday masses. If you can help, please email Fr Liam on liam.slattery@cliftondiocese.com. All masses will be celebrated in accordance with the strict and clear guidelines issued by Bishop Declan following those issued by the Bishops of England. There will be no congregational singing, no altar servers and no sacristians and masses will be shorter. The church will be closed after each mass to enable the cleaning of the space in preparation for the following mass.

The streaming of live masses that so many have availed of these past few months will continue to be available.

Confessions

Guidance on the resumption of Confessions will be issued next weekend.

Opening of St Peter's Church for Private Prayer this week

St Peter's Church will be open for a limited time this coming week for **private prayer ONLY** as follows: Sunday 2.30pm – 4.30pm; Tuesday 3.00pm – 5.00pm; Wednesday 11.30am – 1.30pm; Thursday 11.30am – 1.30pm; Friday 3.00pm – 5.00pm; Saturday from 5.00pm until mass time. Volunteer stewards needed.

This Week:

Week 13 in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 1 for the Prayer of the Church. Tuesday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Clifton; Wednesday is the Memorial of St Oliver Plunkett; Friday is the Feast of St Thomas.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Augustine of Canterbury, Matson and English Martyrs, Tuffley.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Mary Wood, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Vera Watson, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Linda Northway, Rebecca Northway, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Mary Philomena Mayo, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Milvia Sepede, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Fr Liam Slattery, Christopher Browne.

RIP

We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Barry O'Sullivan, Noreen Niceil. We extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

Year of Communion – 28th June – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

This weekend, had it not been for Covid-19, many of us would have been gathering at St. Brendan's in Bristol, for our annual diocesan day. It is always a joyful occasion when we celebrate who we are as a community of parishes far and wide. A striking aspect of the day is the diversity of people who come as individuals but with a common purpose. Saints Peter and Paul, whose feast we celebrate today, couldn't have been more different, but they were both called by Christ. Each had their own mission, but it was part of the same calling. We could say that they complimented each other in their different approaches to the one mission. There isn't one of us who has it all. In our own following of Jesus, we share what we have and allow others to do the same, even if it means that we must let go of our own preferences. Discipleship is an invitation to respond to what Jesus wants of us, not what we think is needed.

Diocesan Website

Visit the Clifton Diocesan website on cliftondiocese.com to hear the latest contribution to the 'Isolation during the Year of Communion' series this time from Deacon David Hebbes.

New Mass time at Prinknash Abbey effective July 5th 2020

HOLY MASS

Weekdays: 8.30am, starts with the Office of Terce. **Sundays:** 9.00am, starts with the Office of Terce

Solemnities: as for Sundays

E.F. Mass (Old Latin Mass): every Sunday: 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: 8.30am to 8.55am

DIVINE OFFICE

6.00am VIGILS & LAUDS. 8.30am TERCE. 12.30pm SEXT. 5.30pm VESPERE Sun/Sol followed by Benediction
7.30pm COMPLINE

A Thought from Fr Liam

I have recorded a brief video message to be played at the assembly in St Peter's Primary School tomorrow for the Feast of St Peter, the patronal feast of the School. What I said to the children I offer to you (in summary form). Peter had the best of friends in Jesus. For Peter, having Jesus as the best of friends, was the greatest gift, because Jesus never gave up on him. Even when Peter didn't fully understand Jesus' mission, when he denied three times ever knowing him and abandoned him in his greatest hour of need, Jesus did not give up on Peter. Despite all his failings, despite getting it wrong so many times, Jesus always saw the good in Peter. We like Peter have the best of friends in Jesus, but like Peter we too get things wrong and can feel sad and disappointed in ourselves. And yet, like with Peter, Jesus does not give up on us. He sees always the goodness that is within us and he helps that goodness to come to life in the lives we live. Just as Jesus loved Peter, so he loves us. As Peter found in this all the help he needed to be the best he could be, so too, knowing that Jesus loves us, no matter what, will help us to be the best that we can be.