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Saints Peter & Paul

Masses will be celebrated without a congregation

Saturday	27 th	Kathleen Maloney RIP
Sunday	28 th	The Parish
Monday	29 th	Intention of Thomas Duggan
Tuesday	30 th	Nicholas Murphy RIP
Wednesday	1 st	David Alexander RIP
Thursday	2 nd	Andrea Pyle RIP
Friday	3 rd	Holy Souls
Saturday	4 th	Patrick Brady RIP
Sunday	5 th	The Parish



TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10, Paul to the Roman 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Maithé Bennett, Frances Boylan, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Albert Davitt, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Anthony Canneaux, Lawrence Brownlee, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: **DAVID ALEXANDER** and those whose anniversary occurs about this time: Paul Simmons, Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire, John Richards, Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman, James Ashby, Michael O'Connor, Michael Weight, Thomas Fawl, Kathleen Johnson, Veronica Smith *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. MORE SPONSORS NEEDED TO HELP CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE: Charities rely on big events like the London Marathon for much needed funds but this year it has been cancelled. So, Peter Clarke had a think about what he could do from home and decided he would do 26,200 press-ups! He is no fitness fanatic so this is a tough personal challenge. He is now up to **500** press-ups per day because he is in school more frequently, and has completed **20,000 to date**. With just 6.200 to go he hopes to complete this challenge in July. The charity he has chosen is the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice, which is a charity already supported by the parish. **To date he has raised £859** and is hoping to raise £1,000. Just £141 to go
Donations 😊 may be made via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-clarke-press-up-challenge> and will go directly to the charity. Thank you in advance!

4. HAPPY NEWS: Danielle Boyle, daughter of Teresa, had given birth to a fine son, Austin Peter, and thanks everyone for their support and prayers.

5. THE GOOD NEWS is that from next weekend we will be celebrating Mass both at the weekend and each weekday morning. Please see below for the details. (The filmed Sunday Mass will continue)

6. HAVE YOU BEEN ENJOYING MASS ON SUNDAY from English Martyrs? For those who are unable to watch the Mass the Knights of St. Columba have solved the problem by organising and sponsoring **Telephone Dial-a-Mass 01642 130 120**. You can now listen to Mass through your telephone at any time, from midday on Sunday until 11:59 a.m. the following Sunday. The cost to you is just that of a local call. The KSC meet the other costs of providing this facility. The number to call is 01642 130 120. *Please spread the word of this service to those who do not have access to streamed and recorded Masses.*

FATHER LIAM SAYS: Pope Francis tells us that: God has written a precious book whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form. Nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is a continuing revelation of the divine... showing forth the inexhaustible riches of God.' (Laudato Si 8:5-6)

Pope Francis is encouraging us to contemplate the great book of nature. God has placed before us together with the great book of scripture – the Word of God – which together tell us the secrets of God's great love and beauty and reveal his generosity and faithfulness to us. The word 'reveal' means 'pulling back the veil' to open up to us the beauty that would otherwise be hidden. God's revelation of himself is never ending. He speaks to us not only when the scriptures are opened but when our minds and hearts are opened to his inexhaustible riches in the world around us.

God invites us to look closely at the growth and colour and diversity that is all around us and admire the various shades of green that form the backdrop to the whole array of nature's splendour. As Wordsworth says: 'Nature is never spent.' It never tires of wanting to please us. It keeps on giving – just like its Creator.

In that powerful encyclical on the environment 'Laudato Si', which pope Francis wrote over five years ago, he suggests that St Francis of Assisi was in love with nature. Sometimes a person who has fallen in love with another person bursts into song, so St Francis 'bursts into song whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, drawing all other creatures into his praise.' Pope Francis is inviting us to follow the example of St Francis by allowing ourselves to fall in love with nature, with all the creatures around us. He wants us to be nourished by the beauty of God's world, to experience its mystery, to embrace it, love it and be committed to protecting it and to find God in it.

Pope Francis has continued to make impassioned pleas to all of us to commit ourselves to bringing about a state of what has come to be called 'Climate Justice'. What this means is summed up by Mary Robinson in her book of that name: 'If there is a climate change problem, it is a large part a justice problem. Our continued existence on this shared planet demands that we agree to a fairer way of sharing out the burdens and benefits of life on earth and that in the choices we make we remember the rights of today's poor and tomorrow's children. Raising awareness about climate justice requires us to marry the standard of human rights with issues of sustainable development and responsibility for climate change.' (pages 8,9)

It has become increasingly clear that there is an inseparable link between ecology and justice. The worst effects of the ecological problems we have at present are experienced first of all, and most seriously, by poor people living in poor countries. The whole way of life of people living in the Amazon Jungle is being destroyed and thousands have been murdered or have died as a result of burning down the forest by companies and governments in the name of what is called 'development' but what is the ruthless exploitation of the environment and the people.

Some people are saying 'all this has little or nothing to do with our Christian call to live by the Gospel and preach it to others.' Pope Francis insists that concern for the environment is 'not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.' (LS.217)

To end on an encouraging note. It seems that Red Squirrels are staging a valiant comeback. For many years their numbers have been falling dangerously low. Its arch-enemy has been the non-native grey squirrel which competes with it for food and carries a pox fatal to the Reds. Now the Greys have gone from some of the previous strongholds. This is due to the recovery of another native species, the pine marten.

Pine Martens prey on squirrels but after centuries inhabiting the same territory, the Red Squirrel is wise to its tricks. The Grey Squirrel, despite being twice the size of its Red cousin has only

been in these parts for 100 years and appears to have become vulnerable to the Pine Martens recovery. The Pine Martens had all but vanished but are now thriving because they have been given legal protections. So both the Red squirrels and the Pine Martens are doing well while the Grey squirrel is losing its dominance – but is expected to survive – according to my sources.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

The government has now allowed public worship to take place in our churches as from 4th July and we have received guidance from our bishops as to how we can best ensure the safe celebration of public Masses. The Bishops of England and Wales emphasize that nobody is obliged at this time to participate publicly in the celebration of Mass.

We are allowed to reduce the physical distancing from 2 metres to 1 metre provided we wear a face covering. Within family groups physical distancing regulations, of course, do not apply. Places for family groups will be designated. Entrance will be through the Main Entrance and you will leave by the West door.

Holy Communion can be received only on the hand and without any words being spoken. It is recommended that Mass be celebrated without undue length. Homilies will be short and there will be no singing or Prayers of the Faithful. So as not to detain people for longer than necessary, people can leave the church immediately after receiving Holy Communion. There will be leaflets available as you leave giving some prayers you might like to use. This will also make it easier to maintain physical distancing throughout the celebration of Mass.

It is recommended that those distributing Holy Communion be under the age of 70 years. This applies also to the priest. Ministers of Holy Communion will sanitise their hands immediately before and after distributing Holy Communion and Communion will be received standing, holding out your hands at full stretch over a physical barrier. No words will be spoken.

There will be stewards to help us to observe physical distancing. To maintain distancing requirements only every 2nd pew will be in use. You will be advised to sit in a space so that no one has to squeeze past anyone else. You are asked not to kneel in order to make sanitising the church easier. We will be asking people to help with sanitising the church after every Mass.

The church will be opened five minutes before each Mass and will be closed again five minutes after the celebration. Masses will be celebrated at these times:

Saturday 6.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday)

Sunday 8.15 am and 10.30 am

Weekday Masses 9.30 am

Our church, with social distancing, will be able to accommodate about 55 people at each Mass. We do not anticipate any more than that. As from Friday 3rd July the church will not be open for private prayer during the day.

And what about the Collection? This is still possible – plates will be available as you enter onto which you may place your donation. Gift Aid envelopes can also be placed there and all will be banked according to the safety guidelines.

FOR THIS TO BE ABLE TO HAPPEN WE NEED VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE AGE OF 70 years.

WE NEED MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST, STEWARDS AND CLEANERS FOR EACH SUNDAY MASS.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT ANNE IN THE OFFICE EITHER BY E-MAIL emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk OR TELEPHONE 01903 242624 BETWEEN 10.00 am and 12 noon MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

*May God bless you,
Fr. Liam.*