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Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Kyric & Family
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Grace West RIP
Monday	1 st	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	2 nd	9.30 am	For the Canonisation of Bl. Matt Taylor
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Walter Drohan RIP
Thursday	4 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	5 th	9.30 am	Bill O'Keeffe Jn. RIP
Saturday	6 th	6.00 pm	Maria Archer RIP
Sunday	7 th	8.15 am	Ernie Howse RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour

SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm



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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

COLLECTIONS: Church: £381 Dona: £110 Thank you for your generosity.
There will be a Second Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence (NO GIFT AID)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Terence Wheeler, Sue Withnell, Mirille Byrne, Peter Honiball, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Sophie Abbott, Michelle Diett, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony Kearney, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: **LENA BASTIONELLI** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: John Richards, Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman, Christopher Judge, James Ashby, Michael O'Connor, Michael Weight, Robert Gibbs, Thomas Faw, Kathleen Johnson, Veronica Smith, Robert Turnbull, Lorna Painter, Rev Bill Timmons, Maura Morris. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay.

4. READERS & MINISTERS: Rosters for July are now available in the Sacristy

5. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Mission in Kalingalinga, Lusaka

6. LIPSTICK ALERT! Please avoid wearing lipstick when you receive the chalice – it causes chaos with the laundering of the purificators!

7. MANY THANKS FROM ST OSCAR ROMERO SCHOOL for your sponsorship which amounted to £300.50. They were raising money for Mary's Meals.

8. PARISH CENSUS FORMS: Many thanks to all those who have returned their Parish Census Forms and a huge thank you to those who have volunteered to help in one way or another. The final date for handing in the forms will be next weekend – 6th/7th July.

9. ROSARY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE HOLY LAND will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.00pm. The next one is next Saturday, 13th June. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

10. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

11. TURNING TIDES WISH LIST is appealing for the many items that they need urgently: Tinned Meat - Ham & Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Cooking Sauces, Tinned Vegetarian, Meat Meals & Pies. Small Juices/Water, Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard. Carton Milk, Cooking Oil, Spreads - Sweet & Savoury. Easy Snacks - Pot Noodles, Mug Shots, Pasta-n-Sauce, Instant Noodles. Men's Boxer Pants & Socks. Washing Powder. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: Today's Feast of St Peter and St Paul reminds us that we share the same faith that they did. We celebrate the same Eucharist that they celebrated. We belong to the same family of Christ that they gloried in. The Church is truly remarkable. No other institution in our world today has had a larger continuous history. It is a rich and complex history. It stretches across every culture from the ancient Greek speaking world centred in the Mediterranean to todays post modern world. It embraces all languages, ancient and modern and embodies a multitude of styles in art and architecture. Its members have been great saints and great sinners. It has survived severe persecutions and horrible scandals. Throughout two thousand years it has periods of growth and of decline. Where once it was strong it is sometimes now few in numbers and in other places it enjoys new vigour.

The Church is Christ's family. It is founded by him and strengthened by him. He promised to be with his Church – with us – to the end of time. He established the Church to continue his ministry throughout time and throughout the world. This is the unchanging and unchangeable task Christ has given us. And he has equipped us for that task. It is a noble and privileged task to bear witness to Christ in the world. To continue this work, the Church is always in need of being healed and restored.

Pope Francis has been assiduous in his efforts to renew the Church. In his first interview as Pope in September 2013 he said: 'We must walk together – the people, the bishops and the Pope. Synodality should be lived at various levels.' The word 'synod' literally means 'journeying together'. The synodal journey initiated by Pope Francis reaches a major milestone in October. The second part of the General Assembly of the Synod takes place in Rome from the 2nd to the 27th of that month. The first part took place last October. There will be – as last October – a large number of non-ordained people, among them over fifty women taking part as voting participants. They will have at their disposal the feedback from around the world to the Report from the first phase of the Synod, last year. There will also be the initial findings from ten study groups set up by the Pope to reflect on various issues discussed last year. Among these are some canonical matters regarding specific ministerial forms' which may include consideration of the female diaconate. Also up for discussion will be 'theological criteria and synod methodologies for shared discernment of controversial doctrinal, pastoral and ethical issues.'

From all over the world, with subtle difference of emphasis, the role of women in the Church has emerged as a pressing issue. There have been significant conversations in Rome over the past several months, including dialogue between women theologians and Pope Francis with his Council of Cardinals. Again and again the Pope has called for a 'de-masculinisation of the Catholic Church'.

Words from Pope Francis:

'Perfect families do not exist. This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn. Love is something we live. Love grows as it is formed by the concrete situations which each particular family experiences. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows.'

Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches'.

(Meeting of Families, September 2015)

'Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves. Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering. On the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice and love.'

We form a Church ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate all without distinction and without leaving anyone out, recognising the right of each one to offer their contribution through work and personal commitment for the good of all and the protection of our common home'.

(Message for the World Day of Prayer. April 2024.)