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Newsletter for the week commencing 30th June

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Entrance antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11

Psalm 33 Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second Reading: The second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4: 6-8; 17-18

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

Communion antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Father Behr writes:

With the General Election only a few days away it is worth spending some time in prayer for our nation. On Thursday 4 July during our Holy Hour of Adoration at 9am, we will pray for our nation and for peace in our land.

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV)

On Thursday we will pray for King Charles and the Royal Family, for the Prime Minister Sunak and leader of the opposition Starmer and all politicians, and for everyone to see the goodness of God revealed in Jesus Christ and seek to follow him.

We will pray that our nation would be given a great grace of repentance and conversion to recognise that society cannot be built on a secularist worldview that undermines the centrality of family and the sanctity of human life.

There is a second collection for Peter’s Pence this weekend.

Your Prayers are asked for: Carmen Ines Antaki RIP; Eugene Hughes RIP; Jacqueline Dyde RIP

Those ill or infirm: Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: May Brooks, Alan Castle, Mary Norris, Thomas McGuire, David Donahue, David Clements, Beryl Bately, Ann Yeoman, Frances Koo, Caroline Hutt and Janet Locke.

Please pray for the repose of the soul **Carmen Ines Antaki RIP**. We have been left a generous legacy of £2000 from the estate.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eugene Hughes RIP**. The funeral Mass is on Tuesday 2 July at 2.15pm.

This week’s services (30th June – 6th July), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.	
Saturday 29th June The Blessed Virgin Mary	No public Mass am No Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Lorraine
Sunday 30th June SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	10am Mass <i>Carmen Ines Antaki RIP</i> Reader: Suzanne 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr	10am Mass Margaret Gosling RIP
Tuesday 2nd July Feria	Funeral Mass Eugene Hughes RIP 2.15PM
Wednesday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle	9am Mass Donor’s Intention

Thursday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal	9am-10am Adoration 10am Mass Annie and Basil Baldwin RIP	
Friday 5th July St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest	10am Mass Maria Williams Welfare 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration	
Saturday 6th July St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: James
Sunday 7th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (B)	10am Mass Holy Souls (Margaret) 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Collette
Flowers: for Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th July: Sandra		
Cleaning: 6th/7th July: Martin & Rachel		

Confession

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass is on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend. The next lesson with Lorraine is **next Sunday, July 7th**.

Want to know where your MP candidates stand on abortion? Contact your MP candidates today

Ask your local MP candidates to take the *Both Lives Pledge*. The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women.

Take action: Email your candidates today by visiting righttolife.org.uk/bothlives before the General Election on **Thursday 4 July**.

Summertime 2024: 29th July – 1st August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, [Tel:01322 220075](tel:01322220075).

The English and Welsh bishops have issued a **pastoral reflection on gender** which is worth reading and passing on to those who have questions about the issues. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/>

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

The Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: This will take place on Sunday 28th July and is themed "*Do not cast me off in my old age*", (cf. Psalm 71:9).

Three Forthcoming Churches Together in Tenterden events

1. Sunday June 30th , Evening Worship Together - United Sunday Evening Service at 6pm with refreshments - at Saint Mildred's (Evensong)
2. Saturday 6th July, "Spirit of Tenterden" - Churches Together in Tenterden will have a tent at this forthcoming festival. We need volunteers to staff the tent between 1pm and 8pm. If you can spare any time at all, during that period (no amount of time is too short) please do let Father Behr or Jolyon know as soon as possible. The tent will be promoting the Christian churches in the town.
3. Saturday July 20th, Christian Breakfast hosted by Saint Andrew's 8:30 am to 10am in the Parish Centre. Offers to help set up, serve and clear away appreciated. Speaker Jeanette Kennett.