



Ordinariate and Parish Church MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



SAINTS PETER & PAUL

28th June 2020



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ promised to remain forever with his Church through Peter the head of the apostles. The Lord rescued Peter from the hatred of Herod and always comes to the aid of his Church against which the forces of evil will never win. Paul is the apostle of the Gentles so the Good News is spread throughout the whole world. Christ is with us too as we witness to his power in our lives. In this way we pray that the world may learn to believe in Jesus Christ.

Ss Peter & Paul are celebrated today! Their feast day is really the 29th, tomorrow, as they are two of the most important saints, we have the privilege of celebrating them today.

100th day today since you last came to Mass. Let your heart swell to receive the Lord Jesus when we next can.

Last Sunday Mass today in a locked Church. The Archbishop has given permission for Public Mass to resume from this Saturday. Therefore Sunday 5th July will be our first Public Mass. *Deo Gratias*

Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended, so Catholics don't have to attend Mass, even though of course, we will very much want to! Please be sensible and considerate: it's not about you.

If you attend Mass next Sunday, there will be procedures you must follow. Mass will be at 11am, followed by one at 12noon, if there is any over-flow. We will see how it goes...

Mass will continue on-line here at MPB at our usual times. The live-stream goes 'live' 10 mins before each Liturgy for those who cannot return just yet..

Take full part in the Mass on-line: stand, sit, kneel, speak with the others.

Will you help? We have a team of cleaners and we need volunteers to be Stewards. Can you help? You will receive an email soon which explains everything, esp the guidelines in Church.

The Archbishop has sent guidance on the celebration of Public Mass, Confession and Funerals. They are on the website /covid

Continue to follow the Government guidelines. Avoid unnecessary travel, keep your distance, wash your hands!

Check on friends and neighbours, if they need help. Fiona is still the 'go to' person.

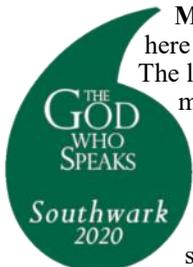
Floor Intentions will be the Mass intention on Thursday this week. Thank again to those who gave special intentions for the Floor, they are on the board in the Lady Chapel.

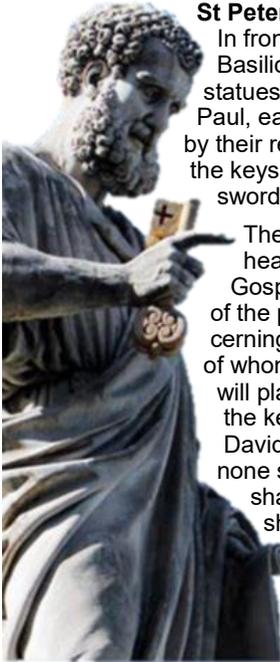
Bedsit to let in SE1 two private rooms sharing facilities with one other. See FrC

St George's Cathedral is open for private prayer this week:

Sunday	14.00 - 16.00
Mon - Fri	07.30 - 09.30 & 12.00 - 14.00
Saturday	10.00 - 12.00

Safeguarding is about protecting vulnerable adults and children. During the lockdown it's all the more important you know who our safeguarding person is, and the 0800 phone number. It's on the back of this sheet.





St Peter & St Paul.

In front of Saint Peter's Basilica, are imposing statues of St Peter and St Paul, easily recognisable by their respective attributes: the keys of Peter and the sword held by Paul.

The keys, which we hear about in today's Gospel, echo the oracle of the prophet Isaiah concerning the steward Elikim, of whom it was said: "And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open" (Is 22:22).

The key represents authority over the house of David. And in the Gospel there is another saying of

Jesus addressed to the scribes and the Pharisees, whom the Lord reproaches for shutting off the kingdom of heaven from people (cf. Mt 23:13). This saying also helps us to understand the promise made to Peter: to him, inasmuch as he is the faithful steward of Christ's message, it belongs to open the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to judge whether to admit or to refuse (cf. Rev 3:7). Hence the two images – that of the keys and that of binding and loosing – express similar meanings which reinforce one another. The expression "binding and loosing" forms part of rabbinical language and refers on the one hand to doctrinal decisions, and on the other hand to disciplinary power, that is, the faculty to impose and to lift excommunication. The parallelism "on earth ... in the heavens" guarantees that Peter's decisions in the exercise of this ecclesial function are valid in the eyes of God.

In Chapter 18 of Matthew's Gospel, dedicated to the life of the ecclesial community, we find another saying of Jesus addressed to the disciples: "Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt 18:18). Saint John, in his account of the appearance of the risen Christ in the midst of the Apostles on Easter evening,

recounts these words of the Lord: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:22-23). In the light of these parallels, it appears clearly that the authority of loosing and binding consists in the power to remit sins. And this grace, which defuses the powers of chaos and evil, is at the heart of the Church's ministry. The Church is not a community of the perfect, but a community of sinners, obliged to recognise their need for God's love, their need to be purified through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Jesus' sayings concerning the authority of Peter and the Apostles make it clear that God's power is love, the love that shines forth from Calvary. Hence we can also understand why, in the Gospel account, Peter's confession of faith is immediately followed by the first prediction of the Passion: through his death, Jesus conquered the powers of the underworld, with his blood he poured out over the world an immense flood of mercy, which cleanses the whole of humanity in its healing waters.

Dear brothers and sisters, as I mentioned at the beginning, the iconographic tradition represents Saint Paul with a sword, and we know that this was the instrument with which he was killed. Yet as we read the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles, we discover that the image of the sword refers to his entire mission of evangelization. For example, when he felt death approaching, he wrote to Timothy: "I have fought the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7). This was certainly not the battle of a military commander but that of a herald of the Word of God, faithful to Christ and to his Church, to which he gave himself completely. And that is why the Lord gave him the crown of glory and placed him, together with Peter, as a pillar in the spiritual edifice of the Church.

It is built on the rock of Peter. Inspired by this conviction, we know that together we are all cooperators of the truth, which as we know is one and "symphonic", and requires from each of us and from our communities a constant commitment to conversion to the one Lord in the grace of the one Spirit. May the Holy Mother of God guide and accompany us always along the path of faith and charity. Queen of Apostles, pray for us!

Happy Birthday to us! It seems hardly possible that a year has passed since the Consecration of the MPB on 1st July 2019. Much has happen. We have faced some sad and challenging times: the death of some beautiful parishioners, the death of Archbishop Smith (pictured) who consecrated the Church, and of course the coronavirus with all that that entailed. But more importantly, we continue to give thanks and praise to God for the wonderful gifts and graces he continues to bestow on us. A new Archbishop full of evangelical zeal, our invigorated prayer life and Mass again soon in our Consecrated Church!

These walls which have echoed their praises are holy, and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod.



The Archbishop says Public Mass may be resumed from 4th July. So, we will need:

- Cleaners to clean and sanitise the church
 - Stewards to assist during and after Mass
- Sign up on ChurchSuite*

Don't forget that:

- Mass obligation is still suspended
- face covering must be worn
- singing is not allowed, yet
- a 2m distance must be kept
- sanitise in and out
- no touching



ChurchSuite
Church Management
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Have you signed-up and logged-in?

ChurchSuite is the system we use to keep parishioners' details safe and secure and in-line with laws concerning privacy. Having contact details has been invaluable during the lock down. It helps us to keep in touch with everyone, especially the vulnerable.

And now it will be used for volunteering as stewards, cleanings and attendance rotas if we need to ticket Mass.

Download the app or use a browser. If you have any problems, email FrC. You will receive a fuller email on Sunday.

Sign up, log-in, up-date, today!



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 29th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Christopher Tuckwell <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>recently</i>
Tues 30th <i>(First Martyrs of Rome)</i>	1.05pm	Anthony Reynolds ✕ <i>d.2002</i>
Wed 1st <i>Dedication Festival</i>	1.05pm	Parishioners killed in Gt War
Thur 2nd <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Floor intentions
Fri 3rd <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	1.05pm	Willem
Sat 4th <i>(of Our Lady)</i>	10.00am	Ivy Gilbert ✕ <i>d.1994</i>
Next Sunday <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am 12.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9,11-13 Matthew 11: 25-30

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment and only in emergency

Evensong 4.00pm, Sunday & Benediction, *live-stream*
6.30pm, Thursday *live-stream*

Last week: £1,005.00 Standing Orders and On-line payments

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for July: Our Families We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: The Coventry Group & Frs Paul Burch and Tim Boniwell.

For your prayers:

In formation: for Ministry, Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

Those who are Sick: Dora, Mary, Mark, David, Rebecca, George, David
And for all those with Coronavirus

Coronavirus: The medical profession, doctors, nurses, first responders, support-staff, research scientists, those who make big-impact decision,

Recently Departed: Ada Kane, Christopher Tuckwell *priest*

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