



SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (YEAR A)

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Reflection: This final Sunday of June is **the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**, moved from its traditional date of the 29th. It is quite exceptional for any major saint to have a Solemnity, & most exceptional for it to be allotted a Sunday - for every Sunday is a celebration of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead – the Resurrection from the dead being the central tenet, or greatest aspect, of our Faith.

This illustrates the great high standing of both Peter & Paul. As we know, Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Paul, in his days as Saul of Tarsus, delighted in rounding up Christians for persecution. Yet, each attained a depth of love for Jesus that was exemplary. Each would suffer most acutely for their Saviour – Peter crucified upside down; Paul martyred by the blade of a sword, after a personal Christian "CV" of beatings, imprisonment(s), shipwreck(s) etc.

This month, dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, ends with Tuesday.

Wednesday (July 1st) has quite a significance for our parish, for it is the Optional Memorial of **the Irish martyr-saint, Oliver Plunkett**. For fragments of his bones lie within our church altar. They were placed there in June 1986, when our church was consecrated i.e. when it was declared "free of debt". **St. Oliver (1625-1681)** was martyred on July 1st 1681 at Tyburn (= Marble Arch), aged 55. He had been found guilty of "high treason" for promoting the Roman Faith, & sentenced to death: the last victim of the "Popish Plot."

It is surely most appropriate for us to have placed before us, at the midpoint of another calendar year, such a rich example of the witness of martyrs to Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The theologian Tertullian wrote c. 197 AD: **"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."**

Saturday 27th June 2026 Feria
10am Mass – Karl Best RIP (3rd anniversary)
Confessions 11am-12 noon & 5.45pm- 6.15pm
6.30pm Mass – Anne Gavigan RIP (Carmel)

SUNDAY JUNE 28th 2026
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7.30am Adoration
8.30am Mass – Thanking God for our 21st wedding anniversary and asking for His blessings (Jerome & Angela)
11am Mass – For God's, blessing, guidance & protection of the family members of Stanley & Hana Peterside

Monday 29th June 2026 Feria
8.30am Adoration
9.15am Mass – Victoria Ezeonyido RIP (3rd anniversary today)

Tuesday 30th June 2026 - 1st Martyrs of Church of Rome
8.30am Adoration
9.15am Mass – Elfreda D'Souza & her 2 sons' birthdays yesterday

Wednesday 1st July 2026 St. Oliver Plunkett (Martyr)
8.30am Adoration
9.15am Mass – that there be, in one and all, a constant profound thanksgiving to God the Father for the Precious Blood of Jesus

Thursday 2nd July 2026 Feria
8.00am Adoration
9.15am Mass – Cheryl Evans RIP (C & M)

Friday 3rd July 2026 St. Thomas the Apostle (Feast)
8.30am Adoration
9.15am – Special blessings for a significant birthday today

Saturday 4th July 2026 Feria
10am Mass – That grandparents may always act favourably to their son's family
Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45-6.15pm
6.30pm – In reparation for scandal caused by hidden faults ...

SUNDAY 5th JULY 2026
14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)
7.30am Adoration
8.30am Mass – John (Sean) Hickey RIP (3rd anniversary)
11am Mass – Thanking God for His blessings & asking for His guidance in our lives (Nneka Okeke & her family)

Parish Garden Party

Sunday 12th July

12.30pm – 4pm

Come along and celebrate the end of another academic year! Let us gather together for some summer fellowship, and to raise funds for our parish. From our cosmopolitan parish, there will be 5 “national dishes” and similar international ‘goodies’. There will be drinks, music, and activities for the children.

To prepare for the above event, we would greatly appreciate the receiving of the following: (1) drinks in manageable sizes (not bottles of wine). (2) small to medium sized bottles of water (e.g. fruited water). (3) cartons & cans for the children (of course, sugar-free especially). (4) cans & bottles of beer & lager (and non-alcoholic drinks). (5) individual-sized small cakes (but not cakes that require cutting). (6) suitable sweets for the children (e.g. individual-sizes, Haribos etc). PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL DONATED ITEMS WILL STILL BE IN GOOD DATE BY THE 12th JULY 2026. **MANY THANKS INDEED!**

New Addington Foodbank: thank you for all your contributions. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 & higher; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

2020 Diamond Fund: this actually dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60th Year - the Diamond Anniversary as a parish. 2020 marked 60 years of our church being built, before its unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr. Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

Gift Aid Scheme: Parishioners, not yet members, are encouraged to join. You paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. It can come back to the parish from HMR & C, at no cost to you. **Many thanks to those parishioners who have joined Gift-Aid in May and June.**

Red mission boxes: please bring yours to Mass for the mid-year emptying. Thank you.

Please pray for those with health issues: Peter Brown, Cyril Ojiemen, Curtis Pointu, Francesco Bruno, Jim Venis, Thomas Gunn, Issy Okwuobi, Divina Ddungu, Michael Onuh, Jason Brewer, Ruddyn Mathiasine, Sebastian Akogun, Vera Arthur, Susan Smith, Izeubokun Ichide, John Kabangue, Roseline Bardo, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Kathy and Terry Jobson, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan and Maria Smith, Edith Mack, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Amelia and Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, P. Vaughan, E. Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, M. Slattery.

June 21st: Attendance: 170 1stCollection: £450.04 Gift-aided: £302.30 Loose: £147.74

2nd Collection: £128.34

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