

Gospel Reflection

St Peter and St Paul are often described as the 'columns of the faith': Peter was the rock upon which the Church was built, and Paul was the apostles of the Gentiles, especially chosen by Christ to carry the Good News to those who were not Jews. Today, as we celebrate their feast, I reflect on my faith, especially that it is a great gift from God, which I received when I was baptised, and in which I grew through the ministry of so many others: starting from the apostles, down to my parents, teachers, catechists, parish community, friends, and so many other witnesses. I thank God for this great gift, and ask for the ability to know how to transmit it to others, not as a museum piece but as a living reality.

I also reflect in gratitude that I am not called to live this alone, but with others, in the community we call the Church. I talk with Jesus on my membership in the Church, and ask him to help me be a living stone in this his house. May this house be open to all men and women of all time.



NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

28th JUNE 2020 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 27th June		
Sunday 28th June	10:30am	Livestream
Monday 29th June		
Tuesday 30th June		
Wednesday 1st July		
Thursday 2nd July		
Friday 3rd July		
Saturday 4th July		
Sunday 5th July		
Monday 6th July		

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please
phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for
emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Margaret Chwastek

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Scam warning: Be aware of fraudsters targeting people during this time. Scammers have recently targeted by people claiming to be from their bank.

Information from the Met Police Little Scams booklet:
Nearly a third of all fraud is committed over the telephone. Criminals may call and claim to be from your bank, the tax office or police and claim there is a problem with your bank account. They often state there are corrupt staff at your bank, or criminals have cloned your bank cards and request your assistance with the investigation.

Fraudster's tactics:

Criminals can disguise their phone number to make it look like it's from a bank, the tax office, the police... or anyone. They can call you with what looks like a genuine phone number. They will keep your landline open by not hanging up and even play a dialling tone over the phone. They can send text messages requesting you call them, or click on a link. These messages usually appear in the same text thread as genuine messages. And send website links which can steal your data and money when you click on them. Never trust the caller ID display on your phone, it lies to you!

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Matt 16:13-19



When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?"

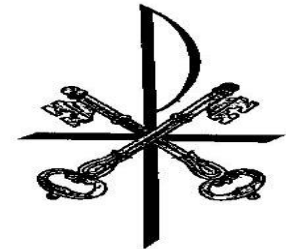
They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

"And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi