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Sts Peter & Paul – Year B

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On June 29 the

Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there.

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Feast day: 29th June

Patron saint of: Fisherman (Peter), Authors, Publishers (Paul)



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As he was travelling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptised and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/sts-peter-and-paul-501>

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 1
Lectionary Sundays Year B: week 13 Ordinary Time

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Throughout the world Catholics are invited to support Pope Francis by making a donation to the Peter's Pence Collection next weekend. This supports the Pope's ministry of serving the church and assisting the poor.

SUMMER BBQ

On Saturday 13 July from 12 – 4pm.

This is our main fundraising event for the Church and hall maintenance fund. We **urgently** need volunteers, donations of prizes and bottles. Please contact Tina on 07941 227 743 if you can help.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on 3 July at 2pm in the Parish hall.

Coffee morning on Sunday 7 July after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm (but not 12 July) in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403 649 306.

THANK YOU

To all who supported the Murder Mystery at the Casino fundraising event last Saturday. Thanks to Tina who organised the enjoyable evening.

LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

YOUTH MASS

On Thursday 4 July, Brentwood Cathedral. Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for

pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

A DAY WITH MARY

At Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 13 July (9.45am to 5.00pm). See www adaywithmary.org or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/> for further information.

MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on Monday 8 July 2024 at 11.30.am

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married couples, or couples preparing for marriage. Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27 July – 3 August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children. All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

From 20th to 27 July. A couple of last minute places have become available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS.

Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). There are five remaining places on the pilgrimage. To book, please go online as soon as possible: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS 31st August, Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION

An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

VACANCIES

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is looking to recruit a Sixth Form Study Support Supervisor. Working Monday – Friday, term-time only. Please see www.uai.org.uk for more details.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

**NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES
AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.**

Please also check the notice boards in the porch for other news and information.

Mass Intentions 29th June – 7th July

**Mass on Monday is celebrated privately.
Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is
at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary
will be prayed after morning Mass from
Wednesday to Saturday.**

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints
6.30pm In Thanksgiving for Rev
Alan's ministry

Sunday Vigil Mass **Sts Peter & Paul**

Sunday 30th 9.30am Daniel Conington Ints
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian
Holy Souls

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday 7pm In Thanksgiving for Priests
and Seminarians

Wednesday 9.30am Si Ling Pang RIP
St Thomas

Thursday 9.30am John Smith RIP

Friday 9.30am Mike Austed

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints
6.30pm Atal/Singh family Ints

Sunday Vigil Mass **14th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Sunday 7th 9.30am People of the Parish
11am Rita Marrai RIP
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 1 July – 7 July

Mrs Wong, Michael Hayes, Mollie Ellison, Fr Edward Littleton, James King, Fr Dermot McCormick, Marie Lejeune, David Barry, Agnes Brinklow, Mary Mitchell, Mary Blanchfield, Fr Pat Curran, Rosa Daoud, Morina Bernard, Fr Pat Carthy, John Smith, Jim Smith, George Booth, Francesco Luppi.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 249.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday and Friday mornings.