



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Acts 12:1-11

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

**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**Gospel 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



**Dear Parishioners**

The Gospel that the Church asks her faithful to read on the feast of Ss Peter and Paul is that in which Christ gives to St. Peter “the keys of the Kingdom” and the power “to bind and loose on earth.” This passage might be taken as clear evidence to a Catholic believer that Christ gave his authority to St. Peter and to his successors. If so, today’s feast could be seen as a celebration of the authority of the Pope. But the Church resists this temptation. She rather wants to balance the authority in the Church with her faith and mission. That is why she prefers to celebrate, not just the authority of St. Peter, who also stands for the faith of the Church but, together with him, that of St. Paul who stands for the challenge of mission entrusted by Christ to his Church. Thus, today’s feast is a reminder to all of us that the authority of the Church will be ineffective if there is no faith in her; because only those who believe are obedient and only those who are obedient believe. It also reminds us that faith is not idle; it works while it waits. In fact, I can experience my faith only when it is in action: thus, there is a need for all the faithful to be, in some way, missionaries as well. In that spirit of faith and mission I appeal again for volunteers to help us to be ready to open for services after 4<sup>th</sup> July! Primarily two volunteers after each service to act as stewards to ensure that people keep a safe distance and use hand gel entering and leaving church. Also, two cleaners after each service, to disinfect and clean the church. Currently you need to be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health problems, this may change. Please could you let me know whether you are willing and able to take on these tasks as soon as possible as I need to make a list and it is unlikely that we will be able to open without you!

**God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB**

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth**

# St Mary’s Roman Catholic Church

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**

**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**SS Peter and Paul (A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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### Masses

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul (Year A)</b>	Anita Pratt RIP
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul (Year A)</b>	Staff of St. Mary's Primary School
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June			
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> June			People of the Parish
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July			Norah O'Neil- Thomas RIP
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> July			Pam Young RIP
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		<b>St Thomas (Feast)</b>	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year A)</b>	Barbara Lucas
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year A)</b>	Mary Cross

**Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:** Doleen Evans, Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Nell Bridge, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Susanna Westmeath.

**Those who have recently died:**

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas.

### Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Pam Young and Norah O'Neill-Thomas two of our loyal parishioners who died recently RIP.

#### PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.



I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

#### St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Each year St. Mary's Catholic Primary School offers four extra places in our YEAR 3 class. We have:

**FOUR YEAR 3 PUPIL VACANCIES  
& TWO YEAR 4 PUPIL VACANCIES  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 2020**

If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for one of the places, please contact:

Mrs. K. Smith - [smith.k12@welearn365.com](mailto:smith.k12@welearn365.com)

**Do please check out our great new website where you will find up to date information, including the current bulletin, photos and other useful facts and advice.**

**A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.**