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NEWSLETTER

Upon this rock I will build My Church

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of **Saints Peter and Paul**. While both of them were martyred in Rome and are regarded as the two Pillars of the Church, Peter was given a particular office among the Apostles: the **primacy**.

Our Lord certainly didn't choose Peter for his personal merit, because as we know, he was very impulsive and tried to dissuade Our Lord from the Cross. He denied Him three times and was also corrected by St Paul at Antioch. And yet it was this imperfect man Our Lord chose to be the visible head of His Church here on earth. It was Peter's boat Our Lord often preached from (Luke 5:3), and on one occasion, after preaching His sermon, Our Lord went out to sea with Peter and performed the miracle of the miraculous catch of fish. Then He said to Peter specifically, *"Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men"* (5:10), because Peter was to be the **leader** in this great work.

The foundation of Peter's authority is in today's Gospel. After Peter's confession of faith at Caesarea Philippi, Our Lord made him the **promise** of the primacy. *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven"* (Matthew 16:18-19). Peter means 'rock' and keys signify authority. In the Old Testament, God Himself is referred to as "key bearer" (Isaiah 22:22). Furthermore, Peter is always named first among the Apostles, and when Our Lord wanted to strengthen the faith of the Apostles, He prayed especially for Peter: *"But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not; and thou being once converted, confirm thy brethren."* (Luke 22:32). Then after the Resurrection, Our Lord fulfilled His promise of the primacy. Three times He said to him, *"Feed My lambs, feed My sheep"* (John 21:17). In the **Acts of the Apostles** after the Ascension, Peter is shown exercising his leadership. He presides over the election of Matthias to replace Judas (1:15-26). He preaches the sermon at Pentecost (2:14-41), and speaks with authority at the Council of Jerusalem (15:7-11).

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Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:

James John Wilson
Roy Arthur Anthony
Giovanni Lallo
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sarah Gallagher
Brenda Warltire
Lucia Lallo
Irmgard Cooledge
Jane Butler
Costantino Lallo

PLEASE NOTE

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (UK-GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 27th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm Patrick Hollingsworth (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 28th **Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)**
9.00am Andrew & John Marples (RIP)
11.15am For the Parish
4.00pm *Italian Mass*

Mon 29th **Feria**
9.15am Umberto Fabricatore (RIP)
1.00pm *Requiem Mass: Giovanni Lallo RIP*

Tues 30th **First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**
9.15am Fr David Jones (GE)

Weds 1st **The Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
6.30pm **(commemoration of Blessed Antonio Rosmini)**
Private Intention (Sung Latin)

Thurs 2nd **Feria**
9.15am Lamberto Castillo Jr (RIP)

Fri 3rd **St Thomas, Apostle** *First Friday*
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our deceased relatives and friends
Followed by Benediction

Sat 4th **Saturday Mass of the BVM** *Five First Saturdays Dev'n*
10.00am Roy Arthur Anthony (RIP)
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish

Sun 5th **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Carmela & Francesco Devivo and
 Michelina & Antonio Benincasa (RIP)
11.15am Linda Stafford (RIP)
4.00pm *Italian Mass*

Rosary *Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass; Wed, Fri at 6.00pm;*
 First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass

Congratulations to Christine & Tony Palumbo who have just celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

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The whole Church was placed under Peter's authority. But that authority didn't end with his martyrdom. The Church has to continue until the end of time, and so the office Our Lord established had to continue as well. And so the **Bishops of Rome** or the **Popes** are the **successors of St Peter**, and they inherit the primacy Our Lord bestowed on him.

It is important to understand what this authority of the primacy means – what it is and what it isn't. Contrary to what people sometimes believe, the Pope cannot change the Faith according to his whim. He is not the author of revelation. Rather he is its **guardian and protector**. He has to **defend the Faith of the Apostles**, explain it clearly, and **transmit it intact** to future generations. **The First Vatican Council** in 1870 explained this very clearly: *"For the Holy Spirit was not promised to the successors of Peter that they might disclose a new doctrine by His revelation, but rather that, with His assistance, they might reverently guard and faithfully explain that revelation or deposit of faith that was handed down through the Apostles."* So we see no pope has any authority to abolish dogma, contradict Scripture, change the moral law or invent a new religion. **If difficulties do arise, we look to what the Church has always taught, Sacred Scripture, and the Fathers and Councils of the Church.** The Pope himself is bound by all of these things.

So as we honour the Prince of the Apostles, let us give thanks to God for the papacy as a **visible sign of unity**. Let us pray for Pope Leo XIV, that he may faithfully fulfil the mission entrusted to St Peter and his successors: to confirm his brethren, guard the Deposit of Faith, and hand on unchanged the saving truths entrusted by Christ to His Church until the end of time. *Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

RCIA: The new RCIA programme will begin in September for adults (over 18) who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also suitable for adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as for those who would simply like to know more about the Catholic faith. Classes will take place in the parish library at 7pm on alternate Thursdays, beginning on Thursday 24th September. For further information or to request an application form, please contact the parish office, or speak to one of the priests.

Confirmation 2027: Those wishing to be confirmed next year should be in at least Year 7 by September 2026. This is advance notice that anyone intending to apply for the course should be attending weekly Mass now. Those who have not already been attending weekly Mass by the time the application forms become available will be asked to postpone their application until such a time as they are. *Fr Paul*

On Wednesday we welcome Brother Lawrence Ochieng Okoth, a Rosminian seminarian studying for the priesthood in Rome at the Pontifical Beda College. He will be staying with us throughout the summer, and I am sure you will make him feel very welcome. Brother Lawrence is originally from Kenya.

Mature Adults - reminder

The Mature Adults group will meet on **Monday 6th July** at 2pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall. All Welcome. The church is next to Tesco on Park Road and the hall is next to the church. There is a £1 charge to cover tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes, and this month there will be a talk on "How to identify, recognise, reject and report fraud and scams". The group meets for about one and a half hours every month throughout the year and is very welcoming. For any further information please talk with Emily after Mass.

The Missionaries of Africa have written to thank us for the £1090.00 collected following the appeal made by Fr Charles a few weeks ago. To show their gratitude, a Mass will be offered for us all.

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

- Leader:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- All:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- Leader:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- Leader:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.
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Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

This Wednesday 1st July, in the traditional Roman calendar, is the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord JESUS Christ. The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood, reminding us of the sacrifice Our Lord made for our salvation, and that the shedding of His Blood was the price of our redemption. Westminster Cathedral, the Mother Church in England and Wales is dedicated to the Precious Blood. There will be a Sung Latin Mass at 6.30pm to celebrate this great Feast. **The Mass will also commemorate our Father Founder, Blessed Antonio Rosmini,** who had a deep devotion to the Precious Blood and who died on this great Feast in 1855. The Order celebrates his feast on 1st July. *Fr Paul*

The second collection this weekend is the traditional Peter's Pence collection in support of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV in his mission of service to the universal Church, and in solidarity with his mission to bring the Gospel throughout the world.



From the Saints

"Let us hold fast to that which has been believed everywhere, always and by all."

St Vincent of Lerins (died ca 445)

79th UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage. 7th July 2026: Details for the pilgrimage are now at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha on 07936 928370.

The First Saturday children's catechism class will take place next **Saturday 4th July** at 9am with Mass at 10am. Children will learn more about the Rosary and the story of the children of Our Lady of Fatima. You are welcome to stay with your children and join us for Mass at 10.00am or they may be collected at 10.30am.

Last Week's Finance

1st collection: £477 (of which £50 was G/A)

Day for Life: £144

Standing orders: £899 @ 31/05 (of which £721 was G/A)

Attendance: 518

Thank you

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