



## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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### **28.06.2020 – Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles**

#### **Masses & Intentions**

<b>Sunday</b> June 28	<i>Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> June 29	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> W. Burrell (JF)
<b>Tuesday</b> June 30	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Fr. David Barry RIP (JF)
<b>Wednesday</b> July 01	<i>St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr</i> Canon Peter Taylor RIP (JF).
<b>Thursday</b> July 02	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Fr. Timothy Burke RIP (JF)
<b>Friday</b> July 03	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time (First Friday)</i> Fr. Andrew Kenny RIP (JF)
<b>Saturday</b> July 04	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Fr. David Duggan RIP (JF)
<b>Sunday</b> July 05	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish

### **Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles**

We celebrate the ancient feast of the martyrdom of Saints Peter & Paul in Rome. They are often referred to as 'prices' of the apostles, from whom we derive our Christian faith. The Lord stood by them and gave them power, so that through them the message of the gospel might be proclaimed for all the world to hear. They kept the faith and received the crown of righteousness.

**Peter the Rock (Matthew 16:13-19):** *This is one of the very rare saints' days to displace the Sunday celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, which shows its importance. In a way it is still a Feast of the Lord, for it is the feast of the Church. Peter is to be the Rock foundation of Jesus' own people, for that is what we are. Christ has called us together as his own people, and he has promised that he will always be present in this Church, 'when two or three are gathered together in my name'. So Christ is present even in an ordinary household trying to live together with Christ at their centre. Here Jesus makes the promise to Peter that what he binds on earth will be bound in heaven; his decisions will hold firm in the eyes of God. Later Jesus makes the same promise to the community itself. So Peter is the spokesman for the Christian community, voicing the decisions of the Church. At his last meeting with his disciples the risen Christ promises to be with them 'till the end of the ages'; the bishops, as the successors of the apostles, are the channels of Christ's presence among us now. So today is the celebration of Christ among us, his people.*

**How do you celebrate day by day this wonderful presence of Christ in our midst?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you have already come and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. — St. Alphonsus Liguori

**Pope's Prayer Intention for July - (Our Families):** We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**We are glad to announce that places of worship are now able to resume collective acts of worship from 4 July. We are able to celebrate Mass together again which lies at the centre of our faith.**

Our patience, our understanding the importance of protecting the health of people in our society and our cooperation with the restrictions put in place are something we can be proud of.

We shall have to continue to abide by the guidance, given by the Government, on appropriate social distancing and the other measures to avoid all unnecessary risk. Our diocese has given us detailed guidance, similar to the ones given for opening our churches for individual prayers, to be observed, so that everyone can be confident that they can come to Mass safely. This obviously will need dedicated team of volunteers as stewards and helpers to implement the guidelines.

**It will be helpful to bear in mind that while Masses could resume from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we are not obliged to, if safety measures cannot be in place by this time. Parishes can choose another date. Everyone's safety is the priority.**

We intend to hold a meeting and discuss with all those who have already involved and helped in making it possible for our churches to open for individual prayers. **Until a decision could be made and the required additional safety measures are in place, our church will be open for individual prayers only. We endeavour to do our best to resume Mass in our Church as soon as possible. We'll keep you informed.**

Priests continue to celebrate Mass on a daily basis, for your intentions and for any other specific intentions requested and parishioners who will not be able to come to church are encouraged to continue taking part in live streamed Masses online and have 'Spiritual Communion'.

Visiting the housebound / sick in the parish will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please be encouraged to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Hours**. For accessing 'Liturgy of the Hours' or 'the Readings at Mass' please visit: <https://universalis.com> for assistance.

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org) offers reflections (Lectio Divina) as well as reflections / activities for children & family.

**Sick:** Please pray for all those who are unwell at this time, especially all those who are affected by Covid-19, those who are in isolation and all who help / take care of them as well as all those who serve our communities in frontline jobs.

**RIP:** Please pray for all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Telephone support:** Some of our parishioners are supporting each other by telephone. Please phone 811703 (Shirley) or email ([shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com](mailto:shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com)) if you want a chat or to receive calls or if you would like to join those who are calling others.

**Rosary:** The Parish Rosary group are continuing to pray the Rosary at 10am on Thursdays in their own homes, but connected spiritually. Please join if you would like to.

**Welcome to Children's Liturgy:** The Children's Liturgy at our Church normally takes place alongside Mass on Sunday mornings but of course this has not been happening in recent weeks due to the pandemic. Our Church is now proposing to hold the

Children's Liturgy on-line using Zoom. The Liturgy is a time of worship and fun for children of primary school age and usually involves a bible reading, songs, prayers and handicraft activities. The first on-line Liturgy will take place on Sunday 14th June at 10.15 - 10.45. All children will be most welcome to attend even if you do not attend Church.

If you would like your child to take part please e-mail [presbytery@stwulstan-southam.co.uk](mailto:presbytery@stwulstan-southam.co.uk) as soon as possible and further details including log in instructions will be sent to you.

**Children's Liturgy Newsletters / Materials** are also available at [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org) and Redemptorist Publication's newsletters are sent to all parishioners on the e-mail contact list.

**Administration Assistant:** The Governors of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint an administration assistant to our welcoming and supportive school. Do you have some experience of office work and are you able to remain calm, stay positive and keep smiling whilst demonstrating integrity and confidentiality?

If interested please contact Mrs. Price at school 01926 812512 or email [head3505@we-learn.com](mailto:head3505@we-learn.com)

**Thank You:** Leo has written a 'thank you' letter to our parish. Dear All,

Thank you all very much for making last Wednesday such a special day. I was overwhelmed to receive such an honour which I will treasure. Thank you for your immense kindness and generosity with regard to the collection. I will miss you all but hope to be able to attend a Mass at some point in the future.

Love and God bless,

Leo

*[Well done everyone! Thank you for your generous support for this venture. God bless – Fr. Arul]*

**Live Streaming:** St. Peter's, Leamington Spa has live streaming facility now. The daily Mass at 11.00am is live streamed. You can access through the parish website:

<https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-stream-masses.html>

**Evangelisation Team:** Our next virtual meeting by Zoom for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**. It is hoped that each parish could be represented to help us plan how to share the Good News in these challenging times. Contact: Peter Dimambro Tel. No. 01926 - 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC: FOR THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS**

God of Gethsemane, who knew deep anxiety, the desire for the cup to be taken away, your sweat dropping onto the clay of earth like blood, be with those who suffer at this time from anxiety, the fear of their world running out of control.

The facts alone fan the embers of anxiety in all of us: the grim daily numbers, the fear of falling ill, of facing our end. In our loneliest darkness, in the night of our Gethsemane, may we find you there. Amen



(Raymond Friel)

**Mary's Meals:** Many thanks to our parishioners for your ongoing support to this charity.

You might recall that this charity began as **Scottish International Relief (SIR)** in 1992 during the Balkan conflict, when brothers Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, OBE, FRSGS, and Fergus MacFarlane-Barrow organised a local appeal for blankets and food. They filled a Jeep with aid and delivered their cargo to **Medjugorje** in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They returned to Scotland expecting to resume their work as fish farmers in Argyll, but in their absence their parents' shed had been filled with yet more donations, resulting in eventually driving from Scotland to Bosnia a total of 23 times to deliver supplies.

Under new name as 'Mary's Meals' in 2002, and with its first feeding operation of 200 children this charity has grown to a worldwide campaign, providing free school meals in hundreds of schools and feeding more than one million children daily. Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, by its founders, who were inspired by their Catholic faith.

The charity provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none.

Mary's Meals has asked to inform our parishioners about their video clips / films, online. Search for 'Mary's Meal, A special message for your congregation / churches' on YouTube.

#### **Saturday memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

'On Saturdays in Ordinary Time when there is no obligatory memorial, an optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary is allowed.

'Saturdays stand out among those days dedicated to the Virgin Mary. These are designated as memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This memorial derives from Carolingian times (9th century), but the reasons for having chosen Saturday for its observance are unknown. While many explanations of this choice have been advanced, none is completely satisfactory from the point of view of the history of popular piety.

'Whatever its historical origins may be, today the memorial rightly emphasizes certain values to which contemporary spirituality is more sensitive. **It is a remembrance of the maternal example and discipleship of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, strengthened by faith and hope, on that "great Saturday" on which Our Lord lay in the tomb, was the only one of the disciples to hold vigil in expectation of the Lord's resurrection. It is a prelude and introduction to the celebration of Sunday, the weekly memorial of the Resurrection of Christ. It is a sign that the Virgin Mary is continuously present and operative in the life of the Church.'**

*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy (2001), §188*

**St Oliver Plunkett (1625-1681):** Oliver Plunkett was born in County Meath in 1625, and died at Tyburn in 1681. Little is known about his early life except that he was educated privately by a Cistercian cousin, Dr Patrick Plunkett, who eventually became bishop of Meath. Ordained in Rome in 1654, he was professor at the college of Propaganda Fidei until 1669, when he was appointed archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. He held synods and visitations and promoted the reforms initiated by the Council of Trent. It was a time when persecution was less severe, though he would often have to dress as a layman. In 1673 the English Parliament forced the king, Charles II, to behave more strictly towards Catholics, and edicts were issued banning bishops and all religious from Ireland. For the next few years he was able to continue his work clandestinely and was even able to hold a provincial synod. Despite the danger he went to visit his uncle, Bishop Plunkett, who was dying. He was arrested and imprisoned in Dublin Castle in 1679, he was tried on the extraordinary charge of having planned to bring seventy thousand French troops into Ireland. There was clearly no hope of a successful conviction in Ireland he was taken to London and duly found guilty of the charge. He was executed in London, the final victim of the 'Popish Plot' and the last person to be executed for the faith in England. He is remembered for his pastoral zeal and for the friendly relations he established with those who did not share the Catholic faith. His body rests at Downside Abbey, his head at Drogheda. ([www.Universalis.com](http://www.Universalis.com))

*Knowing God without knowing our own wretchedness makes for pride. Knowing our own wretchedness without knowing God makes for despair. Knowing Jesus Christ strikes the balance because he shows us both God and our own wretchedness.*  
- Blaise Pascal