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SS Peter and Paul, apostles

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Today's solemnity is a timely reminder that we are Catholics of the Latin Rite, as opposed to Catholics of the Byzantine or Syro-Malabar or any of the other Rites that derive from the liturgical practices of the ancient Church. The Latin Rite is essentially the liturgical practices of the Roman Church which spread throughout western Europe and those countries (e.g. the Americas) later colonized by Europeans. Yet whatever Rite Catholics follow, they are united in being part of the 'One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church' and acknowledge the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) as the successor of SS Peter and Paul and Vicar of Christ.

Please keep in touch, either by telephone (above) or email (sfa.bc@outlook.com) and remember to pray for one another.

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday

9.30 am People of the Parish

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am Alan Whiting

Wednesday [St Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr]

9.00 am Private Intention

Thursday [Feria]

9.00 am Patricia Connaire

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Saturday [Feria (of our Lady)]

9.00 am Patrick Quinn

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Rose Ellen Kettle; David**

Corcoran; Benjamin Joseph Palmer (anniversaries).

June is a month of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and this prayer will be recited at the end of every Mass:-

Sweet Jesus, through Your Tender love for the Church Your Spouse, You open to her the riches of Your Sacred Heart. Grant that our hearts may be enriched by the treasures it contains and replenished with its overflowing and unfailing delights. Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love of You.

Resumption of Masses

The former Sisters' Choir will be open for private prayer today between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

It is hoped to resume Masses from next Sunday morning (6 July) at 9.30 am. We will need to find our way in the weeks ahead, but for the present there will be no Saturday evening Mass; Mass will be celebrated every weekday (including Saturdays) at 9.00 am. The Sunday Obligation is still in suspension, so no one is obliged to come to Sunday Mass and, indeed, you might find it more convenient to come to a weekday Mass in lieu of Sunday Mass.

We can accommodate a maximum number of 20 at any Mass and, if numbers are greater, we will need to think of some system to allow everyone to come to at least one Mass during the course of the week.

The way Mass is celebrated will be quite different – for instance, there will be no singing and we have been told that there should be no Bidding Prayers.

Everyone (except those with breathing difficulties and children under 5) will have to wear a face covering and, of course, there will be hand sanitizer stations. Instructions about receiving Holy Communion will be made at every Mass.

We shall review the situation after the first fortnight and make any necessary changes.

‘The sole Church of Christ [is that] which our Saviour, after his Resurrection, entrusted to Peter’s pastoral care, commissioning him and the other apostles to extend ‘and rule it... This Church, constituted and organized as a society in the present world subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him.’ [*Lumen Gentium*, 8 § 2].

The Second Vatican Council’s Decree on Ecumenism explains: ‘For it is through Christ’s Catholic Church alone, which is the universal help towards salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained. It was to the apostolic college alone, of which Peter is the head, that we believe that our Lord entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant, in order to establish on earth the one body of Christ into which all those should be fully incorporated who belong in any way to the People of God’ [*Unitatis Redintegratio*, 3 § 5].