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## FEAST OF Ss PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



### *TWO VERY DIFFERENT BROTHERS!*

Such different characters! Peter, ill-educated but skilful fisherman, impetuously generous but also weak, cautious; Paul, intellectual man of letters, visionary and adventurer with courage to break new ground! One a compassionate shepherd who knew his own weakness; the other a fearless prophet who knew his strength in the Lord.

Both are foundation stones of the Church, both witness to Christ with their blood in the powerhouse of Rome. One has the keys to open the gates of God's mercy and healing; the other wields the incisive sword of the Word that penetrates to the heart and converts! It is not always easy to be both gentles shepherd and courageous prophet - but that is the challenge for the Church of every age and place!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS of the Feast- live-streamed on Facebook 10am  
*Evening Prayer & Adoration at 3.00pm.*

**MONDAY:** *Feast of St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (130-202)*  
streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Facebook at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of the Dedication of our Cathedral Church of Ss Peter & Paul*  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

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**WEDNESDAY:** ***Feast of St Oliver Plunkett, bishop & last Reformation martyr of Britain***  
**Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am**  
**Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm**

**THURSDAY:** **Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am**  
**Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm**

**FRIDAY:** ***Feast of St Thomas, Apostle and Patron of India***  
**Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am**  
**Streamed Mass of Healing on Face Book at 6.00pm**

**SATURDAY:** **Private Prayer of Adoration in the Church 10.00-11.30am**  
**Streamed Mass on Face Book at 12noon**  
**Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm**

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:*** by appointment only

**TODAY** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of Ss Peter and Paul**, both founding Apostles of the Church, both martyred in Rome. Peter the compassionate Shepherd of the Flock, Paul the fearless Adventurer for the Gospel, gathering in the Gentile nations and re-shaping the Church. Two very different people and personalities, yet united in their total service of the Gospel and the witness to Christ. They are also Patrons of our Diocese of Clifton.

[2] **Evening Prayer and Adoration** at 3.00pm. We will pray for the mission and witness of our Diocesan family, challenged to be both shepherds and prophets!

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] With the **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus calling us to come to Him with our every burden and every joy - to find healing and peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, challenging us to build a nation and a world of peace. Can we say to the peoples of our city and our world 'Come to us and find the Peace of Christ?'

[2] We rejoice that **we return to celebrating Mass together in our church of St Nicks** after 3 months of a Eucharistic Famine! It will not yet be 'back to normal' as there are restrictions on how we can celebrate - some of which will be very difficult for our community. These will be explained after our PPC meeting on Tuesday - please watch out for announcements on the Parish website and Parish Facebook Page. **There will be restricted numbers and once we have welcomed as many as we can safely accommodate the church will be locked! So please arrive in good time - if you are late you are very unlikely to be allowed into the church for Mass!**

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**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Augustine of Canterbury, Matson, and English Martyrs, Tuffley, Gloucester served by Fr Gerry Walsh, Parish Administrator Mrs Marisa Wood and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon the mission of the **Wild Goose Café at Carpenter's House (part of Crisis Centre Ministries)**. St Nicks some years ago played a part in helping it to relocate here in Stapleton Road, and have one or two volunteers working there weekly. It does great work of service for the poorest in our area (many of whom are homeless), offering breakfast and two hot meals a day. It is an ecumenical project and during the pandemic there has been a close partnership with our Food Bank and the Wild Goose Café.

**WORD OF GOD FOR THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday** Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11 / Psalm 33 / 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-17 / Matthew 16: 13-19  
**Monday** Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 8: 18-22

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<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 / Psalm 45 / 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 / John 2: 13-22
<b>Wednesday</b>	Amos 5: 14-15, 21-24 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 8: 28-34
<b>Thursday</b>	Amos 7: 10-17 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 9: 1-8
<b>Friday</b>	Ephesians 2: 19-22 / Psalm 136 / John 20: 24-29
<b>Saturday</b>	Amos 9: 2, 11-15 / Psalm 84 / Matthew 9: 14-17

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Env £400 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £490.58 - Thank you!

**Donation to Caritas Fund** £250 - many thanks

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE STANDING ORDERS IN FAVOUR OF THE PARISH OR MADE OTHER DONATIONS TO THE PARISH (eg Foodbank or the Caritas Fund) - thank you for your generosity.**

**If you have not yet contributed, please find ways of continuing to support our parish with your offerings (perhaps by making a Standing Order, GiftAided if possible - details from Robert at the Parish Office). And our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing in at this time. THANK TO ALL who are supporting our Foodbank with donations of food or money.**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

28th June	<b>Feast of St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>
30th June	Parish Pastoral Council meets via Zoom 3.00-4.00pm
1st July	Funeral of Pauline Oaten RIP
2nd July	Borderlands Trustees meet via Zoom at 3.30pm
5th July	<b>St Nicks opens for Public Mass at 10.00am - <u>restrictions in place!</u></b>
8th July	Bristol City of Sanctuary Trustees meeting via Zoom
9th July	Diocesan Safeguarding Commission meets via Microsoft Teams

**ST NICKS OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER** We welcomed one family group and 4 individuals to our time of private prayer on Saturday. Next Saturday we will again open the church for private prayer of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00 to 11.30am. We must abide by social distancing (2 metres at the time of writing). We are having to re-arrange seating in the church to accommodate 15 people at a time. **ANYONE WITH A TEMPERATURE OR A PERSISTENT COUGH, ANYONE WHO IS SHIELDING, THE ELDERLY, AND THOSE WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS MUST PRAY AT HOME AND NOT COME TO THE CHURCH FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.** Depending on numbers coming, time in the church may have to be limited (possibly a maximum of 10-15 minutes) to allow as many as possible entry within the time limit. Hands will need to be sanitised both before and after coming to the church. You are asked to abide by the stewards guidance. **Thank you for understanding - and please do join in the Mass live-streamed daily as well as the talks each day - Parish Face Book Page - 'St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church Bristol'.**

**ST NICKS OPENING FOR PUBLIC MASS - SUNDAY JULY 5th** From next Sunday we will be able to come together for Public Worship - to celebrate Mass together. This period of isolation during the pandemic has meant for so many a deepening of our hunger for the Word Proclaimed and the Bread that is Broken, as well as the Community of the Body of Christ. ***This is the positive redeeming Grace of God that has come to us in the midst of the struggles we have encountered during this period.*** **HOWEVER IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WE ARE NOT YET BACK TO NORMAL - THERE WILL BE MANY RESTRICTIONS - e.g. ON NUMBERS ATTENDING TO ABIDE BY SOCIAL DISTANCING, NO SINGING BECAUSE SINGING PROJECTS DROPLETS MORE THAN 2 metres THAT CAN CONTAIN THE VIRUS, NO SOCIAL GATHERING AFTER THE MASS. RIGOROUS SANITISING AND HYGIENE MEASURES WILL**

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**HAVE TO BE ENFORCED.** Also all those who are 'shielding' - our elderly and all with underlying health conditions should not attend the Mass, neither should anyone who is feeling unwell (eg a temperature or a cold). The 'obligation' to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended - ie the Christian responsibility to safeguard public health overrides our responsibility to attend Mass. Our parish Pastoral Council will meet on Zoom together with our medical advisers on Tuesday 3-4pm to put in place all necessary measures and these will be emailed to all on our parish email list and also published on our Parish Website and parish FaceBook Page. The challenges continue and the danger is that given that restrictions are being eased we will ignore the need to act responsibly to keep each other safe and healthy. This is a critical time and we all need to do all we can to avoid a further wave of this potentially lethal virus. **We also need to be aware that research has shown that the BAME community are most at risk - and that is about 85% of our community - PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND EACH OTHER!**

**LIVE-STREAMING MASS FROM THE CHURCH** From Sunday July 5th, both Sunday and weekday Mass will be celebrated in the church. Before Covid-19 the Parish Pastoral Council had decided to arrange for the Sunday Mass to be live-streamed for those unable to attend Mass because of age, work or illness. We did not have the opportunity to act on this decision before the church had to close. However we have live-streamed daily and Sunday Mass throughout the Lockdown. Daily Mass attracts between 35 and 55 'viewers' and Sunday Mass at least 250, usually 350 and even reached 970 one Sunday! People from around the world have benefitted from these live-streamed services. Clearly there is a new ministry developing here! We are arranging for the equipment to live-stream Mass effectively (especially the sound reproduction) as soon as possible. **This will cost about £2000 - and we invite donations. Thank you!**

**PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES** [1] **The Parish Office is open from 10am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday** so that our ministry of care and support, especially for the poorest who need our Food Bank and Caritas Fund, can continue. Please phone the parish office (0117-9090419) during these times or myself at the presbytery (0117-909-8810 – at any reasonable time) with your questions, concerns or need for any kind of support.

[2] Apologies, but a word about **Parish Finance!** We are experiencing a marked increase of calls on our Caritas Fund and Foodbank as the health crisis increases and many more people find themselves with little or no income. We are committed to meet this need as far as we possibly can – as Pope Francis says 'we are the Church of the Poor, the Church for the Poor'. But we need your continued help and generosity! We are dependent upon our weekly collections but if no Public Mass there is problem! We ask you to continue your weekly offering: either by making a standing order to the parish account or filling in the Diocesan Standing Order and Gift Aid Form (email for details); or by giving you cash offertory and donations to the Food Bank to the Parish Office during Office hours or through the Presbytery door.

**FOODBANK NEWS!** Thanks to the Gubay Foundations Covid Grant of £10,000 which our parish has received (with the support of our bishop), we have purchased a 'container office' to be placed in the forecourt of the church which will house the FoodBank - because we can no longer house the FoodBank in the Assisi Centre as it comes back into more normal use in the coming months. This should be in place in the next couple of weeks. **There will however be extra expenses to service this expanded long-term mission to the poor of our community - adapting fencing, equipping internally will extra fridges and freezers, shelving etc. We will need to re-site the bicycle racks and the refuse bins - all of which will cost money! We are so grateful for all who have supported the rapid expansion of the Food Bank - volunteers working there and donations of money and food supplies.**

**We hesitate to ask for more support, but we do need to ask for help in raising a further £2000 to carry out the necessary 'works' to enable the FoodBank to continue serving im-**

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**poverished families and individuals. This is part of our parish's 'Covenant with the Poor', inspired by the Gospel and our Patron Saint - Nicholas of Tolentino.**

**BLACK LIVES MATTER!** I wish to voice my strong support for the BLM movement sweeping across USA, this country and many other parts of the world. Racism and discrimination are sadly still rooted firmly in the social fabric of UK and many other countries (if not all!). As Christians who believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's own image and likeness, we must speak out against such evil that claimed the life of George Floyd, Stephen Lawrence and countless millions throughout the centuries. Bristol's wealth and prestige was built upon the slave trade. We cannot change history - but **WE CAN AND MUST CHANGE THE FUTURE!** How we raise our voices, how we denounce the evil, how we stand in solidarity with our black sisters and brothers is key to the success of this movement: violence only begets violence while courageous peace can liberate change! Love has to be our motive and our energy - never hatred. ***And during this pandemic that love must include acting responsibly that does not endanger Public Health.*** It is also clear that **far right neo-fascist organisations are attempting to ferment violence to divert attention from the injustice of racism - WE MUST NOT GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY - we need patience and wisdom in how we protest and raise the voices for justice. Please pray!**

**REFLECTING TOGETHER ON THE FUTURE** [1] A number of us have been sharing that we need opportunities to 'unpack' the experience of the Covid-19 lockdown so as to recognise what God might be saying to us through this experience and to learn from it. In this sharing we can also receive healing of the wounds this experience might well have inflicted upon us and our families and loved ones.

[2] Also some have shared that we need to come together to reflect more deeply upon the Black Lives Matter Movement and how we should respond.

I support these suggestions and we will discuss with our Parish Pastoral Council at the earliest appropriate moment how we might engage in this 'deeper thinking' so that it becomes a 'rethinking of the future'. I and the PPC welcome your ideas and suggestions - PLEASE!

**JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART** June is dedicated to pondering the immensity of divine humanity - God with a human heart Who loves us beyond the breaking of His Heart. God is at least as vulnerable and tender, open to experiencing our pain (such is the depth of His love) as He is all-powerful. He is both creator and pain-bearer. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to enter into His opened, pierced Heart and find there our home, the source of our poor loving, and the woundedness that will heal every wound of our hearts and lives. Not only does His love pour out like water of life on the dry ground of our desert loveless Earth, but He invites us to come and enter in to His own pain-bearing, ever forgiving and peace-making Heart and become a flame of His love cast upon the Earth, a co-worker with Him in the endless task of re-shaping the world and our sisters and brothers in the gentle power of the Divine Love in us and through us! ALLELUIA!!

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