

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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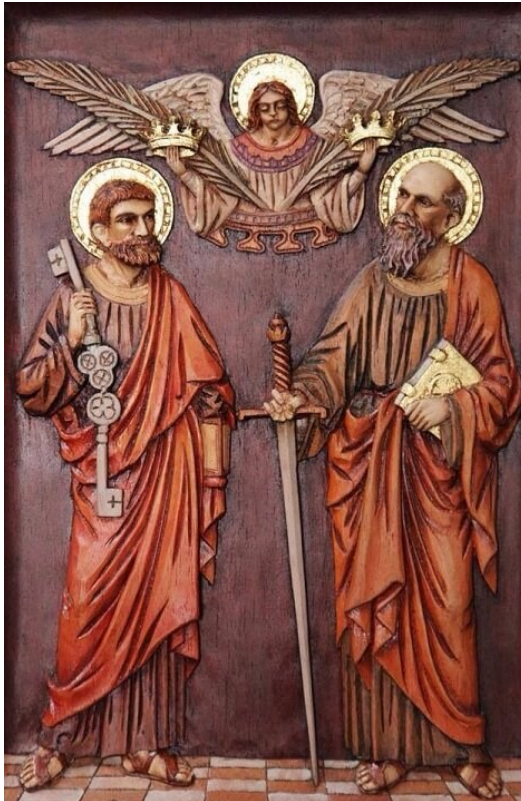


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Saturday 29th June/ Sunday 30th June 2024

SS PETER AND PAUL, App

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION



SICK PARISHIONERS: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, Olive Norman, Hazel Smith, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Danny Clifford, Anne Bardell, Sandy Matthewman and Brian Hankey.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Walton, Michael McGrath, James Tracy, Mary Faulkener, Peter Matthewman, Jim D'Sylva, Rose Welnitz, Ken Roberts, Margaret Delaney, Valentine Wilson, Mary O'Grady, Zenaida Pleszko, Nigel Peter Gribbin, Eileen Rafferty, Valerie Baltrop and Annie Cusack.

May they rest in peace.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday 9th July.

CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be no Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the next three weeks. They will resume on Saturday 13th July.

SVP: The Sponsored walk has been cancelled.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be second collection this week for "Peter's Pence". Gift aiders, please use the envelopes provided. Many thanks.

BISHOP ALAN: This weekend we welcome Bishop Alan to the Parish. He will be saying Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday evening.

FR DAVID PRIOR: For 9.00am and 11.00am Masses this weekend, Fr David Prior will be covering in Fr David's absence. We welcome Fr David and hope he enjoys his time with us.

ROTAS: There are copies of all rotas in the Sacristy (**Cleaning, Counting, Reading and Eucharistic Ministering**).

Many thanks.

Clare

PRAYER: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Noel Daly of the Columban Missionary who died on Tuesday. Noel was a very dear cousin to Deirdre, Alan and Family. **May he rest in Peace.**

To all my Parish family,

As I progress toward the end of my four years of formation (and the time before that, considering whether I wanted to go through four years of formation!) I am nearing the final hurdle. My ordination will be, God willing, on **Saturday the 20th of July in our church, Our Lady Queen of Peace, at 11:30am**. The default position, I think, is for diaconal ordinations to take place at the Cathedral in Brentwood, but I asked specifically if we could have my ordination service in Braintree. As some of you know, my parents were married in our church, and I was baptised here, as were two of my children (our eldest Ellie was baptised in Colchester, but by Father David, so I think we can accept that as a kind of continuity!). You can imagine that I appreciate the synergy.

Just as important to me is the fact that so many of you have been so supportive and encouraging to me these last few years. I'm constantly asked about what I'm doing at the moment, how my studies are going, and being encouraged and supported in prayer. I want you to know that I've so appreciated it. More recently, as those who attend the 11am service on a Sunday will have seen, I've been serving at Mass; I'm grateful that our young servers have been most gracious about this middle-aged man getting under their feet!

I often miss my welcoming role at the Mass and chatting with people as they arrive but serving has been so helpful. I spent the Lenten period this year, like many of you, trying to deepen my prayer life; I was trying to affirm my vocation of course. I discussed this with Fr David, the closer my ordination into the diaconate got, my concern was that I'd got so caught up in the "how" that maybe I'd neglected the "why?". Lent this year gave me a wonderful opportunity for contemplative prayer to rediscover that "why", and it was completed by serving at a wonderful Easter Triduum in our parish.

For me this year was particularly special. It was my last year as a civilian of course! But I was especially moved by the Good Friday service. It was the first time I'd held the cross for veneration and, as people came forward to kiss or otherwise venerate the cross, I was so affected! The *love* in people's eyes as they came forward, it moved me almost to tears! I mentioned this to Fr. Paul after the service and he said (I paraphrase, he's much more articulate than I am), ***"These are the Holy people of God, that you've been called to serve; and they are Holy!"*** If I'd ever had any, I was left with no doubts after that service.

I so look forward to serving the people of God in Braintree, our family of families. I've often said to my wife Anna that our parish community, and the connections that I have here, seem somehow more important and real to me than the community in which I live, and I remain of that view. I really want this ordination to be a celebration not just for me, or my immediate family, but for **all of us** as a community. Please put the date in your calendar, everyone will be very welcome. There will be a celebration after the service, a BBQ in the presbytery garden (and served in the Jubilee Hall if the weather isn't kind to us!). More details to come but it will be open to all and there will be no charge or ticketing, please just bring yourselves, and maybe a salad!

**With all best wishes and every blessing,
Jamie Davey**

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SS PETER AND PAUL, App</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 29th June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 30th June</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rose Savage RIP (Bill) & Martin Fee RIP (Josie Baker)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brenda Richardson RIP (A) & Philip Richardson RIP (A) (Hills Family)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martin Fee RIP (Doleman)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 1st July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 2nd July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 3rd July ST THOMAS, Ap</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 4th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 5th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(B)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 6th July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 7th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thanksgiving Clare Smith (The Egboh Family) & Ints Mary O'Keefe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cecilia Omoyinbo RIP (A) (Frank & Folah)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nigel Gribbin, Betty Hebburn & Samantha and Julie Rogers RIP (A) (Kazia)</p>