

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 29th JUNE

Sunday, 29 June – Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles – Red
THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL BEGINS TODAY

5.30 pm (Saturday) RICHARD JONES, R.I.P. Teresa Jones

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Ann Jackson

Monday, 30 June – First Martyrs of Rome – Red

The "Protomartyrs of Rome." (64AD) Holy men and women accused of burning Rome by Nero, who burned Rome to cover his own crimes. Some martyrs were burned as living torches at evening banquets, some crucified, others were fed to wild animals. These martyrs died before Sts. Peter and Paul.

8 am ELIZABETH WRIGHT, R.I.P. Fr. John & Sheila

Tuesday, 1 July – St. Oliver Plunkett – Red

Saint Oliver Plunkett (1629 – 1681) was Archbishop of Armagh. Despite the troubled times in Ireland while the English tried to suppress the Catholic faith Oliver Plunkett kept up his duties. During his ministry he confirmed over 48,000 people in a four-year period. He was eventually arrested in 1769 following firstly the Test Act [1673] (Long title being: An act for preventing dangers which may happen from popish recusants), then the 'Popish Plot' of 1678. He spent some time in Dublin Castle. Knowing that he would not be convicted in Ireland Lord Shaftesbury moved him to London, where after the first trial didn't convict a second kangaroo court trial in June 1681 found him guilty of high treason. Oliver was hung drawn and quartered on 1 July, 1681. He was the last of the Catholic Martyrs to die in England.

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am MICHAEL BUTLER, R.I.P. I. Brennan

Wednesday, 2 July – Feria – Green

10 am ALBINO RIZZO, R.I.P.

Thursday, 3 July – St. Thomas the Apostle – Red

Saint Thomas the Apostle, Judas Thomas or Didymus, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is best known as "doubting Thomas"; when in the Gospel of John, v20, he said that unless he put his hands in the wounds of Jesus he wouldn't believe what the other disciples told him that Jesus had risen from the dead. He was said to have taken the Gospels to India where he died.

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am VOCATIONS The Catenians

Friday, 4 July – St. Elizabeth of Portugal – White

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal was the daughter of King Peter III of Aragon. In her married life with King Denis of Portugal, she endured trials with heroism. On more than one occasion she went to considerable pains to bring about peace between her children and their father. She also showed unflinching charity toward the poor and founded convents, hospitals, foundling homes, and shelters for young women. After her husband's death in 1325 she became a Franciscan tertiary.

10 am NORA SPAIN, R.I.P. Colleen

Saturday, 5 July – Our Lady – White

10 am PARISHIONERS

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 6 July – 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) GEOFFREY ALDOUS IN THANKSGIVING

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy FOR THE THOMAS FAMILY, R.I.P. Aileen Motahari

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Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul – 29 June, 2008

Isn't it strange that Jesus chose a man whose mission, up until the Lord called him, was to go out in a small boat on to the relatively tranquil waters of the Sea of Galilee. One imagines there must have been more likely candidates for what was to become the greatest movement the world had or has ever seen. But no, Christ in His wisdom picked on a man doing a menial – a comparatively simple job; nothing about it to stretch the mind, nothing that would have prepared someone for the great theological upheaval which would shake the world's understanding of a higher being, and shape the world by its teachings; would produce great people doing great and mighty things, would change the world for ever. All the changes would come about because of Simon, simple Simon who was changed by the power of God, changed through the Holy Spirit and changed through the words and example of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus reaffirms the simple faith which Peter had in Him. He picks on the fact that without a shadow of doubt, or a moment's hesitation, Peter calls Jesus: "the Son of the living God." It is in the recognition of Christ without the benefit, or some might say the complications which a deep theological thinker might have, that Our Lord is able to expose the true heart of Peter; to know his belief, his faith, his acceptance of the sovereignty of a man who had called him from his lowly yet secure life fishing on that Palestinian lake. If only we too were able to possess that faith, that simple belief in Christ the Son of God. How much greater our own personal mission in life might be. As we reflect on Peter, as we consider his calling, his response we should look deeply at our own calling and how we answer the call that the Lord makes to us all – makes at key points in our lives; and makes everyday in small ways – No, we're not expected to be the 'rock' on which the Church is built; that job was done by Peter and Paul and the other Apostles, the many disciples who suffered to establish Christ's Church on earth. We are expected to go beyond the foundations, to build, embellish, enhance the 'building' of the Temple of God's earthly kingdom. It's a temple made of flesh and blood, it's a building made of faith – real and heart-felt belief; of love – selfless, undenying, ever open, ever giving, never counting; of sacrifice – prepared to take insults, turning the other cheek, being counted, being willing to suffer for the Lord's name and for our neighbour's name too. It is in these gifts, these attributes that we lay another course of 'brickwork' to make the Church grow. These were the gifts so readily given by both Peter and Paul, and as we remember these men of strength, we can pray that a little, just a little of their blessedness is reflected in and through our lives. That while we don't have to physically lay down our lives for Christ our Saviour we can and should lay down our self-centeredness. Jesus chose Peter by that lake-side, he chose Paul in the dramatic scene on the road to Damascus, he chooses us too . . . do we answer him, really answer him?



Father John writes:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Princes of the Apostles, from whom we derive our Christian Faith. The Lord stood by them and gave them the power, so that through them the whole message might be proclaimed for all the world to hear.

We have begun the YEAR OF SAINT PAUL

Do you realise that Saint Paul is not mentioned in the Gospels. Why?

Because it was some time after the Resurrection, that the 'Great Persecutor' of the Church was converted on his way to Damascus. Saint Paul is mentioned from about halfway through the Acts of the Apostles. He is mentioned first of all as sanctioning the death of Saint Stephen, our first Christian Martyr. After his conversion, he is mentioned because of his great missionary journeys, and finally with his imprisonment and subsequent journey to Rome. Perhaps during these twelve months we could all make a point of reading his Letters which follow the Book of Acts.

GUEST PREACHER

Tonight (Saturday 28th) at the 5.30 pm Mass we welcome Deacon James Burleigh, to proclaim the Gospel and preach the Homily. Some of you will remember him on the feast of Saint Peter's Chair, 22nd February this year.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL
2008 - 2009**

From a letter of St. Paul to Philemon (verse 6)

I pray that this faith will give rise to a sense of fellowship that will show you all the good things that we are able to do for Christ.

MR. JOHN SPICER

Today (Saturday 28th) at the 5.30 pm Mass there will be a special presentation to John Spicer who, in recognition of his dedicated and loyal service to the missionary society, The Mill Hill Fathers, and the tireless work he put in both here at St. Peter's, Westgate (from 1988), and at his previous parish, St. Dunstan's, Bourne End, Berkshire – where he started managing the 'Red Box' collections in 1958 – will receive a Silver Medal and Certificate. Fr. John will make the presentation on behalf of the Mill Hill Fathers and the APF at the end of Mass. Please don't rush off at the very end of the Mass as their will be refreshments in the Church Hall and an opportunity for parishioners to offer their own personal thanks to John for the many hours he has spent on this 'ministry' at our little church of St. Peter's.



PETER'S PENCE

THIS WEEKEND (28/29 June)
There will be a collection next weekend at Mass for this universal contribution to the Holy See in Rome. During Anglo-Saxon England, it was called the Rome shot or Romescot. Later, the term "Peter's Pence" came to be used for the penny paid to Rome. This custom of donation, called the *Denarius Sancti Petri*, or "Alms of Saint Peter", then spread throughout Europe. It was formalised in 1871 by Pope Pius IX.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Mrs. Beryl Denny and her daughter, Jane, who provided such a lovely spread of food for our Confirmation Party.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

For information contact Frances Tunney on 831121.

SUMMER FÊTE SATURDAY, 12 JULY

There is special insert with today's newsletter – please tick the boxes physically or mentally to remind yourself what is still needed for the fête, which is less than two short weeks away!

If you have put your name down to run a stall, or you want to help in any other way, there will be two opportunities to get acquainted as to where your stall will be sited, and what you need to do in preparation for the event. So, next Saturday (5th) after the 5.30pm Mass Phil will be in the Hall with a layout of the gardens and times, etc. Sunday (6th) Christine Wiltshire will see stall holders who attend the Sunday 10 am Mass.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT Saturday, 5 July, 8.30 am
at Christ Church URC, Church Hall, on Westgate Bay Avenue. Tickets: £4.00

SVP IN WESTGATE

They are looking for new members, especially the male variety. If you can spare a couple of evenings a month then please contact Eunice O'Neill on 832774.

CHECK IT OUT!

There were at least two people who arrived a day LATE for the funeral of John Mousdale which took place in a packed church last Tuesday. If you are unsure of the Mass times look on the web: www.stpeterswestgate.co.uk where there is a down loadable PDF file of the current newsletter – usually available from Friday evening. If you don't know how to view a PDF file or you're a technophob (age 30+) then any 8 year old will show you how to do it!

WESTGATE VICAR

Our local Anglican Vicar is on the move. The Reverend John Richardson is leaving St. Saviour's, Westgate, to become Vicar of the Medieval Parish of St. Peter-in-Thanel. We wish him every blessing in his new ministry, and that the love of Christ our Saviour will be with him, his wife Mary and their children as they make the short transition to one of the oldest parishes on the Isle of Thanet.

MARGATE VICAR

We were very please to welcome Brian Sharp, Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Margate, when he attended the Requiem Mass for John Mousdale. It was a significant day for Brian as it was the feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist.

ST. MILDRED'S MASS

There will be a Deanery Mass in the Honour of St. Mildred in the Anglican church of St. Mary the Virgin, Minster on Sunday, 13 July, at 3pm. Celebrant Dom Mark Savage, OSB. There will be Tea in the Old School afterwards.

MASS ATTENDANCES 12 Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday (21 June)	5.30pm	70
Sunday (22 June)	10 am	105

Anniversaries this week:

Veronica Holmes (1994),
Jean Stiles (2007)

Your Prayers are asked for:

For those who are sick: Gerry & Eva Brewer, Pat Whaley, Canon William Clements, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage and Eileen Czuczman.

Special prayers for Alan & Myra Taylor, who through ill-health will shortly have to leave their own home for a Care Home.

Remember the recently dead: John Mousdale and Dom Derek Summers O.S.B. May they rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions on Saturdays from approx. 10.30am until 11am and 4.45pm until 5.15pm. Other times by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION

We warmly welcome all non-Catholic to our services. It is not permitted, however, to receive Holy Communion until a person is received into full membership of the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Fr. John.

**TEA & COFFEE after the
10am Mass on Sunday in the Hall**