

Chaplaincy Newsletter

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Saintly Inspirations

St Peter and St Paul- Feast Day June 29th

We know that Peter, the son of John, was a fisherman from Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee and that he fished with his brother Andrew. We also know that he was married as three of the Gospels recount how Jesus healed his mother-in-law at their home in Capernaum. Peter was the most prominent apostle and the first leader of the early church, our first Pope. In the time following Christ's Ascension, Peter stood as the unquestionable head of the Apostles, which the book of Acts clearly describes. He went on to appoint the replacement of Judas Iscariot, spoke first to the crowds that had assembled after the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and he was the first Apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord. Peter was the rock on which Jesus would build His church and was to become the focal point of the Church's unity. Peter is the patron saint of numerous causes and places, among them Fishermen, Ship-builders and net makers.



St Paul was a Roman citizen by birth born into a devout Jewish family. He was well educated and lived in the university city of Tarsus. Prior to his conversion Paul's mission was to pursue and persecute Christians, he was even present at the stoning of St Stephen. It was during one of these pursuits, as Paul approached Damascus that Paul was called by the risen Lord. Paul was commissioned to proclaim the gospel to pagans throughout the Roman Empire. Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the Canon of the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century. Paul is the patron saint of Missionaries, Theologians and Evangelists.

Saints Peter and Paul were both martyred in Rome, between 64– 67 AD, under the emperor Nero. Rome has been a place of pilgrimage since the very early years of the church. In earliest times, Christians went on pilgrimage to Rome to visit the tombs of the martyrs, in particular the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul. The two basilicas, built outside the walls were built over their tombs and remain as places of pilgrimage to this day. Saints Peter and Paul are so influential in the Christian Church that their feast day remains a holy day of obligation.

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Did you know that Cardinal Wiseman's Chaplaincy has its own Twitter page? Images of the scripture used for students' daily prayer are posted daily.

You can follow us on: **Faith Life at The Cardinal Wiseman** @wisemanFaithLif

Our School Community Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus

*We ask for your blessing and protection on our school community as we seek to live out
Your gospel values.*

May our Peace within, touch the hearts of those we meet

May we always be the bearers of Your Truth

May we show Your Love in all we say and do

May our search for Justice be guided by You

May we forever seek Equality for all.

May we always have the power of Forgiveness, for ourselves and others.

And may we all, at the Cardinal Wiseman, continue to serve you daily, in all that we do.

Amen

All Things for Christ

Matthew 16:13-19 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

On this feast of Peter and Paul, Jesus asks his followers: "Who do people say that I am?" They gave him various replies: John the Baptist, a prophet, even Elijah. However, Jesus then asks them: "But who do you say I am?" Today, Jesus is also asking us: "Who do you say that I am?" Unlike Peter, Paul did not have the privilege of knowing Jesus when Jesus walked the earth. However, it is clear from Paul's writings that he truly knew and loved Jesus. Jesus was not an abstract person to Paul. For Paul, Jesus was alive and present to him.

In many ways, we are like Paul: we were not alive when Jesus was on this earth. Yet, we have Jesus' teachings and we have the Gospels. We also have the opportunity to come to know Jesus just as Peter, Paul, and the apostles did. However, if we wish to know Jesus, we need to ponder His words, His love, and His actions. and so, I invite you to sit quietly, even for just five minutes, with Jesus' question and ask ourselves Is Jesus truly alive for us?

News from the Deanery—Please see below the revised list from the deanery

The following Parishes are open for private Prayer. Times will be reviewed as the weeks progress.

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| Ealing Abbey: | 10.30 am to 1.30 pm Monday to Sunday |
| Greenford: | 9.15 am to 11.30 am and 1pm to 5pm Monday to Sunday |
| Hanwell: | Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11am to 1pm; Sunday 9am to 11am. |
| Northfields: | 11am to 2pm Monday to Saturday; 11am to 3pm Sunday |
| Perivale: | 11am to 1pm and 5pm to 7pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 5pm to 7pm Saturday; 10.30am to 12.30pm Sunday Closed on Wednesday |
| Polish Church, Our Lady Mother of the Church, Windsor Road: | 12pm to 1.30pm; 6pm to 7.30pm Monday to Friday 11am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday |
| West Acton: | 12.30pm to 1.30pm; 6.30pm to 7.30pm Monday, 10.30am to 11.30am Sunday 10.30am to 11.30am and 6.30pm to 7.30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; Closed on Wednesday |

From the 4th July our churches will be opening for collective worship, including Mass, please check your Parish website for details. Please watch the video message from our Cardinal explaining the necessary changes that must take place to ensure our safety: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>