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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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Fr. Jakub writes:-

What is your best quality?

Perhaps you would say that you are reliable, caring, sensitive, patient, or easy-going. Most of us can identify some quality that we are quite proud of, something we believe makes us a 'good person'. Yet the lives of Saints Peter and Paul remind us that God often takes us on a surprising journey of transformation with precisely those qualities.

As a young man, Peter would likely have said that his **strength** was his greatest asset. He was bold, decisive, and fiercely loyal. Confident in himself, he declared to Jesus, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Yet when the moment of testing came in the high priest's courtyard, Peter denied Jesus three times. His confidence in his own strength collapsed.

Paul's story was different but followed a similar pattern. His greatest pride was his **righteousness**. He believed himself to be a faithful servant of God, carefully observing the law and defending true religion. Then, on the road to Damascus, Christ revealed that Paul was not serving God at all but opposing Him. In an instant, Paul's certainty about his own goodness was shattered.

Why did God allow this? Not to destroy them, but to **transform** them! God wanted Peter to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. For that to happen, Peter had to learn that human strength is never enough. He had to discover that true strength comes from Christ alone. That is why, after the Resurrection, Jesus asks Peter only one question: "Do you love me?" Love and **self-knowledge, not self-confidence**, would make him a shepherd.

God also wanted Paul to become the great teacher of Christian righteousness. But first Paul had to learn that true righteousness is not something we achieve through our own efforts. It is a gift received through faith and grace which allows to judge with compassion and mercy rather than condemnation flowing from self-righteousness.

In both cases, God took what they prized most and showed its limits. Peter's human **strength** became divine strength **through weakness**. Paul's self-righteousness became true righteousness **through mercy**.

The same can be true for us today! Our reliability can become Christ's faithfulness. Our kindness can become Christ's self-giving love. Our old self can become Christ's mercy. When our best qualities are purified by grace, they cease to be merely human achievements and become signs of God at work within us. Signs that change the world as Peter and Paul did!

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Sat 27/6 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Francis Waddington Fr. Gabriel	RD RIP
Sun 28/6 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am	STS PETER & PAUL Gunnersbury	Rose Griffin Peter John Carvalho Julia da Conceicao & Maria Goncalves Laura Marani John Brosnan Mary Frain – 100 th Birthday	1 st ANN ANN 1 st ANN 2 nd ANN ANN INT
11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm			
Mon 29/6 10.00am	FERIA	Siobhan & Paul Brady	INT
Tue 30/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Lily Jones Keogh – Birthday Johnny Gamble	INT ANN
Wed 1/7 10.00am	Dedication of the Cathedral	Ann Byrne	INT
Thur 2/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Michael O'Shaughnessy – Birthday Mansoure Sfeir	RIP RIP
Fri 3/7 10.00am	ST THOMAS APOSTLE	John D'Souza	ANN
Sat 4/7 10.00am 11.00am 5-6pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA 14 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Grove Park	Agnes Habas Confessions Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Melhem & Sfeir Family Patrick Carroll	SICK RIP RD

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Mary Frain, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthy, Benjamin White, Anne Beglane, Margaret Niwczyk Bejnarowicz, Pearl Fernando, Clare Burke, Gerry Hynes, Pascale Murphy, Claire Goacher, Fr. Eamon Conerty, Celeine Duignan, Mike O'Farrelly, Michael O'Reilly, Delight Goodfellow, Alberto Viveros, Emma Eliot, Kay Senior, Monica McGowan, Layan Nasir, Lalin Karunatilka, Andrea Peri, June Keany, Maureen Barney, Jim Kellett, Catherine Dawson, John King & Marjorie, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren.

For Recently Deceased: Sarah Allen/Keegan, Paul Castle, Mario Monteiro and Peter Collingridge. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Colling: Rose Griffin, 1st Anniversary, Peter John Carvalho, Laura Marani, John Brosnan, Julia da Conceicao & Maria Goncalves, 1st Anniversary, Johnny Gamble, John D'Souza, Julie Peters. RIP

THIS WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.170

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Psalm: 34(33):2-3. 4-5-6-7-8-9. R.5

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.99

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm: 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R. cf 1

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

REPOSITORY - Is open today after all morning Masses with all types of cards, candles and rosaries and many more items.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – are on a stand at the back of the church. Prices are marked. Please put money for purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS'.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ENROLMENT – At the 11.00am today, the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, some new members will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers. Let us congratulate them.

SHARON'S WORDS OF THANKS AND GOODBYE TO US ALL:

"Words do not seem enough to show my huge and deepest appreciation for the beautiful gifts and cards with messages that I will treasure. The collection that was made for me last weekend was way beyond any expectations I could have had and I can't thank you all enough for your love, kindness and generosity. Over so many years I started meeting parishioners and over the time I have been here they have become friends which I am so grateful for. The many volunteers I have had the pleasure and privilege of working alongside, especially Liz, Helen and Catherine who were always there on a Monday morning supporting me, but all those others who became friends over so many years who gave and give so much of their time helping along the way, again, I feel more as friends than colleagues, and I thank them all for that too. To Fr. Michael, whose patience, kindness, thoughtfulness, encouragement and generosity has made me a much stronger person than when I first began in the parish and I have so much to thank him for. And to Fr. Jakub, who is always supportive and helpful and makes every day a joy to work, thank you. To Fr. Michael Johnston, who saw something in me when I first started in Chiswick that allowed me to have 28 years of happiness, working in the parish. I know Angela, my successor, will be perfect for the parish and that you will all make her as welcome as you have made me. Thank you all and I will keep you in my prayers always." *Sharon*

WELCOME TO ANGELA PIRES - PARISH OFFICE & PROPERTY

MANAGER: a parishioner of ours who attends Mass with her family at St Dunstan's Gunnersbury is taking up this new role in succession to Sharon Bowden. She begins tomorrow, Monday 29th June. Office hours are 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday inclusive.

A DEACON FOR OUR PARISH IN SEPTEMBER – With the publication recently of Archbishop Richard's first assignments for the next academic year, Frs Michael and Jakub are delighted to report that we as a parish are to be sent a new Deacon. Rev'd Paolo Gambardella is Italian by birth, from Rome, was ordained Deacon 13th June and will come to us in September. Deacon Paolo will be resident in the presbytery and minister in our parishes for next year assisting in many ways but principally pastorally, sacramentally, catechetically and liturgically. Please keep him in your prayers.

PETER'S PENCE – Today, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Princes of the Apostles, we have the annual world-wide collection supporting the Holy Father's charitable outreach (not Church expenses), Peter's Pence. Retiring collection after Masses.

FOODBANK NEXT WEEKEND – The next Foodbank collection will take place next weekend when we make our monthly collection of non-perishable items of food for families and individuals in crisis, together with a cash collection for those who prefer.

PIME CONVENT MASSES 6.00pm Tuesday and Thursday – are Parish Masses at 10 Chiswick Lane hosted by the Sisters. The Chapel (upstairs) can accommodate about ten visitors. Please be on time before 6.00pm otherwise a Sister must leave Mass to allow access. If you arrive after 6.00pm please do not ring the bell.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to come to this evening's meeting after the 6.30pm Mass. See the parish website's Young Adults' page for more details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE, CHISWICK, from 6.30pm Friday 10th to 4.30pm Sunday 12th July. After the success of the conference last November this summer's has fresh content and more visiting speakers. Full details of speakers, subjects, events, liturgies, sacraments, socials and registration (£40 total fee) here: <https://toblondon.carrd.co/> or on the parish website, with the option also of a post-conference pilgrimage to 15th July!

CARITAS VOLUNTEER FAIR! – Join our own diocesan *Caritas Westminster* for our annual Fair, bringing together charities and community organisations from across London and Hertfordshire. **Saturday 4th July 3.00-5.00pm, Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QW.** Discover volunteering opportunities and find out how you can put faith and love into action with your time and talents supporting others! "*Truly I say to you, whatever you did to the least of these, you did it to me*" (Mt 25:40).

PETER COLLINGRIDGE RIP – Who died on 11th June aged 93 was a former parishioner at Our Lady of Grace and was a Eucharistic Minister and Reader at the 11.00am Sunday Mass for many years. His funeral will take place at Our Lady and St Alphege, Oldfield Lane, Bath, BA 3NR on Wednesday 8th July at 12:30pm. If you wish to attend please RSVP jeancollingridge@yahoo.co.uk

DO YOU HAVE SAFEGUARDING EXPERIENCE & SKILLS? – If so might you consider offering some time to assist our existing Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) and undergo diocesan training in order, if all are agreeable, to become a second PSR? The Diocese encourage parishes to have more than one in order to spread the commitment involved in this field vital for all volunteering. The Diocesan Safeguarding Department suggest that PSRs will often come from backgrounds in education, social care, law, healthcare etc which can mean that they already have safeguarding awareness which is important for the role. Please contact the Parish Office.

DO YOU HAVE FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE & SKILLS? – If so might you consider volunteering some time to a UK registered local charity with an international reach seeking to appoint a suitable candidate to its Board of Trustees? The charity, Bhola's Children, supports a home and school in Bangladesh where children of every kind of disability can learn to live with dignity. It is a loving home where they can maximise their potential and overcome the stigma of their disability which otherwise would be life-limiting. See <https://bholaschildren.org/> and/or contact the Parish Office.

CHASE THE SUN – 200 MILE CYCLE RIDE!

Took place on 20th June for The Brain Tumour Charity: '100MilesforMax' Maxence's Dad [our parishioner] initiated this group in honor of his son Maxence. They pedalled to raise vital funds for The Brain Tumour Charity. Please support today:

https://www.justgiving.com/team/100milesformax1?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL



ST DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

At 10.00am Sunday 12th July Fr János will be celebrating his FAREWELL MASS having come to the end of his appointment as Hungarian Chaplain to Great Britain. Please let us make sure to thank him for his service in our parish over many years. Hopefully a Coffee Morning will follow the Mass, to be confirmed.

PARISH & DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 17th to 24th July. Our parish pilgrimage is now very nearly full but there is still availability to join provided you are prepared to share a twin-bedded room (£1,300 per person sharing) at our hotel (Gallia Londres) and that your mode of travel is by air with the Diocesan Pilgrimage chartered plane itself. Signing up with the main pilgrimage is simple via this link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> It may be possible to have a single room at a different hotel with other pilgrims from the Diocese and you would still be most welcome to meet up with the Chiswick group at all the events of the main pilgrimage.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - SPRING 2027! From Sunday 11th to Friday 16th April, a fortnight after Easter 2027, a delightful pilgrimage to the Eternal City is now conclusively booked a year in advance as it needs to be in Rome. Elegant accommodation (half-board) within walking distance of St Peter's we'll have four full days in Rome (with air-conditioned minibus travel!). Day 1, St Peter's and the Vatican; Day 2, Castel Gandolfo; Day 3, Papal Audience, Catacombs and St Paul Outside-the-Walls; Day 4, the English College, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and more. Flights from/to Heathrow. McCabe Travel as our professional agents. £2,360 per adult plus £240 single supplement with nine single rooms available but more double or twin-bedded rooms. See posters on the church boards for the QR code or go to the McCabe website: <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/> or follow this link: <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/?s=Chiswick> for further details and booking. Brochures and Booking Forms for those who prefer not to book online are available from the Parish Office

LOST GOLD-COLOURED CHAIN FROM LAST SUNDAY – If you or your child lost a simple gold-coloured decorative chain last Sunday it was found in church and handed into the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR is open for routine hours for all to enjoy: Fri 12.00 to 10.00pm; Sat & Sun 12.00 to 6.00pm.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am SUNDAY MASS - in the Parish Centre **today, Sunday.** Families, children, visitors all welcome!

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Both the Tuesday and Friday post-Mass coffee mornings in the St Edward's Room and Parish Centre Lounge Bar respectively are at 10.30am. All welcome!

Last weekend's Collections:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick

21/06/2026: £5,852.35

St Joseph's Grove Park

21/06/2026: £233.60

Thank you for your generosity.