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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JUNE – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 28TH JUNE 2026 SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps Wk 1

*Fr Alan's Intentions
Holy Father's Intentions*

MONDAY 29TH

SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Missa Cantata (1962 Missal) – Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

Monica Lau Hing RIP

TUESDAY 30TH

THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH (1910)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Eileen Weller – Intentions

THURSDAY 2ND

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

Homer Pellegrinon RIP – Anniversary

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 3RD

ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY 4TH

ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Mirtha Garzon RIP

SUNDAY 5TH

✠ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps Wk 2

*Pro Populo
Benedykta Szablowska RIP*

Confessions: Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

Exposition & Benediction: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each weekday, except Tuesdays from 12noon – 1pm, and every day, except Tuesdays, from 5pm – 6pm, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

O ROMA FELIX!

Since the most ancient times the Church of Rome has celebrated the Solemnity of the Great Apostles Peter and Paul as a single Feast on the same day, 29th June. It was through their martyrdom, that they became brothers; together they founded the new Christian Rome. As such they are praised in the hymn for Second Vespers that dates back to Paulinus of Aquileia (c. 750-806): “*O Roma felix* – fortunate Rome, consecrated by the glorious blood of the two Princes of the Apostles; dyed red in their blood, you shine more resplendently than all the glory of the world, not by your merit, but by the merits of the saints that you have killed, drawing blood with the sword”.

The blood of martyrs does not invoke revenge but reconciliation. It is not presented as an accusation but rather as the “fairer light”, in the words of the hymn for First Vespers: it is presented as the force of love that overcomes hatred and violence, thus founding a new city, a new community. Through their martyrdom they – Peter and Paul – now belong to Rome: through their martyrdom, Peter also became a Roman citizen for ever. Through their martyrdom, through their faith and love, both Apostles point to where true hope lies; they are founders of a new sort of city that must be constantly rebuilt in the midst of the old human city that is threatened by the opposing forces of human sin and selfishness.

By virtue of their martyrdom, Peter and Paul are in a reciprocal relationship for ever. A favourite image in Christian iconography shows the embrace of the two Apostles on their way to martyrdom. We can say: their martyrdom itself is the realization of a fraternal embrace in the deepest sense. They died for the one Christ and in their witness for which they gave their lives, they are one. In the New Testament writings we can, so to speak, follow the development of their embrace, this creation of unity in witness and mission. Everything begins when Paul, three years after his conversion, goes to Jerusalem “to visit Cephas”. Fourteen years later he went up to Jerusalem again to lay “before those who were of repute” the Gospel he was preaching in order to avoid the risk of “running or [having] run in vain”. At the end of this encounter, James, Cephas and John shake hands with him, thus confirming the communion that links them in the one Gospel of Jesus Christ. I find the fact that the collaborators mentioned at the end of the First Letter of Peter – Silvanus and Mark – were likewise close collaborators of St Paul is a beautiful sign of the growth of this inner embrace which developed despite the diversity of their temperaments and tasks. The communion of the one Church, is clearly demonstrated by the embrace of the great Apostles, in their cooperation.

Among the Church’s characteristics, St Paul’s desire to go to Rome places emphasis on the word ‘catholic’. St Peter’s journey to Rome comes especially under the word “one”: his task was to create the unity of the *catholica*, the Church formed by Jews and pagans, the Church of all the peoples. And this is Peter’s ongoing mission: to ensure that the Church is never identified with a single nation, or with a single culture but is always the Church of all.

SS PETER & PAUL OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Mass for the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul is this year transferred to **Sunday 28th June**. The Feast will, however, still be commemorated on Monday 29th June at 1:05pm and 6:30pm.

PETER’S PENCE

Today’s Second Collection is for Peter’s Pence. Peter’s Pence is an offering that can be small, but has a profound symbolic value: it expresses love and trust for the Holy Father, the successor of Peter. It is a concrete sign of communion with Him and of participation in His mission that embraces the whole world, with particular attention and care for brothers and sisters who find themselves in situations of need. The aims of your donation are to support the Holy Father’s mission; to support the Pope’s charitable initiatives; to provide aid in humanitarian emergencies. Thanks to donations to Peter’s Pence, it was possible to fund 239 projects in 66 countries during 2025. Find out more and donate online at obolodisanpietro.va

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 2nd July at 6:30pm**. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Please put the **11:30am** Mass on **Sunday 18th October** in your diary. **His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols** will be celebrating the Mass, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Shrine’s Consecration in 1956 by Bishop George Craven.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **March/April 2027**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions If you have any dates you would like in 2027, book them early!

HEARING AID T-LOOP

Our hearing aid loop has given up the ghost. We hope it will be repaired soon. Sincere apologies in the meantime!

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request.

SECOND COLLECTION – BUILDING FUND

These second collections help us with the maintenance of the Shrine building, which are an on-going cause for concern with a building this old. At the moment we need to raise **£15k** to tank the cellar to stop it from flooding, as well as **£50k** to do essential repairs to the brickwork and masonry on the front of the building. All help gratefully received!

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please do, as it helps us raise an extra 25% on your donations. This is especially important since the Government ended the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which made repairs such as these more affordable for us. Donate online at maidenlane.org.uk/donate

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, led by the Archbishop, will take place on Saturday 19th September. Information at rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages

Our sick parishioners and friends: Peter Noakes, Alain de Jager, Mieke Madenokoji, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Nicholas Pollock, Traute Pollock **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Catherine Donner, Dan Brown, Diane Bettles, Philip Umunnakwe, Robert Adams, Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard SM, Rose Reid, Joan Rodrigues, Molly Steele, Sarah Burke, Fr Patrick Hayward CRL, John O’Riordan, William Taor, Roy Truman, John Ushe, Jan Skubisz, Pope Francis, Ann Luff, Sr Patricia of the Presentation, Alan Bettles, Fr David Barnes, Evelyn Watkin, Holly Armstrong, Fr Michael Gallagher O.Praem., Lola