



St Francis of Assisi
Parish Newsletter
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**13th Sunday
of
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Time**

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2024 –
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &
THE SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL.

On this feast of Saints Peter and Paul we're here to give thanks for their example and renew our commitment to pass on to others the message of the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus invites us to lay our burdens at his feet and let go of all that holds us back

TODAYS READINGS:

Acts 12:1-11 – Guided by an angel, Peter miraculously escapes from prison.

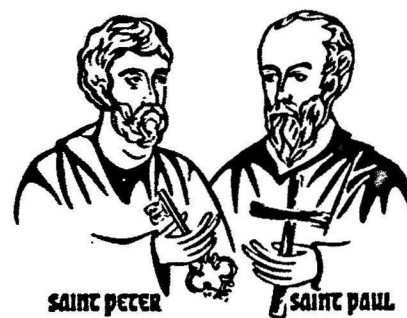
RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18 – Paul declares that the Lord has always stood by him and has given him the power to proclaim his whole message to the world.

Matthew 16:13-19 – Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah; and Jesus proclaims that he will build his church on the rock that is Peter.

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven”.

When Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus conferred upon him the “keys of the kingdom,” a symbol of Peter’s authority in the Church. This is a foundational text for the ordained priesthood and for the governance of the Church. Both Peter and Paul are regarded as “pillars” of the Church. Paul had been part of the group who persecuted Christians, but a blinding vision of the resurrected Christ turned him into a missionary, evangelist, and an apostle of the one he once hated and scorned. Paul followed the example of Jesus Christ who poured himself out in love for everyone. Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero, in 64 and 67 respectively, because of their fearless proclamation of the gospel. Kings and kingdoms have come and gone, but the Church remains.



THURSDAY	4 TH JULY 2024 - YOUTH MASS 7:30PM AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL.
SUNDAY:	7 TH JULY 2024 – THE REPOSITORY WILL BE OPEN AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES.
MONDAY:	8 TH JULY 2024 – BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUEIUM MASS AT ST PATRICKS – 11:30AM††
FRIDAY:	12 TH JULY 2024 – MASS FOR THE BUBBLY CLUB AT 9:15AM – EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE MASS.
FRIDAY:	12 TH JULY 2024 – BUBBLY CLUB TRIP DOWN THE THAMES – SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.
SATURDAY	10 TH AUGUST 2024 – PARISH SEA SIDE OUTING TO BROADSTAIRS – SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.
FRIDAY	13 TH DECEMBER 2024 – PARISHIONERS “CHRISTMAS LUNCH” - DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

Pray for those who have died, and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, also remember the People of Ukraine, and all countries where there is war. We also pray for peace in the Holy Land.

BEWARE !!!

Please be **AWARE** of where your belongings are. Do not leave them unattended – even when going to receive Holy Communion.

New Parishioners & Visitors **WELCOME !**

We are delighted to welcome new members to our parish community! Whether you have recently moved into the area, or are visiting, we hope you find our parish a warm and welcoming place. Please make yourself known to one of the Priests after Mass.

BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS AT **ST PATRICKS CEMETERY.**

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass will take place at St Patricks Cemetery, Leyton at **11:30am on 8th July 2024.**

A Day With Mary at **Westminster Cathedral.**

Further information on A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 13 July (9.45am to 5.00pm) is available at www adaywithmary.org or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

MASS AT 9:15AM & DAY TRIP **ALONG THE THAMES ON** **12TH JULY 224.**

Mass at 9:15m for the Bubbly Club – everyone is welcome to the Mass. After which, meet at Stratford Station at 10.15am (by Robert the big red train engine), travel by tube to Greenwich where we get the Uber boat return ticket, then travel by boat along the Thames to Battersea, where we usually picnic in the park. There is cafe where you can buy coffee/tea and snacks. It's a great opportunity to see what we get up to and enjoy a day out. People would have to cover their own travel and refreshment costs. If you want to know more please call Marian on 07715 420629 or Sarah on 07778 868827.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER **AND ST PAUL:**

A retiring collection for Peter's Pence will be taken at all Masses. Peter's Pence is the only collection each year to support the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry.

Summer Outing to Broadstairs **on the Kent Coast -**

Saturday 10 August 2024

Coach leaves from outside Church at 9.00, for a day out in Broadstairs, leaving Broadstairs at 4.30pm for return. Minimum cost is £10 per person, however coach hire is double this and if people are able to pay more to cover the costs this would reduce the amount we would need to supplement it by and would be much appreciated. Children under 12 are £5. There is only one coach going, so if you want to book a place please call Sarah McKiernan on 07778 868827 to secure a place and arrange payment

HOPE is the overall theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year. It's aim is to foster a greater sense of Global brotherhood; Solidarity with the poor, Care for the environment.

After two years of COVID and the crisis left in its wake, we've got to fan into a flame, the hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with An open spirit; A trusting heart; A far-sighted vision." The motto of the Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope'



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Masses

Monday to Friday 12:15. **Tuesday**, after Mass, St Anthony Novena.
Saturday: Morning Prayer: 9:40am Mass 10am followed by Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30am.
Confession: Saturday: 10:30am - 11:30am & 5pm - 5:45pm
Sunday: 6pm Saturday, 9am, 10:15am, 12 noon & 4:30pm (Ukrainian).

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