

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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13th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

28th June 2020

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided to cease having public liturgies in our churches and chapels. Since the Church finds herself in this difficult situation because of the Coronavirus, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is removed until further notice.

Celebration of Mass.

Priests continue to celebrate Mass in the church without the presence of the people, on a daily basis. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the people can join in Spiritual Communion with the priests of the Church.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

Act of Perfect Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

Fr. Firth is saying Mass each day for all the intentions requested, as follows:

Sunday 28 th	Ss. Peter and Paul	Peter Green (LD)
Monday 29 th	Weekday	Jim Brennan (LD)
Tuesday 30 th	Weekday	Intentions of Kate & Tilly Boocock
Wednesday 1 st July	Weekday	Freda Law (LD)
Thursday 2 nd	Weekday	Peter Taylor
Friday 3 rd	St Thomas, Apostle	Dead List
Saturday 4 th	Weekday	Safeguarding
Sunday 5 th	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of Jim & Josie Kelly

Mass intentions received: Jim Brennan (LD); Intentions of Kate & Tilly Boocock; Freda Law (LD).

CHURCH OPENING:

St Joseph's Church is opening for visits, between 10.00 – 12.00 noon each day and 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. on Tuesdays, with Covid19 safeguards and with stewards to direct visitors.

St Patrick's Church will be opening for visits also, 10.00 – 12.00 noon on Sundays and 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Volunteers for acting as stewards are required please. Initially for 1-hour at a time and to follow instructions for safeguarding visitors and the Church. If you are willing to volunteer (however, not if you are in the high-risk group), please contact Fr. Firth for full details.

Living Faith Booklets have arrived and are on sale in Church.

Sacramental Programme: First Communion, Confession and Confirmation.

As churches are open for private prayer only, a Diocesan decision has been made to delay these programmes until Autumn / September. When more information is available, this will be passed on.

The Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) Society, who support those in need through contacting them, and other initiatives, are now meeting by ZOOM for a short prayer meeting and a chat every 3 weeks. If anyone is interested in joining the SVP please contact Kath Altham on 01282 813806. If you wish you can join a ZOOM meeting with us and get to know a little bit more about us.

Live-streamed Daily Mass from Leeds Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. and on **Sunday** at 11.00 a.m.

www.leedscathedral.org.uk

On the website entitled 'Universalis' you can read the Mass readings and the Daily Prayer of the Church, which all priests pray every day.

Please think about using your rosary and Stations of the Cross.

For people who have been unable to live-stream Mass or find it on digital TV channels, it is now possible to dial in to listen to Mass. The following telephone number is available to listen to Mass from home: 01642 130 120

Financial Support for the Church. (An updated note from the Diocese)

Whilst we understand that this is a time of great anxiety for all parishioners and that some people may not be in a position to continue supporting the parish financially, some of you have been asking how you can continue with your weekly contributions while the church is closed.

There are now three ways you may consider:

- **Standing Order.** You can set up a regular Standing Order with your bank. This can be cancelled whenever you want, or you may wish to continue donating this way once things get back to normal. If you would like to set this up please contact Anne Wood either via email aeswood@aol.com or by phoning 07882831159
- **Text Giving.** The diocese has set up a way of donating by text.
To contribute £5 to the parish offertory please text CHURCHBARLICK to 70500
You can text as often or as little as you like. The amount will be added to your Mobile Phone bill.
- **Online Donations.** You can visit the Leeds Diocese Website www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk and click on Online Parish Offertory and then search for St Joseph's Barnoldswick.

Of course, you may just wish to bring in your weekly envelopes when the church opens again. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support. Canon Kevin Firth.

Income and Expenditure: Received: £1,488.12 (including £302.50 Direct Debit). Outgoings: £5,747.49 This includes the re-building of the wall on Bolland Street and a quarterly fuel bill.

Thank you for the donations that are put through the letterbox.

Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kirrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton – Jennifer Purcell – Pat Maloney – Clifford Ball – Mandy McLaughlan.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Feast of SS Peter and Paul
Sermon**

1. As a priest sometimes I am asked to write a reference for someone who has applied for a job. Normally of course, people come to see me and ask permission to use my name as a reference. Occasionally people do not ask. In my last parish I received a letter from an employee asking for a reference and I was forced to telephone to say that I could not recall the person who had put my name as their reference.

It is not easy to know someone really well. Now, if we were to ask even a close friend 'who do you say I am?', they might find it difficult to give an adequate answer to this question. If people are to know us well, we need to reveal ourselves to them, and self-revelation does not always come easy to us, even when we are in the presence of those who love us.

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2. The person and figure of Jesus Christ is a person who people struggle to get to know. This is made very clear to us in the Gospels. When Jesus turned to His disciples as we hear in today's Gospel and asked them

'Who do people say the son of man is?'

We hear a rather confused answer. Jesus was not John the Baptist, or Elijah, or Jeremiah, or one of the prophets even though He had something in common with all of them. But then Jesus asked His disciples the more pushing questions. 'But you, who do you say I am?' Peter's answer on behalf of all the others was much more satisfying.

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

Here indeed was a real insight into Jesus' identity. But Jesus immediately declared that this insight was given to him by God and not simply from his own natural abilities.

It is the same for you and me. We can only know Jesus Christ more fully with the aid of God to help us; we need the light of God's Holy Spirit if we are to come to know God's son.

3. Today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. We hear in the Gospels how Peter was singled out by Christ. He was to be the rock like foundation of Christ's Church and that is why Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter which means rock (think of the word 'petrified', to turn and become like a rock). The Lord said 'He would give Peter the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. This suggests authority, to bind and to loose. It seems to mean an authority to teach, to interpret the teaching of Christ to other members of the Church.

Do you remember Jesus criticising the Pharisees for locking people out of the Kingdom of Heaven by their teaching? In contrast, Peter's teaching should pave the way for all people to enter God's Kingdom. That is why the Church is called 'Catholic', meaning she is for everyone.

4. By contrast St Paul never met the earthly person of Jesus. By the time St Paul was confronted with the Lord, He had already risen. He became the great preacher and writer to the pagans. St Paul preached for the last time in the city of Rome where, like St Peter, he died for his faith in Christ, during the persecutions by the emperor Nero. How did Paul know Jesus so well? We get a clue in his letter to Timothy, today's second reading when he wrote 'The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed to all the pagans to hear ...'

In other words, St Paul relies not just on his own hard work and natural abilities but on that God's Holy Spirit was using him as an instrument to convey the person and teaching of Christ.

5. Like St Paul, we have not met Jesus in person but, like St Peter, Jesus confronts us with the question from the Gospel,

'But you, who do you say I am?'

To find the answer we come to Mass when we can (maybe not quite yet) to find an answer. If we are to know the Lord more fully, we need to share our innermost thoughts with Christ in our daily prayer. Trying to ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to get to know how the Lord wants us to act especially with others maybe a keyway of being able to answer the question.

But you, who do you say I am?'

Canon Kevin Firth

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please phone 01535 653153

Blessed are those who stay indoors for they have protected others.

Blessed are the unemployed and the self-employed for their need of God is great.

Blessed are the corner shopkeepers for they are the purveyors of scarce things.

Blessed are the delivery drivers and the postal workers for they are the bringers of essential things.

Blessed are the hospital workers, the ambulance crews, the doctors, the nurses, the care assistants and the cleaners for they stand between us and the grave; the Kingdom of Heaven is surely theirs.

Blessed are the checkout workers for they have patience and fortitude in the face of overwork and frustration.

Blessed are the refuse collectors for they will see God despite the mountains of waste.

Blessed are the teachers for they remain steadfast and constant in disturbing times.

Blessed are the Church workers, the deacons, priests and bishops for they are a comforting presence in a hurting world as they continue to signpost towards God.

Blessed are the single parents for they are coping alone with their responsibilities, and there is no respite.

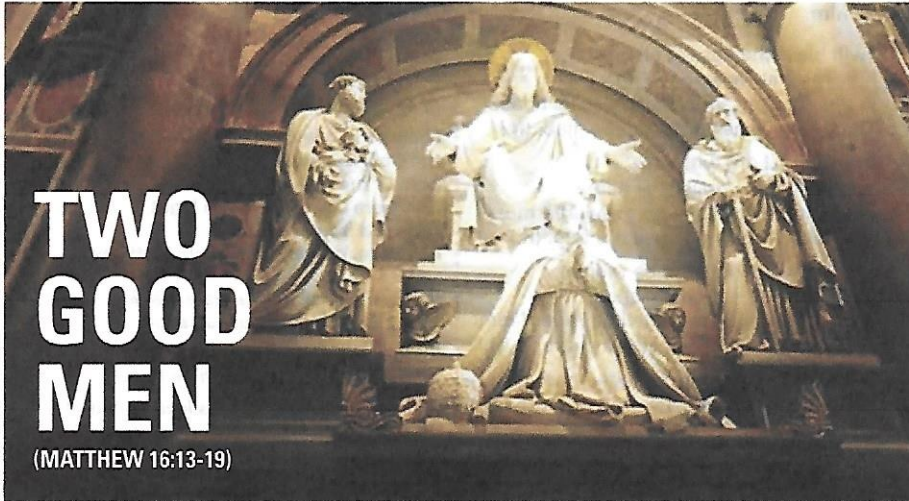
Blessed are those who are alone for they are children of God, and with Him they will never be lonely.

Blessed are the bereaved for whom the worst has already happened; they shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who are isolated with their abusers for one day – we pray – they will know safety.

Blessed are all during this time who have pure hearts: all who still hunger and thirst for justice; all who work for peace and who model mercy. May you know comfort. May you know calm.

And may the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
Amen.



TWO GOOD MEN

(MATTHEW 16:13-19)

A sculpture in St Peter's Basilica, Rome, of Christ enthroned with St Paul, St Peter and Pope Pius VIII

Jesus has been going around curing sick people and performing miracles, with the result that he has become quite a celebrity. But he has also become a target, and those in authority are out to get him. They are trying to turn public opinion against him, and things are hotting up.

Jesus asks his disciples to be honest with him. He wants to know what people are saying about him. His friends are nervous and embarrassed. They fudge the issue and tell him only the good things.

Well, they begin, some say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah, while others think you're Jeremiah or one of the other great prophets.

But Jesus doesn't want flattery. He stops them in their tracks: "What about you?" he says, "Who do you say that I am?"

While the others stop to think about what they're going to say, Peter, impetuous as always, rushes forth with the winning answer. For him, Jesus is no mere prophet or returned figure from the past. He is the Messiah, God's own Son, the one whose coming the scriptures had foretold.

For the first time, it seems the disciples are beginning to recognise who Jesus really is. Then events take an unexpected turn, which no doubt leaves Peter dumbstruck and confused.

Jesus blesses Peter for his answer, and gives him authority in the community. Peter will be the unshakeable rock upon which Christ will build his Church, and will hold the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Peter, and later Paul, knew that Jesus was their Lord and Saviour. They spent their lives after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus preaching that Good News, building up the early Church. Both shared a martyr's death. Both were instrumental in laying the foundations for the Church we have today.

That is why we honour them with today's feast. Like Peter and Paul, we know who Jesus is and we too are called to make him known as best we can. ■

DO

Though leaders of the Church, Peter and Paul were both very conscious of their faults and failings. They knew they were far from perfect. Think about your life. What are your failings? What do you need to do to be closer to God?

PRAY

Ask the Lord to help you always to know who he is and to witness to him to the best of your ability, following the example of Peter and Paul.

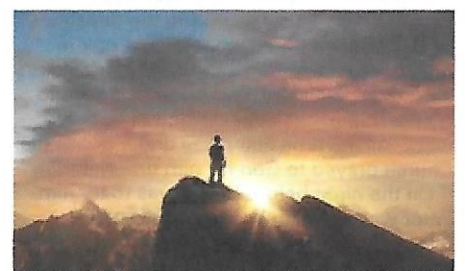
REFLECT

Because we are human, we make mistakes, we screw up, we disappoint ourselves and others. Whether it's on the sports field, or in the workplace, or in a relationship, we can let others down. We don't always show our potential.

And so we know how important it is to be given a second chance, another opportunity, to be able to start all over again. To be offered the possibility of redemption.

Peter and Paul both knew and experienced that. Both were weak characters, who made big mistakes. Peter denied Jesus three times; Paul actively persecuted members of the early Christian community. Both were most unlikely candidates to lead the Church, yet God chose both of them. God overlooked their weakness and past failures because God saw the extraordinary potential in the two of them.

In God's eyes, there are no lost causes, no hopeless cases. God sees the potential in everyone. God sees the potential in each one of us also, and as God did with Peter and Paul, invites us to be our best selves. ■



SAY

"Lord, I know that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

LEARN

God sees the potential in everyone.

Each of us is called to build up the community of faith.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles
Peter and Paul
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church
may in all things follow the teaching
of those through whom she received
the beginnings of right religion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
King Herod started persecuting certain
members of the Church. He beheaded James
the brother of John, and when he saw that
this pleased the Jews, he decided to arrest
Peter as well. This was during the days
of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in
prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers
each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to
try Peter in public after the end of Passover
week. All the time Peter was under guard the
Church prayed to God for him unremittently.
On the night before Herod was to try him,
Peter was sleeping between two soldiers,
fastened with double chains, while guards
kept watch at the main entrance to the prison.
Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood
there, and the cell was filled with light. He
tapped Peter on the side and woke him. "Get
up!" he said "Hurry!" – and the chains fell
from his hands. The angel then said, "Put on
your belt and sandals." After he had done
this, the angel next said, "Wrap your cloak
around you and follow me." Peter followed
him, but had no idea that what the angel did
was happening in reality; he thought he was
seeing a vision. They passed through two
guard posts one after the other, and reached
the iron gate leading to the city. This opened
of its own accord; they went through it and
had walked the whole length of one street
when suddenly the angel left him. It was only
then that Peter came to himself. "Now I know
it is all true," he said. "The Lord really did

send his angel and has saved me from Herod
and from all that the Jewish people were so
certain would happen to me. "

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33

Response:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

or

**The angel of the Lord rescues those who
revere him.**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- 2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
- 3 Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
- 4 The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue
them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
Timothy.

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to
be gone. I have fought the good fight to the
end; I have run the race to the finish; I have
kept the faith; all there is to come now is the
crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give
to me on that Day; and not only to me but all
those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave power, so
that through me the whole message might
be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and,
so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The
Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts
on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter and on this rock I will build my
Church.****And the gates of the underworld can never
hold out against it.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,*(all bow during the next three lines)*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sinsand I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord,
accompany the sacrificial gift
that we present to your name for consecration,
and may their intercession make us devoted
to you
in celebration of the sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHONPeter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God.And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant us, O Lord,
who have been renewed by this Sacrament,
so to live in the Church,
that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread
and in the teaching of the Apostles,
we may be one heart and one soul,
and made steadfast in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

