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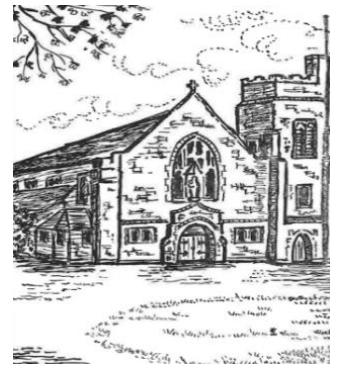
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SS PETER & PAUL APOSTLES

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Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the center of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel.

St Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the Basilica of St Peter's. St Paul was beheaded in the Via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name. Down the centuries Christian people in their thousands have gone on pilgrimage to the tombs of these Apostles. In the second and third centuries the Roman Church already stood pre-eminent by reason of her apostolicity, the infallible truth of her teaching and her two great figures, Ss Peter and Paul. Today, on this great feast, we look to their example and ask for their prayers.

PETER'S PENCE: Today, there is a second collection for Peter's Pence. 'Peter's Pence' supports Pope Francis in contributing to the needs of the Church, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as the support of the Holy See.

THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Bishops remind us: "*We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead.*" The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTION

As you know, the UK general election is fast-approaching and those standing will want our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics, to ensure that parties commit to tackling issues such as upholding the sanctity of life for the most vulnerable in our society. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to them. The Pro-life Charity, SPUC has created a simplified process to equip Catholics to contact their parliamentary candidates. Please see <https://www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote> for more information. You just enter your postcode to find out who your candidates are, and a template email appears for you to send to them. The threat of decriminalising abortion was averted in this Parliament but will soon return in the next. There is also expected to be a big push to legalise assisted suicide as well. It is vital for us as Catholic to use our vote to stand up for the most vulnerable in our society and to elect pro-life MPs.

CONFIRMATION 2024/2025: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2025, please email the parish office to register your interest by Sunday 22nd September 2024 at the latest. A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the parish hall and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 28th September. The maximum number of young people that we can have on the course is currently 50 and if applications exceed that number, we will prioritise those in Year 10 or above. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night. We are also happy to announce that the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/25: If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025, please email the Parish Office to register your interest by **1st August 2024** at the latest. Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available. We can tell you, though, that the first meeting for parents will take place on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7pm in the church; the first special focus Mass will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 15th September and the first children's session will be on Saturday 21st September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one *or* just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have a specific date in mind, please book *at least* 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until late September and there are now no Saturday evening or Sunday masses available for the rest of the year.

YOUTH CLUB: Registrations for the 2024-2025 year are now closed. However, anybody still wishing to register can complete the registration forms in the parish office – office open 9am-3pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday. You MUST bring along £5 membership fee & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster).

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm *here at St Mary Mother of God*. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

MARCH FOR LIFE: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

IONA FAMILY SOCIAL CLUB: The Iona family social club are open for new members. Lots of social events and all major sports events are shown. All are welcome.

FOODBANK: Please don't forget we have a donation box which is located in the porch of the church for any donations. All donations go to Rainham foodbank and are vitally needed.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Hannah Brennan RIP & Giovanni Capriglia RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, and friends who are ill.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	29 th June	6.30pm	Ida Irene D'Souza RIP
Sunday SS Peter & Paul	30 th June	8.00am	Les Payne RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	John 'Jack' O'Connell RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	1 st July	9.15am	Norah, Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP & Michael Reilly RIP
Tuesday	2 nd July	9.15am	Gavin Kirton RIP
Wednesday St Thomas	3 rd July	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Master Theodore Bray Int
Thursday	4 th July	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	5 th July	9.15am	Mr Larry Fenessy RIP / Pat & Annie Coleman RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 th July	9.15am	Stephen Onyeacholam Int
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Sunday 14 th Sunday in ordinary time	7 th July	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your screen every week, simply email hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.