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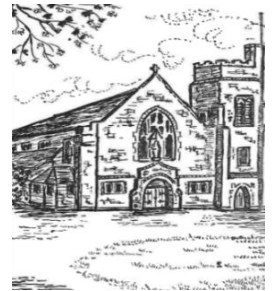
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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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This Sunday 28th June is the great Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (transferred from Monday 29th to the adjacent Sunday).

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 Leo XIV in contributing to the needs of the Church, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as the support of the Holy See.

RECENT MARRIAGES: We extend our warmest congratulations to Fitzroy & Maxine, Duane & Kayleigh on their recent marriages, which took place here at St Mary's. May their union be filled with love, joy, and God's blessings

DAY FOR LIFE: Last weekend, we raised a total amount of £227.45. Many thanks for your generosity and support

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 16:

Dear brothers and sisters, in today's reflection on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, we consider the liturgy through the lens of tradition and of development. Pope Pius XII called the Church a "living organism" which needs to grow, mature and adapt to circumstances. Indeed, desiring that Christian life should thrive and grow, the Second Vatican Council recognized that it was time to adjust some adaptable elements in the liturgy for the health and vitality of the Church, to fortify and rejuvenate Christians, and to foster unity and evangelize men and women. The Council affirmed that legitimate progress in the liturgy must also preserve sound tradition, and that certain elements of the liturgy cannot change because they are divinely instituted. In a particular way, I encourage everyone to respect the texts and norms of the liturgy with openness, humility, trust in God's greatness and with sincere fidelity to ecclesial communion.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER MEN'S CLUB: Inviting all DIY enthusiasts to form a new men's group in the parish to help with maintenance work. A survey of the buildings of the parish was recently conducted, and we could do with all the help we can get to complete various recommended jobs but also have some fun in the process. Obviously, bigger jobs will need to be contracted out. Please let Fr Mark or the parish office know, if you're interested.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/27: If your child is in *Year 3 to Year 5 from September* and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2027, please email the Parish Office **to register your interest by 1st August 2026 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 course will begin in September, but this is subject to finding a sufficient number of adult/ parent helpers to run the course, so please contact the parish office if you are able to help. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night. ***If your child is in year 6 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Fr Mark.***

CONFIRMATION 2026/27: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2027, please email the parish office to **register your interest by 1st September 2026 at the latest**. A meeting for parents and young people will take place on **Saturday 19th September 2026 at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall** followed by the **Welcome Session** for the young people **at 5pm** and the **Enrolment Mass at 6.30pm** to be attended by both young people and parents. 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.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME 2026/27: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 10th September 2026 at 7.00pm 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, 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.

DAY WITH MARY: A Day With Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon. Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium

STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY CALLED APOSTLEHIP OF THE SEA) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: There will be a training session on Saturday 4th July at 10.30am. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.

NEW FRONTALS FOR THE ALTAR AND LECTERN: As you know, the altar and the lectern are very important furnishings within the sanctuary, from which we proclaim the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. With that in mind, we are on the process of obtaining some special cloths to be hung in front of them (aptly known as ‘frontals’) to pay honour to their dignity. The Frontals are of high quality and, as such, are not inexpensive, so, if anyone would like to make a donation towards them, we would be very grateful. The frontals come in four different colours to match the liturgical seasons, so they will help to beautify the sanctuary as a whole.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Roy Andrews, Paul Hiscock & Peter Gallagher who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. Peter Gallagher’s funeral will take place at 11am on Monday 30th June. Roy Andrews’ Funeral will take place on Tuesday 30th June at 12noon at St Mary’s and Paul Hiscocks’ funeral will take place on Thursday 9th July at 11:00 am at St Mary’s

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill, Paul & Margaret Lodge, Patricia Magson nee Shanahan, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Eleanor O'Connell, Claire Ramm, Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Bernard Frederick and Denis Fallon.

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: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	27 th June	6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday Ss Peter & Paul, App	28 th June	8.00am	Phillipa Grima RIP
		9.30am	Patricia Fells RIP
		11.30am	James, Josie & Johnny Manning RIP
		5.00pm	Reception of the body- Peter Gallagher
Monday	29 th June	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Fr John Hayes RIP and Billy Burke Int
		11.00am	Requiem Mass – Peter Gallagher RIP
Tuesday	30 rd June	9.15am	Padraic O'Malley RIP
		12 noon	Requiem Mass – Roy Andrews RIP
Wednesday	1 st July	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Padraig Feen RIP
Thursday	2 nd July	9.15am	Meabh Walsh Int
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Thomas, Ap	3 rd July	9.15am	Billy Myers RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	4 th July	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
			No Adoration today
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Dr Sylvanus Oganwu Int
Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time	5 th July	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Adrian & Mary Bell Int
		11.30am	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

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. Also, there is Adoration from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

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