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THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Celebration of public masses:

You will have heard that from the 4th July a number of restrictions will be lifted, among which is the ban on public celebrations of the Mass. Guidelines have been issued by the Bishop's Conference as well as a Pastoral letter issued by the five Metropolitan Archbishops. A copy of the Archbishops' letter can be downloaded from the parish website or at

http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/Message_from_Archbishops_of_England.html

I have just finished reading the guidelines issued by the Bishop's conference. It will need some further study to apply the procedures to our circumstance. I would ask for your patience as we seek ways of making easy access to the Mass and the sacraments. I hope to be in a better position next weekend to clarify the requirements of the bishops for Mass to be celebrated in public.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick; We pray for all affected by the Coronavirus and Samar Staussi, Lisa and Moses Mendoza, Harriette Cahill, Olga Herbert, Catherine Gapp, Peter Kosciolk, Pauline Hearn, Brendan Hollingsworth, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadhia, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, Donald Derx, Electa Almeida, Philip Chapell, Alec Smith and Oscar Carrier-Sippy.

We pray for those who have died, Mary Connellan, Dorothy Elizabeth Fisher, Bruce Boswell, Eileen McQuaid, and all killed by the Coronavirus.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know. Our main hospital is St Georges and the chaplain Fr Mark Higgins can be contacted on 0208 725 3069.

Funerals:

Eileen McQuaid 2nd July 2020
Dorothy Elizabeth Fisher 3rd July 2020
Mary Connellan 10th JULY 2020

Music at the Sunday Mass (Streamed - Non Congregational)

The hymns this Sunday will be:

Entrance: Spirit of God No 664

<https://www.musixmatch.com/lyrics/Bob-Rowe/Spirit-of-God-In-the-Clear-Running-Water>

Offertory: Take our bread No 678

https://www.last.fm/music/Marilla+Ness/_/Take+Our+Bread+We+Ask+You/+lyrics

Communion: Sweet Saviour Bless us No675

http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/hymn-lyrics/sweet_savior_bless_us_ere_we_go.htm

Exit: All over the world No 858

<https://weareworship.com/uk/songs/view/all-over-the-world-795/1575/lyrics>

Times of services during the week:

Mass will be streamed each day at 10am. There will be additional streamed Masses on Sunday evening at 8:00pm and Monday and Friday evening at 6:30pm.

The church will be open for private devotions each day except Sunday from 11am to 2:00pm. There will be exposition during that time.

Confessions

Confessions will be heard between 10.30 and 11.30 on Saturday 4 July, after the 10 am. Streamed Mass. Instructions on the exact arrangements will be available on arrival.

A word of thanks:

We are only able to keep the church open each day through the generosity of the stewards who give of their time to look after the church in its opening times. Without the stewards being present throughout the opening times and constantly upgrading the cleaning of the benches we would have had to restrict access to the church. It has been great to see a steady flow of parishioners making use of this time for private prayer.

Evangelii Gaudium: The love of God

It is remarkable, even though Pope Francis wrote Evangelii Gaudium seven years ago how vividly it speaks to us now. Take section 52 "SOME CHALLENGES OF TODAY'S WORLD"

"The majority of our contemporaries are barely living from day to day with dire consequences. A number of diseases are spreading. The hearts of many people are gripped by fear and desperation, even in so called rich countries, the joy of living frequently fades. Lack of respect for others and violence are on the rise and equality is increasingly evident." Does this remind you of anything happening today?

So, let's talk about it, see through the eyes of the Holy Father, if we can address the world we live in and make things change for the better. You are invited to a study group on Zoom on Monday evenings from 8pm to 9pm to look again at *Evangelii Gaudium* to help us plan a way forward when lock down comes to an end. To join in please let Sadie Smith know by email on sadiesmith3@talktalk.net

BAKE OFF

There is another virtual "Bake-Off" taking place on Sunday at 1800 on Zoom. Anyone who would like to participate is invited to mail Guido on guido.amari@gmail.com

The feast today is that of Saints Peter and Paul, but more about that in the homily for today. Some have been asking for more liturgical information so for today:

Sunday 28th June 2020 Feast of St Peter and St Paul (13th Sunday of the year in Ordinary Time year A)

Office Sunday week 1-Compline of Sunday 2.

Every blessing on you all.

Canon John