



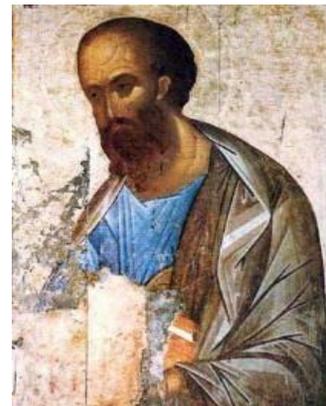
CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER



St. Edmund Campion Pray for Us

Dear Parents and Carers

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. We should take great comfort as human beings with all our many flaws that the two men responsible for taking forward the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God to the world were not without their faults. Both Peter and Paul in different ways either betrayed or refused to believe in the Son of God. Neither knew the plan that God had for each of them. However, both men went through transformations in their lives that gave them strength. That strength came through an unswerving belief in their message that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus had brought salvation to the world. Their eyes had been opened to the truth of who Jesus really is.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols has given us some thoughts on Father's Day and the reopening of Churches where this has been possible throughout the country. You can listen to what he has said on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/BqYmtyyp1hc>

Recognising that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, special Masses continue to be celebrated for the sick, their families, care workers and NHS staff every Thursday at 7pm from a different Cathedral each week. This Thursday 25th June Bishop Alan Hopes will celebrate Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich and can be found on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1L1vHKBeZgiaUf6hUxbTOA>



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Our school is in the parish of Erdington Abbey, which is served by the Redemptorists. This Saturday, 27th June, is the feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and is a special day for Redemptorists throughout the world.

Since 1866 the Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the icon and title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. According to tradition, the ancient Byzantine icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help was stolen from a church in Crete, where many miracles had occurred. The image remained in the private possession of a Roman merchant and his family until 1499, when it was publicly displayed in the Church of St. Matthew in Rome between the Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. When St. Matthew's was destroyed in 1789, the icon was rescued and hung in an obscure monastery chapel until the Redemptorists learned that the site of their new headquarters in Rome had once been the site of St.



Matthew's, the one-time home of a miraculous icon of Our Lady. A Redemptorist priest who as a young man had frequented the monastery chapel that displayed the icon informed his brothers where to find the image.

The Redemptorists asked Pope Pius IX for permission to move the icon to their new church, San Alfonso, which was built on the location of the icon's earlier home. The pope granted his permission and told the Redemptorists to "make her known throughout the world."

As a reminder masses each day and every Sunday are streamed live from St. Chad's Cathedral. In addition to the normal services Archbishop Bernard Longley will be saying a special Good Shepherd Mass for schools on 29th June at 10am. This has been done with support from Fr. Hudson's Care. Please see attached documents to this newsletter for further details. Here is the link for the live streaming service:

www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Redemptorist Publications have also made Sunday mass available online after 12 midday every Saturday. Mass is celebrated by Fr. Denis McBride C.Ss.R from the Redemptorist community in Chawton, Hampshire.

www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online



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For information on what's going on in our local parish community in Erdington here is a link to the Erdington Abbey newsletter:

<http://www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk/eacontent/uploads/2020/06/Bulletin-12th-Sunday-in-Ordinary-Time-21-June-2020.pdf>

Gospel Reflection – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul – Matthew 16:13-19



Everything needs a foundation in order to fulfil its purpose. A building to remain standing. A family to support, nurture and encourage so that we can flourish. An education to give us a platform to learn and grow. It is no surprise then that the word Jesus uses to install Peter as the person who he would build his Church on was 'Rock'.

Although we now have the splendour of St. Peter's in Rome as the centre the Catholic Church, the Church that Jesus refers to is us- the people who make up the body of the Church. Our places of worship are important places in our community but as we have found in recent months without people coming together to pray, worship and praise within them something is lost – the foundation that makes them alive is missing.



*O Mother of Perpetual Help,
I honour your holy name,
I praise you with my lips,
I venerate you in my thoughts,
I pray to you from my heart,
I trust in your powerful intercession,
I call upon you in every need.
In times of temptation, protect me,
In times of suffering, comfort me.
In times of affliction, strengthen me.
In times of discouragement, renew me.
In times of perplexity guide me.
In times of doubt lead me.
Whenever I call to you, hear me.
Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me. Amen*