

The Catholic Parish & Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead

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28th June 2015: Sol: Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY (28th June) Sol: St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

6.00pm (Sat.) Vigil Mass Kath Daniel – R.I.P.

10.30am Mass Pro Populo (The Parish)

2.00pm Mass (Catenian Association)

MONDAY (29th) Feria (13th Week in Ordinary Time)
NO MASS

TUESDAY (30th) Feria
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY (1st) Feast: The Dedication of the Cathedral

11.30am Exposition & Adoration

12 noon Holy Mass Hugh & Mary Stokes – R.I.P.

THURSDAY (2nd) Feria
NO MASS

FRIDAY (3rd) Feast: St. Thomas, Apostle
NO MASS

SATURDAY (4th) Feria
NO MASS

NEXT SUNDAY (5th) Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm (Sat.) Vigil Mass Patrick Roche – R.I.P.

NO MASS HERE ON SUNDAY MORNING:

JUBILEE MASS AT AMEX STADIUM, BRIGHTON

✕ **The Sacrament of Confession** is available before the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday or by arrangement.

✕ **Kath Daniel's Funeral Mass** will take place here on Monday week (6th July) at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

✕ **On Pilgrimage here this week:** Today (Sunday 28th) members of the **Horsham Catenian Association**. They have **Mass at 2.00pm**. Thursday (2nd July): **Crawley Catholic Primary Schools**.

✕ A reminder: because of the **Diocesan Jubilee Festival 50** at the Amex Stadium **there will not be a 10.30am Mass here on Sunday 5th July**. There will be the usual Vigil Mass on Saturday 4th at 6.00pm.

✕ **Holy Mass** as usual on **Wednesday at 12 noon**, following Exposition and Adoration from 11.30am.

✕ **APF / Missio boxes are now due for collection**. If you are a box holder, please bring it along and give it to your collector. (The usual warning: please do not leave boxes / money unattended in the Church Room – even if there is a Mass being celebrated.)

Find out who you are ...

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.
(Matthew 16:19)

Those of us who have been Christians since childhood take Peter and Paul for granted. They are like one piece of the same jigsaw. Even

their names seem to go together like Laurel and Hardy or Marks and Spencer.

We have to stop in our tracks for a while to remind ourselves that Peter and Paul each had to find out who they really were before they could become powerful agents in the service of Christ.

Peter was not always Peter.

He came out of Simon: the

rock out of the jelly. Today we

celebrate him as the strong

leader of the early Church; we

recall him as being steadfast

as a rock, the choice upon

which Jesus would build his

Church. But we remember

that he was far from steady.

He was the headstrong,

volatile one who was told by Jesus to get behind him - like Satan. He

was the one full of promises which he broke as soon as the going got

tough; the lover turned deserter. Yet Jesus knew this. That is why he

invited Peter to discover his real self: not the Simon with all his

limitations, but the Peter who in Christ would accomplish much.

Paul was not always Paul. He came out of Saul: the lamb out of the

wolf. We recall the zealous Jew whose very life was consumed in

tracking down Christians and having them persecuted. We remember

the man whose understanding of religion was such that he considered

Christianity to be abhorrent to God. Yet for some reason he was not to

remain so blinkered. He saw the light. He was blinded by the reality of

Christ's teachings and deep in his heart he was no longer Saul the

persecutor, but Paul the fearless preacher and teacher of the faith. It

was only when he became Paul he could be used by God to the fullest.

In every one of us there is both Simon and Saul. We do not have to

look hard to see our imperfections or seek very far before finding our

own fickleness or presumptuousness. The good news, though, is that

we are not condemned to live out this self-destructing role.

At our baptism we are called to a greatness that we cannot achieve by

ourselves. Our new name is that of "Christian", and we agree to be

living witnesses to the new life offered in Christ. In a sense our

Christian life is a journey of discovery into who and what we are called

to be. The more we know our true selves before God, the more God

can use us in the service of the gospel. God, of course, did use Simon

and Saul. But when they faced up to who they really were, they could

become Peter and Paul: far richer and more effective preachers of the

gospel. So do you know who God is asking you to be?



Please remember the sick and housebound in your prayers at this time; and amongst them:

Ralph Bayross, Agnes Burns, John Challis, Catherine Clayton, Bridget Coghlan, Edward Collard, Tito Coletta, Moya Connolly, Kath Davies, Philip Dean, Jo Dexter; Maggie Dougall, Suzanne Enbeigene, Sean Fahy, Jeffrey Facon, Vaughan Frederick, Lillian Fry, Antonio Grandine; Frank Gray, Michael Handley, Eileen Hill; Joanna Holmes, Anne Howes, , Marilyn Jackson, Pauline Jenkins, Ian Keith, Josephine Kiely, Moria Killian, David Langley, Mary Larder, Pat Levy, Jim Maynard, Margaret Mellows, Mary Murray, Denis Parker, David Rees, Giles Rubens, Joan Stafford, Rita Stalker, Ronnie Taylor, Teresa Tierney, Christine Turner and Charlotte Walker.