Feasts/Memorials

June

Monday 28 - St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

29 - Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles Tuesday 30 - Protomartyrs of the Holy Roman Church Wednesday

July

Saturday 3 - St Thomas, Apostle

Young Adults in the West Retreat Day

Bishop Alan Hopes will lead a Retreat Day for Young Adults at St Jude's Shrine, Faversham on Saturday 24 July from 9.00am – 6.00pm. Cost: £15. includes coach travel (bring your own lunch). All young adults (17-35 years) are welcome to come and meet, pray and relax with other young adults from the diocese. For more information re booking etc. contact Dave Burke on 020-7798-9357 or email: davidburke@rcdow.org.uk

Young Adults Monday Group

Our Monday Group will meet tomorrow Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All young people (18-30) who come to our Church are very welcome to join them. An opportunity to share the faith, participate in lively debates and pray together, plus some socialising. Entrance to the Parish Centre via Pitt Street. For further details contact Gary Clarke, garvclarke2006@yahoo.co.uk

Weekday Masses: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm

Saturday Masses: 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm (Vigil for Sunday) 8.30am, 10.00am Sung, 11.00am Latin Choir Sunday Masses:

12.15pm, 6.00pm Young Adults Choir

Holy Day Masses 8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm

Bank Holiday Masses: 9.00am, 12.15pm (no 6.00pm Mass)

Weekday Confessions: 5.30-5.50pm - Priest on duty except 12 Noon-3pm

Saturday Confessions: 10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 6.30-8.00pm Carmelite Priory, 41 Kensington Church St., London W8 4BB

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 27 June 2010 - Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Feast of St Peter and Paul

Tuesday 29 June is the Feast of St Peter and Paul. It is a day of special prayer for Pope Benedict and the day when we, in England and Wales, celebrate the anniversary of his election as Pope. In a little over two months we will be welcoming Pope Benedict to Scotland and England. He will be here as an official guest of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. He has been invited by Her Majesty and the British Government to visit and to address the people of this country.

The Pope has many roles to fulfil. He is the leader of the Catholic Church and so has the duty to sustain and build up the faith of all members of the Church. It was to fulfil this role that Pope John Paul visited Britain in 1982. The Pope also has a duty to reach out to all people and to share the wisdom of the church's experience and teaching with all of society. This is the primary purpose of Pope Benedict's visit to Britain. Therefore an important part of his visit will be meetings with the Government and other leaders of society, meetings with leaders of other Christian Churches and other faith communities.

One of the important ways we are all invited to prepare for the Pope's visit is to prepare ourselves so that we can explain our faith, the meaning and role of the Church and the purpose of this visit with others. To help us do this, the Church has prepared a number of resources which can be seen on the official Papal Visit website www.thepapalvisit.org.uk I recommend you visit this website regularly over the next few months.

In addition we have received some copies [and I have requested some extra ones] of a specially prepared booklet entitled "Heart speaks unto heart". It is especially to help people who are in positions where they can influence the perception and understanding of the Church, its purpose and mission and the visit of the Holy Father, e.g. Local Government, media, schools etc. Anyone who feels a copy would be helpful to them, please see me today.

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Pope Benedict is the successor of St Peter, and the words of 'The First Letter of St Peter' are very appropriate at this time: "Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience".

This sums up how Pope Benedict carries out his mission and will characterise his approach when he comes to Britain. Let them also be our inspiration as we each carry out our mission to share the Good News that we live by.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

Prayer for the Papal Visit to the UK 16th-19th September 2010

God of truth and love, your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart. As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all. We pray for Pope Benedict and look forward with joy to his forthcoming visit to our countries. May he be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Our Lady, Mother of the Church - pray for us.

St Andrew - pray for us.

St George - pray for us.

St David - pray for us.

Mass for the Sick and Elderly

On Saturday next 3 July at 12.15pm we will have a **Mass for the sick and elderly.** The **Anointing of the Sick** will be given during this Mass.

Centenary of the Consecration of Westminster Cathedral

To celebrate the *Centenary of the Consecration of Westminster Cathedral*, Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside at a Solemn Mass in the Cathedral tomorrow Monday 28 June at 11.30am. All are welcome

Confirmation

On Saturday next 3 July eight young people from this Church will receive **The Sacrament of Confirmation** from Bishop Alan Hopes, at the 6.30pm Mass at Our Lady of Victories, High St., Kensington. Please pray for *Victoria*, *Philippe*, *Julia*, *Gabrielle*, *Rita*, *Mario*, *Glenn and Darwin* on this very important day in their lives.

N.B. All Candidates and their Sponsors are invited to a meeting at <u>6.30pm</u> tomorrow Monday evening, 28 June, at Our Lady of Victories.

Our Parish Picnic

A huge thank you to all who came and supported our Parish Picnic in Kensington Gardens on Sunday last, and brought some delicious food and games to share. Thank you all again for coming and particularly the children who really enjoyed themselves.

Notices

- * We will have our *Parish Gathering* after the 10 o'clock Mass this morning, when you are all invited downstairs to the Parish Centre for tea/coffee and friendly chat.
- * Our *Parish Advisory Group* meeting will take place this evening at 7.00pm in the Priory.
- * On Saturday next 3 July we will have the *Brown Scapular Devotions* to *Our Lady of Mount Carmel* after the 6.00pm Mass. You are all invited to stay on for the Rosary and special prayers.
- * Tuesday next 29 June, Feast of SS Peter & Paul, is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at the usual weekday times, i.e. Vigil Mass on Monday 28 at 6.00pm. Masses on Tuesday 29: 8.00am, 12.15 and 6.00pm.
- * Will Readers please collect their **new Rota** from Reception as they leave after Mass today.
- * Enrolment for Catechism 2010-2011: Please collect and return enrolment forms from back of the Church or Parish Reception.

Peter's Pence Collection

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There will be the customary Collection for **Peter's Pence** after all Masses today for the special charities of our Holy Father, the Pope.