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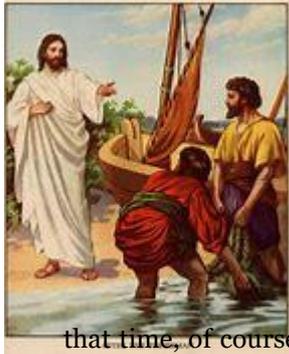
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Feast of Saints Peter & Paul : 28 June 2020

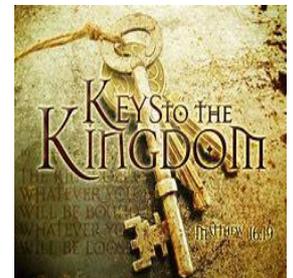


that time, of course, there was as yet no 'New Testament'; the Hebrew bible that Paul knew and taught was what we sometimes call 'the Old Testament'. Paul was a natural teacher, a man who was very determined and, when he started a job, he would see that through diligently. Peter and Paul both became followers of Jesus of Nazareth, though it is important to remember that while Peter knew Jesus as a friend, Paul never actually met Jesus in the flesh. Yet each of them came to be followers of Jesus as *themselves*; they each brought their own individual character, their strengths and also their weaknesses and foibles into the way they lived, taught and gave example and encouragement to others. Peter and Paul were both strong characters, but they did not always get on. We read in the New Testament that they had some fierce arguments about how best to share the message of Jesus with others. Both were eventually put to death for 'agitating the people against those in authority'. Rather like the charge against Jesus. By the time Paul died he had been stoned by those who objected to his teaching; he had been beaten up, hounded out of several towns, shipwrecked and also kept under house arrest. Peter and Paul are two of the great stalwarts in our history, heroes of faith, natural leaders. They were determined to make known the message of Jesus, leaders who sought to invite others to accept in their hearts that Jesus, the man from Nazareth, is Lord. While Paul was under house arrest, we hear today what he wrote to his friend Timothy, his protégé:

"My life is already being poured away as a libation and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me. The Lord stood by me and gave me power so that through me, the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen"

And then, in today's gospel, we read:

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he put this question to his disciples: 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said: 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say that I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up: 'You are the Christ', he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So, I now say to you: You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; what you bind on earth will be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' (Matthew 16: 13-19)



Recently deceased: Rose Ward (Bearpark) died on Tuesday morning. Her husband, Grieve, died only recently on 5th May. Rose's funeral will be at Durham crematorium this Wednesday at 12 noon.

Anniversaries: St Joseph's: Ellen Corner, Olivia Pickering, Brian Jennings, John Wilkinson, Andrew Richardson, Billy Mitten, Michael Scanlon, Michael Gillon, Doris Quigley, Monica Towns, Sonia Moore, Mary Nicholson, John Loughlin, Thomas W. Stoddart, Fr Gerard Avery.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: Kathleen Sanderson, Sheila Wilson, Edward Doyle, Ian Golightly, Veronica McGinn, Norman Kitching, Daniel Cameron, Gerard Shoulder, Peter Hayton, Evelyn Murray, Thomas McKenna, William Taylor.

St Michael: Maureen Rowntree, Winifred Sherry, Teresa James, Sydney Preston, Ron Laidler, Harry Hayton, Paul Carey, Ray Coates, Clare Suddes, Katie Coates, Melissa Carey, Eugene Salmon.

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Reopening of Churches in the Finchale Partnership: The following churches in our Partnership will be the first to open, when possible, for limited hours for private prayer:

- St Godric's, Durham
- St Joseph's, Gilesgate
- Ss Joseph, Patrick & Cuthbert, Coxhoe
- St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor

The hours of opening for each church will be announced. Before reopening, a risk assessment and a deep clean will be carried out for each church, and churches will be cleaned after each day of opening. The number of people allowed to enter the church will be restricted, to comply with social distancing rules. Volunteers are needed to clean the church, and to act as stewards to ensure social distancing while the church is open. The Diocesan Handbook for the Reopening of Churches stipulates that:

*'Stewards and cleaners must **not** be drawn from the **clinically extremely vulnerable** group who are shielding. Those in the **clinically vulnerable** group, including people aged 70 or over, could be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. The clinically vulnerable group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, take particular care to minimise contact with others outside their household or support bubble. Those from this group who still wish to volunteer will be asked to confirm that they have read and understood the Diocesan Handbook for Re-Opening of Churches and HM Government Guidance on Staying alert and safe (social distancing.)'*

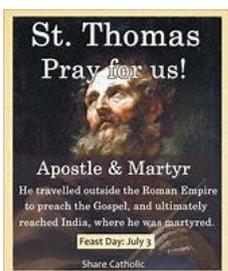
If, having considered this information, you wish to volunteer to assist with the reopening of churches, you can do so in any of the churches of our Partnership which are opening. To volunteer, please contact our Parish Office.

Northern Cross: The July edition is due out next week but only as a digital version. However, we are told: "Northern Cross still needs many more digital subscribers during the present crisis. The closure of our churches results in income being drastically reduced as we are unable to provide printed newspapers. Your support at this time is absolutely vital and would be greatly appreciated. For practical information please look at the following suggestions, or email me, Tom Hoban, at tomhoban67@gmail.com

1. You can subscribe by cheque for £14.40 payable to Northern Cross and post it to: 11 The Grove, Hartlepool TS26 9NB (our office in Darlington is currently closed due to the present emergency)

2. £14.40 by bank transfer to account number **81602292**, sort code **40-43-11** using your surname & postcode as a reference (e.g. Smith TS26 9NB)

News from the diocese: Remember, you can keep up with all sorts of news about support and resources in our diocese by looking at the diocesan website: rcdhn.org



Feast day: On Friday we will celebrate the feast of St Thomas. He is the disciple who was not in that Jerusalem room with the others when Jesus showed himself to them after his resurrection. Understandably, Thomas could neither follow nor accept his friends' enthusiasm

that the dead Jesus was again alive. Thomas is a tremendous patron saint for all of us who struggle at times in our faith.

Daily readings and Morning and Evening

Prayer: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Mass and prayer available online:

<https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online/>

Newsletters!! Because there are no public masses at present 'Redemptorist Publications', who send the printed side of our newsletters, have temporarily stopped sending them. We also have a backlog of unused newsletters from the past few weeks so, for the moment, our newsletter will be printed *on old sheets*. Don't get confused when, on the front of the newsletter, you see an old date. It is not a mistake!

Back to the Future: It seems likely that, before too many weeks, we may once again be able to gather for mass, though our celebration may not immediately be quite how we remember. We will still need guidance on this: distancing, numbers at any one time, how best to receive Holy Communion.... Yet there is another thing too. The Vatican Council described the Eucharist as '*the source and the summit of Christian life*'. Perhaps, over the years, we have come to interpret this as meaning the mass is our *only* source of grace, our *only* means of access to God. These past few weeks have possibly opened up for us new ways of being close to God. It is important that, in having the mass once more, we don't lose these experiences. Quiet time, listening to the birds, smelling the flowers, reading the Scriptures, having time to be still: these need not be replaced by the mass but, rather, continuing to make time for these experiences can enhance our understanding of the mass. When eventually we gather once more for mass, let's bring with us our new ways of experiencing God.