



## St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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### 27/28 JUNE 2020 SS. PETER AND PAUL YEAR A

The church remains opened at the times indicated for private prayers				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Ss Peter and Paul	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>9-11 am</b>	Individual prayer	Sarafina Spadafora R.I.P People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>9-10am</b>	Individual prayer	Health Workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>9-10 am</b>	(Dedication of the Cathedral) Individual prayer	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>9-10 am</b>	Individual prayer	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>9-10 am</b> <b>6-7 pm</b>	Individual prayer Individual prayer (St. Thomas, The Apostle)	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b> <b>6-7 pm</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sun Ordinary Time</b> Individual prayer	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9-11 am</b>	Individual prayer	
<b>Reconciliation</b>		<b>4.30 pm</b>	Before Mass on Saturdays	

**We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Gina, Mary Bernard, Maria Keith, Tim O., Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Anesta and Ramasaway. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner and Mgr John Coghlan (past parish priest of St Joseph's). We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

#### SUNDAY READINGS

**First reading:** Acts 2:1-11 Peter is imprisoned, but an angel sets him free to continue leading the church  
**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 In his prison cell, Paul he looks forward to the crown promised to all who serve God faithfully  
**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19 Peter proclaims Jesus as the Son of the living God. For this he is given the keys of the Kingdom

#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK –

If the gospel associates teaching with Peter, the 2nd Reading associates preaching with Paul. In that reading Paul refers to the Lord who "gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be preached for all the pagans to hear." Paul was the great preacher of the gospel to the pagans throughout the Roman Empire. He preached it for the last time further west, in the city of Rome, where, like Peter, he was martyred for his faith in Christ. The extract from his second letter to Timothy which is our 2nd Reading today may well have been written from his Roman imprisonment. It is a very stirring text, "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith." The image of the fight and the race suggest that "keeping the faith" was a struggle for Paul; it did not come easy to him, just as keeping the faith did not come easy to Peter either. The faithful witness of Peter and Paul speak to us ultimately of the Lord's faithfulness to us all.

## **RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR WORSHIP**

The wait is over!!! God willing, we shall get back to church for public worship from July 4 as a body of Christ. We are asked to observe social distancing and all the other protocols. Seating, singing, and the time we spend at Church may all change. Details will be out in the next editions. Thank you for your patience.

## **APPRECIATION**

Thank you to Parish Council members and individuals who came to help set up the Church for safe re-opening. Thank you to stewards and all those behind the scenes who are helping to maintain the church for individuals to come in for safe prayers. You will see that we are now also open on Friday and Saturday evenings, so that those of you who have returned to work can also have the opportunity to come and pray.

## **RE-OPENING OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH FOR PRAYER**

You are welcome to come and pray at St. Paul's Church in Cheshunt. Our doors will be open from Monday, June 15 2020 and throughout the week from 9am to 10am except Thursday and Saturday. On Friday and Saturday evenings it is open from 6.00 -7.00 pm. On Sunday the doors will be open between 9:00am to 11:00am. As you enter the church, follow the signs and avoid touching surfaces and statues in the church. You are allowed to sit and pray and light a candle. At all stages, sanitise your hands at the entrance and exit and also at the candle stand (sanitisers provided). If you are sick, kindly stay at home. The church has been set up to allow for 'safe distancing'. There is space for fifteen people at any one time, so be conscious of the time you spend to give others the chance. The church will be cleaned at the end of each session. Phone the Parish on 01992629878 or email the Parish at [cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk) if you need further details.

## **MAKING YOUR OFFERING ONLINE**

The Diocese has advised that we hold back the distribution of planned giving envelopes on safety grounds. If you wish and are able to give your offering, it is now possible to make a BACS payment, if you use online banking. The parish details are Name of Payee = WRCDT Cheshunt Sort Code = 40-05-20 Account number = 91264419. You will note that the name of the payee has changed. There have been difficulties as some of you have discovered but the Diocese now tell us that the problem has been sorted.

If this is not possible, you can go to the Diocesan website for St Pauls and use the form on the donate page <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/donate>.

Thank you to all the Parishioners, who on their own have done this already and thank you to those who will do it in the future.

## **HELP DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES**

Please let Father know (01992 629 878 or [cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk)) if you are aware of anyone needing help, for example if they live alone or have no relations to help them. Although he cannot do house visits, he is always happy to say prayers over the telephone.

This Newsletter is being emailed to those whose addresses we know; please let us know if there is anyone who would like it sent in this way. It will also be put on the website [stpaulscheshunt.org](http://stpaulscheshunt.org)

Help from the foodbank can be accessed via 07943986261.

## **CAFOD'S CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE**

The spread of coronavirus to countries with poor health systems is especially worrying. Families who already struggle to get enough to food to eat and those living in refugee camps are particularly vulnerable. Cafod workers are already delivering vital hygiene training and food parcels and also raising awareness of the disease. Pope Francis asks us to pray for them and also if possible, to donate via the [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) website or dedicated phone line 03033033030. CAFOD are also asking people to sign their online petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people in the world are the priority in the UK Government's international efforts.

## **CATHOLIC TIMES AND UNIVERSE**

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH: - at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS: -£18.00 or 12 Months: - £72.00

## **MASS FOR NHS WORKERS**

Next Thursday's online Mass for NHS workers will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson at 7.00 pm in Southwark. It will be on the YouTube site for the Cathedral of St George Southwark.

**I pray for all your intentions as I say a daily Mass on your behalf. Thank you for your prayers too. Please stay safe until we meet once more at Church.**