



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes ...

It has been said in different fora, “Are these the best two we can come up with?” Without commenting on these contemporary situations, this rather judgmental phrase also could have been said about the Saints we celebrate this weekend with such solemnity – the Prince of the Apostles and the Apostle to the Gentiles, Sts Peter and Paul.

St Peter, though celebrated in the life of the Church, does not always come about of his scriptural depictions in a favourable light – tetchy, impetuous, and even treacherous, he nevertheless is marked out by Our Blessed Lord as the one whose faith will be the rock on which the Community of Believers is to be built. And built it was.

Likewise, with St Paul, who as Saul persecuted the Church and later found himself in conflict and arguments with St Barnabus and St Peter, would also be entrusted with spreading the Gospel to all the nations. And spread it was.

Both fulfilled the specific vocations to which they had been called, not due to any particular talent or on account of their personal characteristics, but because of their faith. They believed. This is all the Lord asks us to do – to believe in Him. The rest will always follow. This faith was also rooted in the context of a deep personal love of their Lord and Master, and no height or depth, no power of domination could ever come between them and the love of Christ.

The same applies to each of today. We are called to do something for the Lord, and to believe and to love Him is at the very centre of that calling. No talent, no plan, no characteristic can ever serve the Lord without these tenets of service. It was not that these two great saints were the best the Christian community had to offer; it was the fact they offered themselves thanks to their faith rooted in the love of Christ. Today’s solemnity is not about being best, it is about being faithful.

God bless you this Sunday and always

Parish Vacancy

Job Title: Permanent Adorer of Our Blessed Lord
Hours of Work: Saturdays 1 am until 2 am (very early morning)
Salary: Innumerable graces
Job description: Watch for one hour, wrapped in His love.
Contact: ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk or the office



July is the Month of the Precious Blood

Uniting with the suffering of Our Blessed Lord and the shedding of His Precious Blood please pray this month for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; and for the Holy Catholic Church. Please pray for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);
outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am, Tuesday 10am

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction Sunday 4pm

“Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod”

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. ‘Get up!’ he said ‘Hurry!’ – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, ‘Put on your belt and sandals.’ After he had done this, the angel next said, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. ‘Now I know it is all true’ he said. ‘The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.’

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 33(34):2-9****From all my terrors the Lord set me free****Second reading****2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18****All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good 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, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

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; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. 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.

Gospel**Matthew 16:13-19****You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church**

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 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: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’


SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 30th June there will be the annual collection for Peter’s Pence

Peter’s Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father support Church needs, humanitarian initiatives, and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2024>

Sunday 7th July there will be a second collection to fund the new Lectionary which will be used from the First Sunday of Advent (we ordered early to get a discount but still need to raise approximately £900!). Anyone wishing to make a larger donation or requiring names to be listed on the bookplates please contact the office. Gift Aid is applicable if you are a taxpayer and would like the Government to return some of your taxes to a good cause!



HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

First Holy Communion

Our Parish is delighted to celebrate with the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday 30th June at 10.30am

Emilia, Benjamin, Oliver, Max, Daniel

Please keep them and their families in your prayers, that they will continue to grow in the love of God through the Holy Eucharist.

We now welcome families with children in year 4 or above to register online for next year's preparation [SOUHF Initial Enquiry Form First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion \(office.com\)](#)

Fanning the Flame

19th-23rd August, Ages:11-21. Kintbury. From £140.

A summer camp for young people to come together, learn about our faith and have fun in fellowship. Run by a team with 25+ years experience and with catechesis from The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, it is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith and get the support they need to live their lives transformed by grace. Camping is easy and the week includes workshops and activities from craft to philosophy, football to archery. Each day also includes celebrating the sacraments, times of praise and worship and other types of prayer, finishing with compline (night prayer) around the camp fire. For more information, or to support the work of FTFCM, please go to www.fanningtheflame.co.uk.

Social 29th June 7.30pm—Louis Suite

Bring a Plate of Food to Share

This will be the first of what we intend to be an opportunity to get together as a Parish on a monthly basis, to share a meal and to update people on the various activities going on in the Church. On 29th June we will update people on the current fundraising initiatives and launch a new one!

Government Consultation on Catholic Schools

The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that, for the last 14 years, has limited the number of Catholic children who can be admitted into any new Catholic school. Please open the link and respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required). Responses are crucial if Catholic families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/>

Going Deeper in Faith

Last Monday we enjoyed sunshine, pizza and a great opportunity to find out about our Faith with Fr Benjamin. If you are aged between 16 and 18 and want to find out more, you are very welcome to join us on Monday 8th July at 6pm—yes, pizza is provided!

Job vacancies in the Diocese <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

30 June	STS PETER & PAUL	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Anthony Redman & Ann Redman Alice Onoja (RIP)
1 July	St Oliver Plunkett	7.30 pm (OF)	Nichols Family (Int)
2 July	Feria	9.15 am (OF)	Alyssa (birthday int)
4 July	St Elizabeth of Portugal	7.30 pm (EF)	John Comerford (Int)
5 July	St Anthony Zaccaria	9.15 am (OF)	Aaron (exam ints)
6 July	Our Lady on Saturday (Vigil)	9.15 am (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Tom Jose (birthday int) People of the Parish
7 July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	John Smith (RIP) Pura & Amado Taburnal

Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket. We are currently booking Mass intentions for **August** (EF Masses for October) Thank you.

CONFESSION TIMES: Fr Benjamin hears confessions during the hours below. Please could you avail yourself of these times unless in an emergency as time is very limited between Sunday Masses.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 29th STS PETER AND PAUL 9.15 MASS (EF) 29th Bring a Plate of Food to Share Social 7.30pm 30th First Holy Communion 1030 Mass	July 7th First Holy Communion 1030 Mass 14th First Holy Communion 0900 Mass 20th First Holy Communion Thanksgiving 27th Parish BBQ
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THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9AM UNTIL 7PM EACH DAY

<p>Confessions (when there is Mass)</p> <p>Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm</p> <p>Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations</p> <p>Sunday: 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite</p> <p>Outdoor Rosary—Mondays at 9am; Tuesdays 10am Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon: NEXT LUNCH: TBC Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm Bring a Plate to Share Social Last Saturdays at 7.30pm</p>
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