

# Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

(1836)

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FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

YEAR OF ST MATTHEW

JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Simon, to whom Jesus gave the name Peter ('Rock'), emerges in the gospel as the 'first of the apostles', the one to whom he gave the task of inspiring and



leading the community of his disciples. His importance is emphasised in today's gospel when the risen Jesus asks him, "Do you love me more than these others do?" and, eventually, commissions him to, "Feed my sheep". The fundamental relationship between the disciple and Jesus is one of love. To love someone we must first trust them and, ultimately, value them as much as, or more than, we value our self. From what we see of Peter as he is portrayed in the gospel, and from the little we know of him afterwards, it is clear that this relationship does not arise instantaneously but develops throughout a lifetime; it requires persistence. Our love of Jesus is 'fed' and develops as we follow the example of Peter within the community of disciples: the Church of Christ. The

story, in Acts, of the healing of a cripple is a dramatic example of Peter feeding the sheep; loving Christ he acts as a conduit for Christ's love, directing the saving power of the risen Jesus to where it is needed. Paul's personality was very different from that of Peter, and so was his experience of Jesus. Like each of us, and unlike Peter, Paul never met Jesus as a physical human being like ourselves. He met the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus where his journey of learning to love him began. He tells the story himself where we read it today in the letter to the Galatians. His encounter with Jesus was, however, no less real than Peter's. His way of living his faith was also different. Paul was an intellectual, a man of deep thought and great learning. He spoke about, and wrote about, Jesus in a way which Peter would never have done. From his writings, which leave us in no doubt about the depth of his love for Christ, grew much of our theological understanding of the mystery of Christ. In an age when intellectual life, apart from its service to the economy, tends to be undervalued I believe we should treasure his ministry. We have inherited their call to bear witness to Christ. We remember too that, ultimately both Peter and Paul demonstrated their love for Jesus by accepting persecution, even unto death, rather than betray their beloved Lord.

...from CHRISTUS VIVIT

*"The Synod insisted that "the family continues to be the principal point of reference for young people. Children appreciate the love and care of their parents, they give importance to family bonds, and they hope to succeed in forming a family when it is their time. Without doubt, the increase of separation, divorce, second unions and single-parent families can cause great suffering and a crisis of identity in young people. Sometimes they must take on responsibilities that are not proportioned to their age and that force them to become adults before their time. Often, grandparents are a crucial aid in affection and religious education: with their wisdom they are a vital link in the relationship between generations... Don't let yourselves be led astray by those who propose a life of rampant individualism that in the end leads to isolation and the worst sort of loneliness. (262, 263)*

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

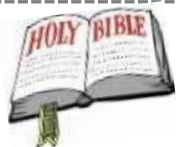
**You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:**  
[www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

CAFOD

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. To find out how you can help, see the CAFOD item on the parish webpage ([www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org](http://www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org)) in the section called ***Distanced but Together***.

*"...on this rock I will build my Church."*

**Because of restrictions imposed by the government in response to the Covid19 virus emergency, there will be no Masses or other services in any of our churches until further notice.**



## THE YEAR OF THE WORD

**Befriending the Scriptures** cannot, of course, meet at present. We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.

Sunday:	Acts 12:1-11	<i>Saints Peter &amp; Paul</i> Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-18;	Matthew 16:13-19
Monday:	Amos 2:6-16;	Psalm 49;	Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12;	Psalm 5;	Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Amos 5:14--24;	Psalm 49;	Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday:	Amos 7:10-17;	Psalm 18;	Matthew 9:1-8
Friday:		<i>St Thomas the Apostle</i>	
Saturday:	Ephesians 2:19-22;	Psalm 116;	John 20:24-29
	Amos 9:11-15;	Psalm 84;	Matthew 9:14-17

## NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE

We have supported this event by designating some churches as stations of the route. Circumstances are strange this year but we have received a letter saying: "The Bike Ride committee is planning to go ahead with this year's event on Saturday 12th September. We hope that the Bike Ride will be an great opportunity to raise some much needed funds for churches and the Norfolk Churches Trust, and we would like to make this a record year for all of us...." We need volunteers to man the station at Blakeney church. If you are able to help please contact Maureen Schofield (01263 740582). For more information see:

<https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/taking-part/>

## NATIONAL MASSES

Each Thursday, at 7.00pm, a Catholic Bishop has been celebrating a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join in. By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Archbishop John Wilson	St George's Cathedral, Southwark
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Bishop Tom Williams	Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool

## OPENING OF CHURCHES

As you will have heard on the news, the Government has now decided that church buildings may be open not only for individual prayer but also, from July 4<sup>th</sup>, for public services. We may celebrate the Eucharist together but must proceed carefully; there are many regulations to be observed (See *Distanced but Together*). Private prayer times will continue as follows:

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Walsingham:	Monday to Friday inclusive, 10 – 11.30
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Wells-next-the-Sea:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 - 11
St Peter's, Blakeney:	Wednesday 10.00-11.00
St Henry Walpole, Burnham Market:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 – 11.30

There will be Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, in Wells, at 6.00 pm on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> and at Our Lady of the Annunciation, Walsingham at 10.30 on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be available at St Peter's and St Henry's as soon as possible. Please hand on this information to people you know who are unable to receive this newsletter via the Web site.

Hand sanitiser will be available at each church but you should provide your own mask. 'Social distancing' must be observed. There will be clear indication in each church where you may sit.

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION

I rejoice that, once again, we are able to share, even if under serious constraints, in the fundamental Christian act: the Eucharist. Under the present circumstances, however, be assured there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. If you are isolating, sheltering or in any way nervous about public gatherings, just take your time.

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