



## PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER

St John the Baptist, Andover and St John Fisher, Whitchurch

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**NB: The Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays / Canon Chris' Day off: Wednesday.**

**27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June – SS Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Entrance Antiphon:** These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the church with their blood; They drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

**Psalm Response:** From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia.* You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. *Alleluia*

**Communion Antiphon:** Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Of Saint Peter, Francis de Sales wrote: "St. Peter was chosen to be the chief of the Apostles, although he was subject to so many imperfections that he even committed some after he had received the Holy Spirit, because, notwithstanding these defects, he was always full of courage, never allowing himself to be dismayed by his shortcomings. Who would not marvel at the heart of St. Peter, so bold among armed soldiers that out of all his master's company he alone takes his sword in hand and strikes out with it? Yet a little afterwards among ordinary people he is so cowardly that at the mere word of a servant girl he denies and detests his master."

Now let us turn our attention to some of what Francis de Sales said about St. Paul: "He fights for all people, he pours forth prayers for all people, he is passionately jealous on behalf of all people, and he is on fire for all people." Of course, as in the case of Peter, Paul too, has his shortcomings. In a letter of encouragement to a Sister of the Visitation, Francis wrote: "Do not be ashamed . . . any more than St. Paul who confessed that there were two men in him, one rebellious to God and the other obedient to God." Paul wrote these words: "I completed well; I have finished the race.", but they could also be said of Peter.

But note well – they both finished well. By contrast, look at their earlier track records. Peter was called "Satan" by Jesus and he denied Jesus three times. While Paul began his public life by persecuting the early Church as Saul. Neither man's resumés were particularly impressive!

When it comes to being an apostle, a disciple or follower of Jesus Christ, perhaps this is the most important thing to remember – as imperfect as we are, where we've been isn't nearly as important as where we are going, with the grace of God and the support of one another. All's well that ends well!

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for **Peter's Pence**, the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

*Please note, we cannot claim Gift Aid on this collection, so please do not use your envelopes.*

*A Thought . . . people register with their doctor, their dentist, their children's school and even register their pets with a vet practice – so why don't people consider registering with their church?*

*If you don't register we can't help you, contact you or let you know about the things that might be of interest to you! In order that you continue to receive the newsletter and the Parish Journal by e-mail, you will need to register with our database system called Church Suite. You can do this through the parish website – links on the main page/QR codes. Please complete a registration link for each adult and child in your family. Newsletters and Journals will only be sent out through Church Suite, so please make sure that you register!*

*Mass Intention Diary: Please note, the Parish Mass Intention Diary is now booked until the end of August.*

*We can't book any more Mass Intentions until the middle of August for September*

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> June: Loose plate: £715; Gift Aid Envelopes: £293

Standing Orders: (weekly average) £933; Direct Debits: (weekly average) £315.00

**Thank you for your offerings for the 'Day for Life' Collection – a total of £579.40 was collected.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FROM 27<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass for El Shaddai at 11.00am – all welcome. *Fr Amadeus Guidez RIP*

**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 6.00pm *For the People of the Parish*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am *Mary Foran RIP*

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *Maciej Kuchnia – Birthday Blessings*



**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am *For our Parish Catechists – in grateful thanks*

**Tue. 30<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am [*First Martyrs of the Church of Rome – optional memorial*] *Feliciana McGregor RIP*

*Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm*

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said every Friday before Mass at 9.40am**

**Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> July** No Mass or Service

**Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup>** Whitchurch Mass 10.00am *Beatrice Biggs RIP*

**Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition until 11.00am *Feast of St Thomas, Apostle.*

*Mavil Rodrigues – Birthday Blessings*

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition and Confessions [*St Elizabeth of Portugal, optional memorial*]

*For the Intentions of the Wojtas-Barber Family.*

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 6.00pm [*St Elizabeth of Portugal – Optional Memorial*]

*Pat and Carl Grey – Wedding Anniversary Blessings*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am *For the People of the Parish*

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *Cruz Vas RIP*

Syro Malabar Community Feast of St Thomas Celebrations – Mass at 3.15pm, Procession at 4.45pm

**Mon. 6<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am [*St Mareia Goretti Martyr – Optional Memorial*] *Frank Hinds – for Health and Strength*

**Tue. 7<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am *Ben Dunne RIP*

*Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm*

**Join us for the Rosary every Monday in the hall after Mass.**

**Wed. 8<sup>th</sup>** No Mass or Service -

**Thur. 9<sup>th</sup>** Whitchurch Mass 10.00am [*St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs – Optional Memorial*]

*The Intentions of the Davies Family*

**Fri. 10<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition until 11.00am *Wedding Anniversary Blessings*

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition and Confessions *Feast of St Benedict, Founder & Patron of*

*Europe. Canon John Longinotto RIP*

Please pray for: Esmé Coveney, Rita Lane, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Fiona Hilleard, Tony Fabian, Helen O'Connell, Douglas Manning, Diane Mahoney, Rita Casey, Rose Bull, Carol Keenan, Eileen Wharton, Oran Keenan, Margarita Hardiman, Robert Colledge, Eileen Price, Concepta Cuddihy, Frank Hinds, Clan Furtado, Lisa Rammage, Susanne Church, Sandy Saunders, Margaret Blair and Angelo and Angela Alvarez.  
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Pearson. May he rest in peace.

### FEAST OF ST THOMAS

Our Syro Malabar Catholic Community are celebrating The Feast of St Thomas the Apostle on **Sunday 5th July.**

All are welcome! Flag hoisting at 3.00pm, Mass at 3.15pm, Procession at 4.45pm followed by an Agape Meal. If you would like to join the Agape Meal, please leave a message on one of these numbers:

Babu - 07723 388805; Jobish – 07361536364; Saji - 07578 330294 or Gracy - 07557 944290.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Our Parish 'INTERNATIONAL DAY'

**Come along to 10.30am Mass in your National Costumes / Traditional Dress!**

Any donations of Raffle Prizes would be welcome; they can be left in the collection point in the Church porch.

The proceeds from the raffle will be for the Andover Foodbank.

**Can you help? Do you have a regular free time every Monday morning? (Approx 9.00am to 10.30am)**

We are looking for reliable people to count the weekend collection every Monday morning. We are hoping to get enough volunteers so that people would only be asked to help on a monthly basis. Training will be given and you will not be asked to bank any money. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.