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SAINTS PETER & PAUL

SATURDAY	28TH	18:00	SS Peter & Paul	Solemnity	Mary Akinduro Birthday
SUNDAY	29TH	08:30	SS Peter & Paul	Solemnity	Rev R. Cummings Family
SUNDAY	29TH	10:00	SS Peter & Paul	Solemnity	Peter Jackman 90th Birthday
SUNDAY	29TH	12:00	SS Peter & Paul	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	29TH	18:00	SS Peter & Paul	Solemnity	Pro Populo
MONDAY	30TH	10:00	First Martyrs of the See of Rome	Memorial	St Anthony
TUESDAY	1ST	10:00	St Oliver Plunkett	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY	2ND	10:00		Feria	Immaculate Conception
THURSDAY	3RD	10:00	St Thomas the Apostle	Feast	
FRIDAY	4TH	10:00	St Elizabeth of Portugal	Memorial	
SATURDAY	5TH	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	St Lucia

TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY EVENINGS: 5PM - 5:40PM



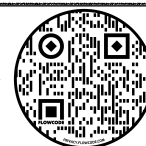
We pray for Stephen Henry, Luciana Bernardini, Philipa Beech who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Sana Armstrong, Pearl Outar-Haynes, Beatrice Murphy, Martha Nantale, Julia Lucas, Claire Gormley, Marie Ryan, Renée Gilmore, Kevin Hannigan, Patricia Bramwell, Francis McInerney, Francisco Carsosu, Maureen O'Shea, Celestina Pereira, Violet Wilson, Archie Wharfe, Dennis Tingvoll, Thomas Fogarty and Margaret Hyland. May their souls - and the souls of all the faithful departed - through the mercy of God - rest in peace. Amen.

I attended the event for young adults at St George's Cathedral last Thursday evening and returned inspired. Over 300 Catholics aged 16-35 came to learn more about Carlo Acutis - the London-born young man who is to be declared a saint by Pope Leo in September - and spend time in prayer. Fr Mebrate and I heard confessions non-stop for a few hours and Fr Mebrate held a relic of St Carlo at the sanctuary while all the young people processed forward to venerate it. We were taught - very simply and beautifully - about the Church's tradition of venerating relics which is important in an age that very often doesn't understand the practice. The relics of the saints are an essential part of Catholic tradition: whenever a Church is consecrated a relic is inserted into the altar and this is the reason why the priest kisses the altar to venerate the earthly remnant of a holy person in heaven. When we venerate we do not worship - we only worship God - and so this practice is not idolatrous: it is an act of devotion that leads us to seek the intercession of the saint whom we revere and to be inspired and led by their holy life to change our behaviour in order to become holy as they were holy. I was impressed by the large crowd of young people who came - from all across the city - to be close to St Carlo and (as I watched them give up their Thursday evening to stand in line and wait in order to be close to the earthly remains of a saint) I saw the power of the saints for us. St Carlo was devoted to the Eucharist and produced [a website](#) detailing all the Eucharistic miracles around the world. One of his relatives - who knew Carlo and spoke to us about him - was asked what impressed her most about him and she said that although young he was a great teacher of the faith. He taught about the power of the Eucharist in the Mass and Adoration. As those young people knelt to adore the Lord in Adoration it was clear that St Carlo's teaching career hasn't ended but he still continues to inspire us. St Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

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PARISH NEWS

A TERRIFYINGLY DARK WEEK IN BRITISH HISTORY: These were the words of our Archbishop describing the votes in parliament to legalise abortion up to the moment of birth and remove protections from the elderly and vulnerable just over a week ago. The former was an amendment to the Government's Policing and Crime Bill which merited 46 minutes of debate without public consultation or evidence sessions. The amendment may return to the commons for a vote and it is, therefore, essential to contact your MP about this matter. You can do so via www.righttolife.org.uk or by clicking [here](#). The vote on Assisted Suicide was passed by a significantly reduced margin - only 23 votes: see Right To Life site or click [here](#). Archbishop John's statement can be read by clicking [here](#).

ART EXHIBITION BY CHRIS CHRISTODOULOU: NEXT WEEKEND - on 5th & 6th July - our Hall will host a display of 'Odyssey' themed around personal narratives, dreams and memories. Chris will also display his personal interpretation of the Stations of the Cross in print. From 11am on both days parishioners are welcome to see the works and the exhibit is open to the public from 2pm.

SAFEGUARDING CONSULTATION: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) - the body that maintains good practice within the Church on this issue - is beginning a new inspection cycle with our Archdiocese of Southwark. They are calling on anyone - whatever their role - to share their experience of safeguarding in the Archdiocese and are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who has experienced abuse. You can do so via catholicsafeguarding.org.uk or by clicking [here](#).

SPONSOR A SHRUB: Back in March I consulted re plans for our garden and you'll notice that we've now removed the shrubbery around the entrance. A kind landscape-gardener-parishioner is preparing a list of shrubs you will be able to sponsor that are lower lying so as to allow the light to come into our porch area and not encroach on the pathway. Shrubs will also be listed for our front garden of a similar nature at the base of the East wall of the Church and (once cleared) at the back of the Hall toilets.

SAY GOODBYE (TO FR MEBRATE) SUNDAY: On **Sunday 13th July** there will be an opportunity to say an official goodbye to Father Mebrate. We will make the Sunday special with **coffee and cake after the 10am Mass** and then **light lunch after the 12pm Mass**. Do please bring along some cake - if you're coming to the 10am - or some food to share if coming to the 12pm. A collection will be taken over the coming months and you can use either envelopes (to come) or the machines. A videographer - making a video for our website - will film on 13/07. Please [contact us](#) if you do not wish to be in it.

SINGING AT THE 12PM MASS: We are looking to enhance our 12pm liturgy from September when our organist will be more available and we have someone to lead the singing. We already have a good small troupe of singers. You may have a gift for singing and - if so - do not hide it under a bushel but share it with the parish! If you could join our 12pm Schola please [email us](#) so we can include you.

HELP A CHILD: I will be taking children to the [Faith Summer Break](#) and [Faith Summer Session](#) in July / August. Many families are unable to afford this holiday which helps them grow in faith and friendship. Last year we were able to support 9 children with your generosity and I expect more will need help this year. I would be so grateful if you can donate £150 to send one child. Please [email me](#).