

On Apostolic foundations

This week we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, yoking together two quite disparate characters. Peter, despite his foibles and failings was one of the first companions of Jesus, accompanying him (with the occasional wobble) to the end, and beyond. Paul came late to the nascent Christian movement, describing himself as like one born out of time. Both had different missions: Peter centrally, among the core of disciples who followed Jesus, Paul more adventurously reaching out to new peoples.

The church in Rome known by Peter and Paul would have been a loose collection of independent assemblies, each with its own leaders. Yet as time went on this loose confederation thought of itself as one church, based on the special status of Peter in the gospels, as they believed themselves to perpetuate the responsibilities and privileges of the Apostle. The church of Rome then, from very early times, took on the role of primary witness and guardian of the faith to the wider Christian commonwealth. According to the evangelists, especially Matthew and John, Peter's role is central among the apostles. Still, his was not the only voice. While Paul recognises Peter's special place among the apostles, and his role in the mission to the Jews outside Palestine terminating in Rome, Paul vigorously defends his own mission to the gentiles, even to "withstanding Peter to his face" in Antioch.

The habit of appealing to the bishop of Rome in doctrinal disputes came from his status as head of a community that had inherited both the teaching and the ultimate act of witness – martyrdom – of the princes of the apostles. The Roman church then became the point of reference for Christians elsewhere, based on the combined authority, uniquely, of two apostles: Peter, to whom the commissions to bind and to feed had been given by Christ himself; and Paul, charismatic preacher of a gospel received direct from God. This enhanced status with respect to the other apostolic sees – Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria and later Constantinople – was one of degree, not of kind; although following the vicissitudes of history the church of Rome alone survived in Christian Europe.

At the Reformation many Christian groups broke communion with the church of Rome, but as time went on many even in the reformed traditions still look to the Roman church as a standard of orthodoxy. In the last decade or so we have seen the churches increasingly coming together in the face of persecution and against the pressures of a secularising society. Perhaps the most pressing problem of authority faced now by the church of Rome is how to help other churches rediscover their own dignity and authority, in a revived Christian commonwealth?

Greg OP

Saints Peter and Paul

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| Entrance Antiphon: | <i>Vigil:</i> Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles, these have taught us your law, O Lord. <i>Day:</i> 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. |
| 1st Reading: | <i>Vigil:</i> Acts 3:1-10 <i>Day:</i> Acts 12:1-11 |
| Psalm P: | <i>Vigil:</i> Their voice goes out through all the earth. (Ps 19) <i>Day (10.30):</i> The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him. (Ps 33) <i>Day (otherwise):</i> The Lord delivers me from all my fears. (Ps 34) |
| 2nd Reading: | <i>Vigil:</i> Galatians 1:11-20 <i>Day:</i> 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18 |
| Alleluia: | <i>Vigil:</i> Lord, you know everything: you know that I love you. <i>Day:</i> You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. |
| Gospel: | <i>Vigil:</i> John 21: 15-19 <i>Day:</i> Matthew 16:13-19 |
| Communion Antiphon: | <i>Vigil:</i> Simon, Son of John, do you love me more than these? Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. <i>Day:</i> 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. |
| Baptism Preparation: the next session is on 5 July ; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month. | |

Next Sunday, 5 July, the 10:30am mass will be led by our children and their families. Thank you for supporting our children in developing their faith.

The results of the Blackfriars' Market raffle are: 1st Prize (£100) Niamh Woods; 2nd Prize (£75) C. Fitzgerald; 3rd Prize (£50) B. Lyons; + 7 smaller prizes. A full list of prize winners can be found on the church noticeboards and prizes collected at the church.

Please pray for Bishop-elect Patrick McKinney who will be ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham, on Friday 3rd July.

Everyone is invited to join in the Annual Rosary Rally at Grace Dieu Manor, to pray for World Peace and the Young People of our Diocese, on Sunday 23 August, beginning with Mass at 3pm. After a break for refreshments, the Rally resumes at 5pm with the crowning of a statue of Our Lady, Rosary procession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of the sick, and Benediction. Grace Dieu Manor, LE67 5UG, is on the A512 about 3 miles from Junction 23 of the M1 motorway in the direction of Ashby. You should bring a folding chair or stool. Information from michaellstatham@hotmail.com, 01530 223529.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1079.73 (of which £341.00 was Gift Aided and £738.73 was not) and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; Solidarity Fund £11.16; Friends of Holy Cross £3.61; Holy Souls £32.68; Grenada Church Restoration £ - .

200 Club. May's winners were: 28, B Andrade £150; 35, P Barrie £100; and 150, C Johnson £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass each week for tea, coffee, fruit juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome new students and other visitors.

Rosmini Centre: Please note – July 11th 'Single Life' cancelled.

Meister Eckhart and Divine Justice. The annual conference of the Eckhart Society will take place in Leeds from 4 to 6 September, including talks by three Dominicans, including Fr Greg. For details see www.eckhartsociety.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a very important way of preparing for Mass and of deepening our understanding of the Mass. It takes place at Holy Cross on Sundays from 6.00-7.00 pm, on Wednesdays from 11.00am and on Saturdays from 10.30am.

Collection of goods for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Very many thanks to all of you who have donated to our collection of goods for asylum seekers and refugees. We have regularly taken very large amounts of goods to them, sometimes filling not just the boot but the whole passenger compartment of a car! However it is only worth giving goods that are going to be of immediate practical assistance to a person: mainly food (non perishable of course), toiletries, baby clothes and requirements. Adult clothing is not so important and if given should be nearly new and in excellent condition; otherwise it will have to be thrown away – you would be better to give it to a charity shop run by one of the well known agencies. Domestic equipment such as crockery, pots and pans is acceptable if new or nearly new. **Electrical equipment should not be given.** It is tempting to think that because you have no need for something it should be donated, but we ask you to consider carefully whether asylum seekers and refugees will be able to use it. We are having to reject quite a few things and it would help us if you would bear this in mind.

The LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust was formed in 1964, and is an independent charity. Its trustees (which include Fr Fabian) and helpers are volunteers. The majority of the Trust's income comes from legacies and the annual Ride+Stride which, since 1989, has raised more than £800,000 for historic churches in the City and County (and Holy Cross has been a beneficiary). This year's Ride and Stride day is **Saturday 12 September** and, nearer the time, there will be information on how you can participate.

The Parish shop is open after the 12.30pm Masses during the week, on Saturdays from 11am until after the 12.30pm Mass, and after every Sunday Mass. The shop is in the room beyond the sacristy.



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Introit - Vigil Mass

| Year 1 | This week's calendar & Mass Intentions | Psalter Week 1 |
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| Sunday | STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES | |
| Vigil | 18.10 Thanksgiving (Gloria) 8.00 <i>Pro populo</i> | |
| Sung | 10.30 For Maureen and family - thanksgiving | |
| OP Rite | 12.30 ✠ Roddy Almeida 19.00 ✠ Holy Souls | |
| Monday | Feria | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls 18.10 ✠ June Cartledge | |
| Tuesday | Feria | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Anne Downey 18.10 ✠ Holy Souls | |
| Wednesday | St Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ Mrs Catherine Logue (first anniversary) 18.10 | |
| Thursday | Feria | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 Bernice - spiritual & temporal welfare 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls 18.10 | |
| Friday | ST THOMAS, APOSTLE | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 Bernice - in honour of the Holy Guardian Angels 12.30 18.10 ✠ Holy Souls | |
| Saturday | Feria | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 Bernice - for the Holy Souls in Purgatory 10.00 ✠ Lily & Daniel Cronin 12.30 Heddy Prior - thanksgiving | |
| Next Sunday – Fourteenth Sunday per annum. Readings: | | |
| Ezekiel 2:2-5 | 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 | Mark 6:1-6 |

On Sunday evenings you are very welcome to join us for Holy Hour from 6.00 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Compline and Benediction. Mass follows at 7.00 pm.

Sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp. If you are willing to sponsor the sanctuary lamp to burn for your intentions for one week, please pick up an envelope. The friars will pray for this intention each day. The minimum suggested donation is £10.

If you are a UK tax-payer and you haven't yet registered with Holy Cross as a Gift-Aid donor, please do! This way your contributions to collections are worth an extra 25% at no cost to yourself. Simply ask one of the Dominican friars for a form, and hand it back to any of them. Thank you.

Don't forget the Twinclarke's Blog. Do have a look at the regular blog created by Peter and Isidore Clarke OP. Blogs are added regularly. Just visit: mywaygodsway.blogspot.co.uk/.

| REGULAR SERVICE TIMES |
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| SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 10.30 Sung Mass 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) 18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction 19.00 Mass |
| MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 11.00*Devotions & Exposition 12.15*Benediction 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers *WEDNESDAYS ONLY |
| SATURDAYS 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Devotions & Exposition 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday |
| HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION 18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers |
| BANK HOLIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed |
| Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day. |
| Universities' Chaplain: Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512 |
| Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass. Baptisms: Saturday afternoons. |
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