



St. Anthony's Religious Education Newsletter
Including Mark Ten Mission and Wellbeing Challenge

Monday 30th June 2025



CATHOLIC LIFE

The Festival of Hope

Last Tuesday pupils, staff and governor representatives from St. Anthony's were invited to attend the Festival of Hope at Westminster Cathedral.

Here we joined several other schools from the diocese to celebrate the halfway point of the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Each school was asked to make a pledge for the Jubilee, a practical task to help us live the spirit of service and action which is the cornerstone of the Jubilee Year.

At St. Anthony's our pledge is for pupils and staff to visit local care homes, including St. Anthony's Residential Care Home, and to share their time with the residents and staff there.

The service of prayer, music and acting was led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. During his homily, he spoke about living out gospel values in a spirit of love and service.



Older secondary school pupils acted out the Gospel account of Jesus going into the desert for 40 days before Cardinal Nichols received the pledges in a special procession.

The service concluded with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament when the cardinal invited the cathedral to fall silent in prayer.

Please find pictures from the event in the link below:

<https://flickr.com/photos/27500466@N05/albums/72177720327074366/>



Our students from Years 4 and 5 with Cardinal Nichols at the end of the service.

PRAYER LIFE

CHAPEL

The focus of prayer and reflection in the chapel this month of July will be the Precious Blood of Jesus. The children will have continued opportunities to visit the chapel for the remainder of the school year.



Please do take a moment to visit our chapel on our Open Afternoon, Thursday 10th July between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

From Fr. Tim

With June 29th being the Feast of SS Peter and Paul, Fr. Tim has written about them below:

The month of June is typically a very busy time in the liturgical life of the Church, especially this year. It contains the great feasts of Pentecost and Corpus Christi, as well as, the solemnities of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

What might get forgotten, (though not this year, as it falls on a Sunday), is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 29th June.

Now one might ask, are not such feasts typically reserved for those of our Lord and our Lady? Why is this solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul so important?

We would do well to look to the East, specifically in the Byzantine tradition. During the prayers at Divine Liturgy for their feast it reads:

“O Leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the universe, implore the Master of all creation to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.”

And at Vespers, or Evening Prayer, we hear the following:

“Let us extol Peter and Paul, those two great Luminaries of the Church, for they shine brighter than the sun in the firmament of faith.”

It remains, that as “Teachers of the universe” who shine brighter than the sun, they certainly deserve the commemoration of their feast day to be ranked among the highest of all the saints on the calendar.

We all know that St. Peter was given the keys to the kingdom of heaven as Christ’s Vicar on earth, the first Pope.



And St. Paul simply referred to as “The Apostle” in all of St. Thomas Aquinas’ writings and that of many other great Catholic theologians, notwithstanding the other eleven who were called first!

Such veneration of these great apostles were manifest very early on in the life of the Church, and their prayers are constantly asked for as evidenced by the discovery of the catacombs near the basilica of St. Sebastian’s in Rome. Scrawled across these walls, dating back to the third century, are many writings from those who came to participate in Mass. One reads, “Paul and Peter, make intercession for Victor”, while another pleads, “Peter and Paul, do not forget Antonius Bassus”. We can add, today, our own names and members of our family today.

How is it that after nearly two thousand years, these two men, differing in rank and character, still continue to be venerated in such a way?

The only reason is that they reflected Christ in a powerful way; something each one of us needs to strive for.

Their other Byzantine title “Luminaries of the Church” is fitting when one considers how both of these apostles were responsible for bringing the gospel to every corner of the earth. Whether that is Australia or Sweden, the Philippines or the United Kingdom,

the one sacrifice of Jesus in the Mass occurs every day (indeed every four seconds) no matter whether the sun is rising or setting.

Fr. Tim

PARISH LINKS TO HOLY ROOD CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/watford/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2025/06/Newsletter-29.06.2025.pdf>

PARISH LINK TO ST. BEDE’S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2025/06/NEWSLETTER-2025-29th-June-.pdf>



LITURGICAL COLOURS WORN AT MASS

Green for Ordinary Time

FEAST DAYS

June 29th SS Peter and Paul

June 30th The First Martyrs of the Church

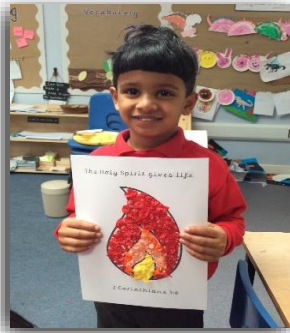
July 3rd St. Thomas, the Apostle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RECEPTION

Earlier in June, our Reception classes had their Pentecost retreats and the following pictures show some of the work they did.





EARLY YEARS HOLY ROOD CHURCH VISIT

On Wednesday 2nd July our Early Years children and staff will be visiting Holy Rood Church for a day of activities. Our friends from Holy Rood SVP will be there too to support us.

YEAR 4 AYLESFORD PRIORY VISIT

On Friday 11th July, our Year 4 pupils will be visiting Aylesford Priory in Kent. This is a chance for the children and staff to learn about the lives of the friars who live and work there and to enjoy some time of peace and reflection at the end of the school year.



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lord, we pray for all children and young people around the world. Help them to grow in confidence to look for you in every action they take and every person they meet. When they look, they will find, and when they knock, you will be there to welcome them.



LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK



GIVE

How many kind acts can you do at school by Friday?

Maybe you can be one of the people who will be noticed for being kind.



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GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-19

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

AS YOU SLOWLY READ OR LISTEN TO THE SCRIPTURE, WHICH LINE STANDS OUT? HIGHLIGHT IT IN THE TEXT. PRAY ABOUT HOW GOD MAY BE SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH THIS LINE?

WONDER QUESTIONS

WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS CHOSE SAINT PETER TO BE THE FIRST POPE AND LEADER OF THE CHURCH ON EARTH?

WHAT WAS IT THAT MEANT SAINT PAUL COULD STEP INTO DANGEROUS PLACES AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS WITHOUT FEAR?

MISSION

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WORD OF THE WEEK

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER

RECORD THREE WAYS THAT YOU HAVE BOLDLY SHOWN YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT WHAT OTHERS MIGHT THINK.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

COLOUR





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