

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

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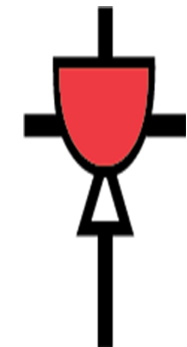
PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Roxine Calow, Josephine Ann Watson, Christopher Harte.
Anniversaries: Isabelle McDonald, Fr Anthony Lawton.


WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

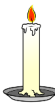
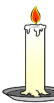
“God may abstain for the moment from healing. Not because love does not love but because Love never stops loving and a greater good is to come.”
 St Maria Goretti

“I had rather die ten thousand deaths than wrongfully take a man’s goods, one day of his liberty or one minute of his life.”
 St Oliver Plunkett



“Dearest sister in Jesus, I, Catherine, servant of the servants of Jesus, write to you in his Precious Blood, wishing only that you feed yourself with God’s love and nourish yourself with it as at a mother’s breast. Nobody, in fact, can live without this milk! Who possesses God’s love, finds so much joy that every bitterness transforms into sweetness and that every great weight becomes light. One must not be astonished because living in charity you live in God. *God is love and he who abides in love, abides in God.* Thus living in God you can have no bitterness because God is delight, gentleness and never-ending joy.”
 St Catherine of Siena

	Last Week’s collection was: £1327.81. Thank you	£££	The monthly figure for Standing Orders: £1373.00
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	This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for a Special Intention.		This week, Our Lady’s Lamp burns in thanksgiving for favours received.
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SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL

Sunday 30th June	Holy Masses 9am & 11am
Monday 1st July	Holy Mass 12 noon
Tuesday 2nd July	Holy Mass 12 noon
Wednesday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle	Holy Mass 12 noon
Thursday 4th July	Holy Mass 12 noon
Friday 5th July	Holy Mass 12 noon
Saturday 6th July St Maria Goretti	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Over the last couple of weeks we celebrated First Holy Communion for two groups of children at Our Lady of Grace. Both were special and the result of a lot of hard work on the part of our catechists and the school—not to mention the children. It was a privilege to be part of such prayerful celebrations and I'm very grateful to all who helped make them so.

On Thursday evening Bishop John visited our parish and we had a lovely celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to those who were confirmed and thanks to those who helped make that event a day to remember for our young people.

Baptism Meeting

On Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm there will be a meeting for all those who would like to have their child baptised at Our Lady of Grace.

Parish 200 Club

A final appeal for any parishioners who would like to be part of a 200 Club: please make a tick on the noticeboard in the porch so we can estimate the level of interest before organising all that's necessary. Proceeds will go to a fund to be opened for the redecoration of the church.

Mission Appeal

This weekend, Fr Joel Yeboah CSSp., will make an appeal on behalf of the foreign missions. Fr Joel will celebrate the Masses and speak of a mission he's involved with in Ghana and which he will be visiting soon. There will be a second collection after Communion.

Book Club

Book Club. The next meeting of the group will be held on **Monday 8th July at 2pm in the Cottage.** We will be sharing and discussing "Humorous Poetry". Please bring (if you can) 12 copies of any poem that you find funny/droll/amusing/comical/witty. New members welcome. For further information, contact Vin Allerton by phone (0161-773 3318), text (07305 727900) or email vinallerton@gmail.com

Italian Procession

If you would like to go to the procession of the Madonna around the streets of Manchester next Sunday—please sign the sheet at the back of church. A coach will leave OLOG at 12.30pm and return for 4.30pm. All welcome.

Peter and Paul

"This day has been consecrated for us by the martyrdom of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. It is not some obscure martyrs we are talking about. "Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." These martyrs had seen what they proclaimed, they pursued justice by confessing the truth, by dying for the truth.

The blessed Peter, the first of the Apostles, the ardent lover of Christ, who was found worthy to hear, "And I say to you, that you are Peter." He himself, you see, had just said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Christ said to him, "And I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Upon this rock I will build the faith you have just confessed. Upon your words, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," I will build my Church; because you are Peter. Peter comes from "petra", meaning a rock. Peter, "Rocky", from "rock"; not "rock" from "Rocky". Peter comes from the word for a rock in exactly the same way as the name Christian comes from Christ.

Before his passion the Lord Jesus, as you know, chose those disciples of his whom he called apostles. Among these it was only Peter who almost everywhere was given the privilege of representing the whole Church. It was in the person of the whole Church, which he alone represented, that he was privileged to hear, "To you will I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven." After all, it is not just one man that received these keys, but the Church in its unity. So this is the reason for Peter's acknowledged pre-eminence, that he stood for the Church's universality and unity, when he was told, "To you I am entrusting," what has in fact been entrusted to all. To show you that it is the Church which has received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, listen to what the Lord says in another place to all his apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit;" and immediately afterwards, "Whose sins you forgive, they will be forgiven them; whose sins you retain, they will be retained."

Quite rightly, too, did the Lord after his resurrection entrust his sheep to Peter to be fed. It is not, you see, that he alone among the disciples was fit to feed the Lord's sheep; but when Christ speaks to one man, unity is being commended to us. And he first speaks to Peter, because Peter is the first among the apostles. Do not be sad, Apostle. Answer once, answer again, answer a third time. Let confession conquer three times with love, because self-assurance was conquered three times by fear. What you had bound three times must be loosed three times. Loose through love what you had bound through fear. And for all that, the Lord once, and again, and a third time, entrusted his sheep to Peter.

There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching."

St Augustine of Hippo