

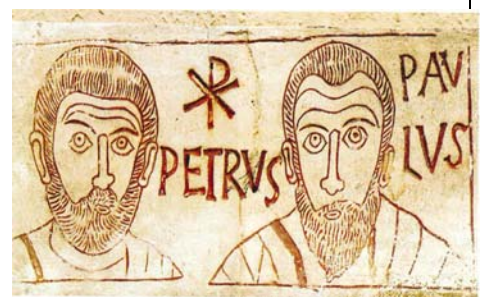
Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

28 June 2015

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Page 172 in Mass Book.



More than just a Red Box

On top of the fridge. Beside the phone. Next to the till in the parish centre. The iconic Red Box has been a familiar fixture in homes and parishes across England and Wales for over 75 years.

More than 200,000 homes have a Red Box. More than a vessel to hold coins, it is a regular reminder to pray for all missionaries and the communities they serve. As each one of us who has one knows, it's 'More than just a Red Box'.

Over the coming years we want to celebrate all that the Red Box has achieved thanks to your generous support of Missio's APF and Mill Hill Missionaries worldwide. We also want to raise awareness of our role as Christians to be missionary, as the phrase on each Red Box reminds us.

The pounds and pennies that are put into these boxes go to fund the vital work of the Catholic Church abroad, by bringing God's love and hope to the poorest and most in need.

We are reaching out to try and find those unemptied Red Boxes in homes and communities throughout England and Wales, encouraging people who may not have had their Red Box opened for a while for some reason to get it emptied, and to continue supporting our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

This year, we are particularly focussing on the dioceses of Birmingham, Clifton, Nottingham, Salford, Southwark, and Westminster over the weekends of 20-21 and 27-28 June for people to bring in any long-time unopened Red Boxes to their local church to be emptied. *continued*



The Coming Week.....

Sunday 28 June

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

First Holy Communion

Some more of our children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Retiring collection today is for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund (for the training of priests and vocations promotion)

Monday 29 June 8.30am Mass

Tuesday 30 June 8.30am Mass

Wednesday 1 July Saint Oliver Plunkett,

Bishop and Martyr. Born in County Meath in 1625 and died in Tyburn in 1681. He was ordained in Rome and was appointed bishop of Armagh in 1669. He travelled much, holding synods as he attempted to put into practice the Council of Trent. Imprisoned in Dublin in 1679 he was tried, condemned and executed in London, the final victim of the "Popish Plot" and the last person to be executed for the Faith in England.

9.15am Mass in School-Class 4.

7.30pm Scripture reflections – looking at the readings of the coming Sunday.

Thursday 2 July 8.30am Mass

Friday 3 July

Saint Thomas, Apostle.

Unfairly remembered as "doubting Thomas", his profession of faith "My Lord and my God" is the climax of one of the Gospel accounts of Easter. Tradition has it that Thomas then preached in India and was martyred there.

8.30am Mass.

Saturday 4 July

9.00am Mass in Cemetery.

11.30am – 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sunday 5 July.

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Final First Communion Sunday.

Further Ahead.....

Monday 6 July.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society meet at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 8 July.

Meeting to make response to the bishop's Diocesan Consultation. (see over page for more details)

Sunday 19 July.

Sacramental Programme final celebration at 11.00am Mass.

Monday 31 August Bank Holiday

11.00am Mass in St Mary's, Wardley and St Joseph's, Moston Cemeteries.

Annual Foreign Mission Appeal.

The Montfort Missionaries have been allocated our deanery for their 2015 appeal and are busy organising their schedule. I am pleased that they will be able to do the weekend I am away in September as Father Frank will not be available that particular date!

Congratulations to...

Gareth Heyes and Nina Kelsall who celebrated their marriage here last Friday 26 June.

It is easy to become a Red Box holder - you just need to contact Missio Promoter Frances Allcroft on 0161 281 0803. You might also want to think whether you can become part of the team of Promoters who collect the Red Boxes each quarter.

Our iconic Red Boxes are a simple way for Catholics to play an active role in the missionary activity of the Church; they give all who come into your home an opportunity to contribute to the life-giving work of Gospel proclamation abroad. By taking a Red Box into your home, you automatically become a member of the APF; a worldwide community of generous givers whose faithful prayers and support over the years have helped fund 1,069 missionary dioceses. Many of the churches supported by Red Box funds are young, face extreme difficulties and urgently need our prayers and continued support, so your generosity really does make a difference!



Once collected, the funds are then transferred to the central APF account and are sent directly to local bishops in our sister churches in Asia, Africa and India. Last year, our APF-Mill Hill supporters raised an incredible total of just over £3 million.

You can now also give via text message on your mobile phone. Text RBOX15 £3 or RBOX15 £5 or RBOX15 £10 to 70070 to give that amount via your mobile phone. You will be asked if you wish to Gift Aid this donation. Your mobile phone carrier may charge you the cost of the text message on top of your donation. Thank you for your support.

Preparing the Way Consultation 2015

As promised in the recent Pastoral Letter from Bishop John, the diocesan consultation is now ready and will remain open for several weeks.

It can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Salford2015> where responses can be entered directly onto the electronic form. This is the best way to complete the questionnaire, since the system will also do the analysis of responses.

For those who do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from the back of church.

As well as your individual responses, we have been asked to provide a collective response from the parish and so we will have a parish meeting for this purpose on Wednesday 8 July at 7.30pm.

Please submit all responses by the deadline of Friday 7 August 2015.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

Thank you for your generous donations so far. As I suggested some weeks ago, we will use the "free" Sundays at the end of the month for further donations which will be possible next weekend and we will have the final retiring collection to bring this year's appeal to an end on the weekend 24/25 July.

Summer concerts...



Saturday 11 July
7.00pm
Holy Rood Church presents

The Sounds of Summer Concert

Performed by the Salford Royal Choir
£5.00 including refreshments
Details on poster in the porch.

Saturday 18 July. Visions of Paradise.

A joint concert with Greater Manchester police Male Voice Choir and Cantare Ladies Choir in aid of Francis House Children's Hospice.
Details on poster in porch.

Parish visit to Stonyhurst

Sunday 9 August.

There has been a very positive response to this proposed visit, so it will be going ahead. The coach will leave at 12.30pm from church and the cost, including price of guided tour will be £16.00 per head. Maria Kidd or myself will contact you if your name is on the list for confirmation of your booking.

Sacramental Programme 2015/2016.

If you have a child in Year 3 next school year and they are not in Saint Charles school and you wish to enrol them on the Sacramental Programme, please give myself or Tracey Morley name, address, contact details.

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At back of church.....

Latest Crusader Magazine.

Free as always, now in new compact format.

July edition of Bible Alive.

Manchester and Salford Prison prayer leaflet.

Readers' Guides. Readers please take the one with your name on.

Universe/Catholic Herald/Catholic Times.

Please note the new format of the Universe – a little bigger because of their use now of the Guardian printing press in Trafford Park.

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Thanks for your generous support of the parish over the past year.....

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