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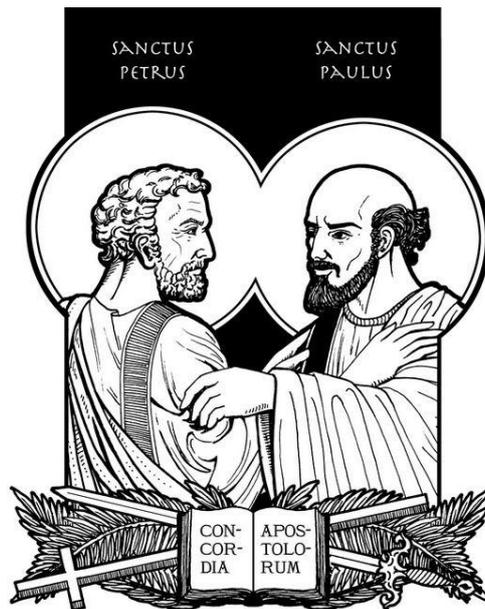
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Collect

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Gospel (Mark 5: 21 – 24, 35 – 43)

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying?' The child is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and he told them to give her something to eat.

Reflection

This story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

Messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus' worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus' home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus' faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. Such instructions seem to emphasize the fact that each individual must, in the end, make their own judgment about Jesus' identity, they must make their own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

Celebration of Mass

Saturday 26 June: Mass at St Joseph's at 5.30pm

Sunday 27 June: Mass at St Dominic's at 10.30am

Wednesday 30 June, Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul:

Mass at St Dominic's at 9.00am

Please remember to wear masks, use sanitiser and maintain social distancing. Thank you

Children and Young People

We are thinking that it may also be possible for a group of candidates to be prepared for **Confirmation** in the autumn. In this case, classes would need to start before the summer holidays. Candidates should already be at Secondary School. If you know of young people who would like to join such a group, please get in touch with the Church Office as soon as possible, certainly by the end of June

Special collection for Peter's Pence: 27 June

The Peter's Pence collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Our generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune. The collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In the 9th century King Alfred the Great collected money - 'pence' or pennies - from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today the Peter's Pence collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving him the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression or disease.

Myanmar

Myanmar has become a humanitarian crisis with thousands – including many children and elderly people – displaced and starving in the jungles. The Catholic Bishops write:

“We plead with all to kindly allow the humanitarian corridor to reach out to the starving masses wherever they are. These are our citizens and they have basic right to food and safety.”

They also call for places of worship, schools and hospitals to be respected as places of sanctuary:

“Respect the right to sanctuary and respect the sanctity of places of worship: In the recent conflict thousands have sought safety in the churches. Four churches in Loikaw were attacked and thousands fled to the jungle.

“Kindly observe the international norms of sanctuary in war times: churches, pagodas, monasteries, mosques, temples including schools and hospitals are recognised as neutral places of refuge during conflict. We appeal that these places are not to be attacked and the people who seek refuge should be protected.”

Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the International Affairs department of our Bishops' Conference here in England and Wales, has echoed this call for churches to be respected as places of sanctuary: “All of Myanmar's people remain in our prayers.”

GL11 Community Hub Oral History Project

GL11 Community Hub has been funded by the Heritage Lottery to record the memories and reminiscences of local residents who worked for past companies such as Listers, Mawdsleys, Baileys or Bymacks in order to provide an archive of a significant period of working life in GL11. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who came from other countries and moved to the Dursley/Cam area to work in these local industries. We are aware that a significant number of people have come to the area from countries such as Poland, Italy and Ukraine for instance.

We have a small number of local people who have been trained to interview and record people's memories and we hope to carry out these interviews over the next three months. The recordings will become part of Gloucestershire Archives and from this work we aim to produce an exhibition of the project at the Dursley Heritage Centre.

Paul Rummer, a Dursley resident of 28 years and a trustee of GL11 Community Hub is coordinating the project with staff at GL11 Community Hub. If you would like to know more about the project and perhaps have your memories recorded for the archive, please contact Paul by email paulrummer8@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Wild Lawn

This summer we are again supporting wildlife at St Dominic's by leaving some of the lawns unmown. It is fascinating to see the large number of different grasses that have appeared. We now also have two different kinds of orchids and yellow rattle. Our native hedge is developing well



Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently:

Mary Philpott

Diocesan Prayer Link:

St Margaret Mary, Coleford Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

St Joseph, Portishead

Churches Together Prayer Rota:

St Bartholomew, Lower Cam

Parish Prayer Rota:

The sick of our parishes