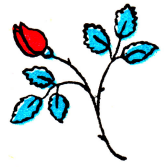


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Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

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Message from Fr David

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write this on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two crucial leaders who shepherded the early Church after the earthly life of Jesus. Both died as martyrs for the faith in Rome, in the early 60s, just thirty years after the death of Jesus. Peter was crucified upside down in the courtyard to the left of where St Peter's Basilica now stands, and Paul was beheaded between Rome and the sea, in a place now called *Tre Fontane* (Italian for 'three fountains' after the legend that the three springs on the spot miraculously sprouted from the three places where St Paul's head bounced after being cut off!).

Peter was buried in the nearest cemetery, which was on top of the Vatican Hill, and St Peter's Basilica was later built by the Emperor Constantine on top of Peter's tomb, with the main altar being directly on top of his tomb. Paul was also buried in the nearest cemetery to where he was martyred, and the Basilica of St Paul Without the Walls was later built on top of his tomb, with the main altar being directly on top of his tomb, which was fairly recently rediscovered. It's a stone sarcophagus with the simple inscription, *Paulo Apostolo Mart* (Paul, Apostle, Martyr) carved into it. I find that simplicity quite moving. The bone fragments were radiocarbon dated and, indeed, they date back to the time of St Paul.

Peter was a simple fisherman and Paul was a highly educated Pharisee. Yet Jesus called them both to crucial ministries within the Church because there is always a need for a



variety of temperaments and gifts within the divine mission.

As we look at the personalities of Peter and Paul, we see that God called them to use their personalities to spread the Gospel – Peter to use his impetuous love to look after the flock, and Paul to use his training as a Pharisee and his strength of character to ensure that Gentiles would be welcomed into the Church. It is a reminder to us that our talents, and even our weaknesses, can become God's means of helping others, if we will allow it.

We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us; God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with Peter and Paul.

Bless you, all!

Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another.

With Every Blessing,

Fr David

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Prayer for Trinity IV

O God in whom all fullness dwelleth, who givest without measure to them that ask; Give us faith to ask and faith to receive, all that thy bounty giveth; that being filled with all thy fullness we may as thy faithful stewards impart thy gifts to all thy children; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Daily Prayer

Services in July

Sun 2	Trinity IV	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 5	St Thomas (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 9	Trinity V	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 12	St Drostan of Deer	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 16	Trinity VI	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 19	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 23	Trinity VII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 26	St James (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 30	Trinity VIII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.

Saints' and Special Days for July

Monday, 3 July – St Thomas, Apostle

(also known as *Didymus* meaning 'twin'), was one of the Twelve Apostles. He is commonly known as 'Doubting Thomas' because he initially doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ (as is related in the Gospel of John); he later confessed his faith ('My lord and my God') on seeing the wounds left over from the crucifixion.

Traditional accounts of the Saint Thomas Christians of modern-day Kerala in India say he travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as Muziris of Tamilakam



(modern-day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in Kerala State, India) in AD 52. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Ortona, in Abruzzo, Italy, where they are held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is regarded the patron saint of India, and 3 July is celebrated as Indian Christians' Day.

Wikipedia (edited)

Wednesday, 12 July – St Drostan of Deer, Abbot

Little is known of Drostan. He is said to have been of royal descent, a nephew or companion of Columba, with whom he visited Buchan, and who left him in charge of the new monastic foundation at Deer; but his name suggests that he was of Pictish origin. His name occurs in many dedications in the north-east of Scotland.

Tuesday, 25 July – St James, S. JAMES a fisherman and Apostle

James was the brother of St John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. He was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and at the Transfiguration of the Lord. He was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about the year 42 – the first of the apostolic band to be martyred.

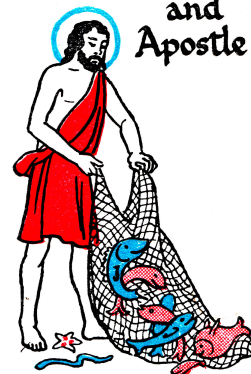


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Concert, Saturday 8th July (see poster above)

Please join us (with any friends you can muster) for a Classical Music Concert by the Soteria Trio in the church at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday. Entry is by (optional) donation. We plan to host more musical events in future.

Vestry news

Redecoration and repair work of the Rectory is well under way in preparation for renting it out.

The Sunday Food Cupboard drop-in has been increasing in popularity, but as costs have risen it is vital to continue donations of food and funds so that this important ministry can survive. Our profound thanks to all helpers and contributors for their generosity in goods, money and time.