

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (Sts Peter & Paul C)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 876 09.00 876 11.00 876
PENITENTIAL ACT	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Missal Tone
FIRST READING	Acts 12:1-11 <i>'Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>From all my terrors the Lord set me free.</i>
SECOND READING	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 <i>'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! <i>You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 16:13-19 <i>'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 972 09.00 972 11.00 972
SANCTUS	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Missal Tone
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Missal Tone
GREAT AMEN	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Missal Tone
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Spoken
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Missal Tone
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 768 09.00 768 11.00 768

RECESSION	18.00 825 09.00 825 11.00 825
Next Week (14 C)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
FIRST READING	Isaiah 66:10-14c <i>'Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.</i>
SECOND READING	Galatians 6:14-18 <i>'I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 <i>'Your peace will rest upon him.'</i>
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

OUR TIME TOGETHER IS LIMITED;
TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE



We are called by God like Peter and Paul. In our case it is to grow in love and unity but, like them, our life of loving each other will end, so it's important to take every opportunity to love. When we experience being apart, it is not time for blame or self pity but time for listening and understanding.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Hos. 1-3; Matt. 16
Tu Hos. 4-6; Ps. 58; Matt. 17
We Hos. 7-10; Matt. 18
Th Hos. 11-13; Matt. 19
Fr Hos. 14; 2 Chr. 26-7; Matt. 20

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 22/06/25

Plate £ 283:78
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 90:00
1st Total £ 1,128:78

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd £ 322:50
National Catholic Fund

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 29/06/25

Peter's Pence

Gift Aid Members are not able to make this collection tax efficient.

Next Weekend 06/07/25

Parish Buildings Fund

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient by using the YELLOW envelopes provided.

Bite Size . . .

Where the
loser saw
barriers, the
winner saw
hurdles.

Robert Brault

On this feast day celebrating Saints Peter and Paul, we are treated to several stories about these giants of the early church. The Gospel reading is the famous account of Jesus changing Simon Peter's name to "Petros" (*petra* = "rock" in Greek) and pronouncing him the foundation of the church Jesus promised to build.



"On this rock I will build my church. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Sheepish Question:

As a member of the Body of Christ, how do I teach and model his message?

Matthew's Gospel alone tells of this event, just as it is the only Gospel to tell two other unique stories about Simon Peter (Peter walks on water 14:23-33 and he pays the temple tax for Jesus 17:24-27). It seems Matthew was a fan of Simon Peter and perhaps had particular knowledge of Peter's major role in the days of the early Church. This re-naming story carries echoes of the stories of other figures in Jewish history who were given new names when God entrusted them with significant roles. Abram became Abraham, and Sarai became Sarah. Their grandson Jacob was renamed

"Israel." Much later, probably a few years after Simon Peter became the "Rock," Saul became Paul when he was blinded by the light on the road to Damascus and God called him to preach to the Gentiles. At the time when Jesus gave Simon his new name there was a lot of hype surrounding Jesus and the crowds were trying to sort out what to make of him. Certainly the people were imagining he was at least on par with the greatest figures in their history: Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets, or maybe even John the Baptist whom Herod had recently killed. The story seems to give the sense that Jesus was testing - or at least checking - the apostles' comprehension. What did they really believe about him after the things they had heard and seen him do already? Maybe they all hoped or thought that Jesus was the Messiah their people had awaited for so many centuries, but to put it into words probably seemed audacious. It was Simon Peter who had the pluck to speak what was on his mind and so he was rewarded with Jesus' praise. As the early Church developed in the decades after Jesus' resurrection, Peter's role became foundational as Jesus foretold. Still today, the Catholic Church looks back to this event as a key to understanding Peter's role in leadership.

Questions of the week

- 1 If you had been following Jesus with the apostles, do you think you would have had the courage to say aloud what others may have been thinking about Jesus' true identity? Why or why not?
- 2 If Jesus were to ask you now "Who do you say that I am?" how would you answer, not necessarily in theological terms, but in personal terms? Who is he to you?

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office

Normal Office Hours : Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

Parish Secretary : Sarah Cox (01932) 860244
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Newsletter Editorial : Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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General Parish Information

Parishioner Registration : Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

Hospital : If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

Infant Baptism : Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Sacramental Preparation : Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31st August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

Marriage Preparation : Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Parish Car Park : All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

Important : if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice.

Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice.

(Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

NOTE : the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**



Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days . . .

It has been fairly hectic around The Presbytery this week with Fr D having to be away from the Parish more often than normal for a variety of reasons

Fr D was greatly heartened last Sunday, as we celebrated our annual opportunity for a period of extended Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, as many parishioners took the opportunity to spend some time in prayer before our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament was left on the altar from the end of our 11.00 Mass until a celebration of Evening Prayer and Benediction at 15.30. The attendance at this event seems to be increasing each year which is good to see.

In the evening Fr D joined the sisters, the senior management team and the governors of Notre Dame School as they celebrated the end of another school year - one which has not been easy for independent schools, with several punitive changes in government legislation.

Having celebrated Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday Fr D was off down to Crawley once more in the car; he was putting the finishing touches to his arguments for a marriage case judgement at the end of next week.

In the evening Fr D met for the last time on their own with the parents of those children who have recently celebrated their First Eucharist.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D was able to spend some time catching up with Parish business. In particular he is having to put in an insurance claim for the hedging that recently caught fire between the car park and the Leg of Mutton field. He's also working on getting quotations for rectifying the situation, including the possibility of erecting a fireproof metal fence instead of the hedging (particularly as this is the second incident in two years).

Thursday, having celebrated Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D had to travel to a school in Sussex in order to be a panel member for the Bosco Catholic Education Trust looking at employing a 'Director for Chaplaincy Services'.

On Friday, after Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D managed to finish the timetables for next year's Infant Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Eucharist Programmes within the Parish. Infant Baptism application forms can be sourced from the Parish Office and the First Reconciliation and Eucharist Applications are now available from the sacristy after the weekend Mass that the families normally attend. All these applications can only be obtained by parents (NOT grandparents or friends). Once again Fr D is unable to produce a calendar for Confirmation as the Bishop has not set a date yet

Churchmouse

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH STS PETER & PAUL YEAR C

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TWO	LIGHT	DRESS
SOLDIERS	SHONE	PUT ON
BOUND	CELL	SANDALS
CHAINS	STRUCK	THOUGHT
SENTRIES	SIDE	SEEING
BEFORE	WOKE	VISION
DOOR	SAYING	FOLLOW
ANGEL	GET UP	ME

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

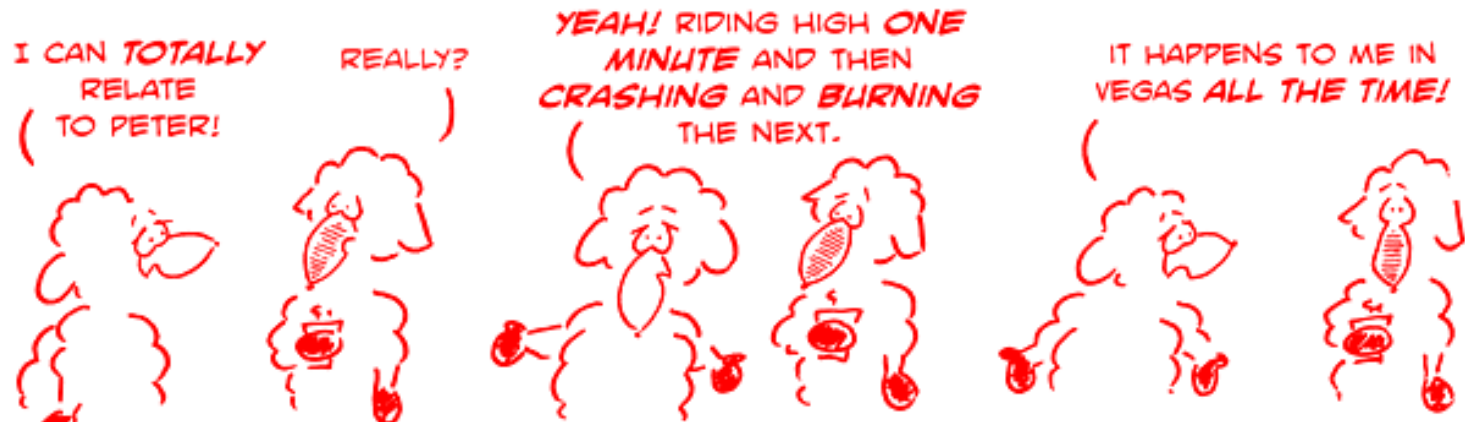
From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Other Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

LECTIO:

Jesus wishes to know what people think of Him. The answers are quite varied: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. When Jesus asks the disciples' opinion, Peter replies in their name: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Peter's reply is not new. On a previous occasion, when Jesus walked on the water, the other disciples had made a similar profession of faith: "Truly You are the Son of God!" (Mt 14:33). This is an acknowledgment that in Jesus the prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled. In John's Gospel, Martha makes the same profession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of God who is come into the world" (Jn 11:27).

Jesus proclaims Peter 'blessed' because he has been given a revelation from the Father. Jesus' reply is not new. On a previous occasion, Jesus had made the same proclamation of blessedness to the disciples because they were hearing and seeing that which no one else knew before (Mt 13:16), and He praised the Father because He had revealed the Son to little ones and not to the learned (Mt 11:25). Peter is one of the little ones to whom the Father reveals Himself. The perception that God is present in Jesus does not "come from flesh and blood," it is not the result of study or merit of human effort, but a gift that God gives to whom He pleases.



MEDITATIO:

Peter was transformed from fisherman of fish to fisherman of men (Mk 1:7). He was married (Mk 1:30). He was a good man and very human. He tended naturally to a role of leadership among the twelve disciples of Jesus. Jesus respected this natural quality and made Peter the leader of His first community (Jn 21:17). Before joining Jesus' community, Peter's name was Simon bar Jona (Mt 16:17), Simon son of Jonah. Jesus nicknamed him Cephas or Rock, and this then became Peter (Lk 6:14).

Tradition tells us that at the end of his life, when he was in Rome, Peter had another moment of fear. But then he went back, was arrested and condemned to death on the cross. However, he asked that he might be crucified with his head down. He thought that he was not worthy to die in the same way as his master, Jesus. Peter was true to himself and to Jesus to the very end.

ORATIO:

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May Your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice that which Your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, Your mother, not only listen the Word but also practice it.



Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	28 th June	17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
			Patrick & Maryann Giblin †	J. & E. Yates
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
Sun.	29 th June		STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES, YEAR C	
		09.00	Rev. Fr Martin O'Connor †	D. & P. Meehan
		11.00	For the Parishioners	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
Mon.	30 th June		St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	
			No Service Today	Mass 09.30 at Walton
Tue.	1 st July		Consecration of Arundel Cathedral	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 41-493]
		09.30	Fr Tony Collins	M. Drury
		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
			☐ Live-Streamed	
Wed.	2 nd July		Ferial Weekday	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			☐ Live-Streamed	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Thu.	3 rd July		St Thomas, Apostle	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 60- 493]
		09.30	Iilir Berisha	M. Berisha
			☐ Live-Streamed	
Fri.	4 th July		Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence)	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 71- 493]
		09.30	Tina Wheatley †	Graham
			☐ Live-Streamed	
Sat.	5 th July		Ferial Weekday	
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
			Jack Ellory †	B. Ellory
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
Sun.	6 th July		14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	
		09.00	Ardian, Rozita & Family	M. Berisha
		11.00	For the Parishioners	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	

Mass may be offered for both the living and the dead and also for most other intentions. We do our best to try and accommodate specific dates but this can be especially difficult on weekends and at less than three months notice.

'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

St Thomas

St. Thomas was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said that he was returning to Judea to visit his sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way,

Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But St. Thomas is best known for his role verifying the Master's Resurrection. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded

– seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into his side.

SAINTS FUN FACTS

St. Thomas was one of the original Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. Thomas, unwilling to believe other Apostles had seen the risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed, "My Lord and My God."

As the Apostles dispersed, Thomas eventually reached India.

He is the patron saint of architects.




DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 14 C 05/07/25 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr. Patricia	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 14 C 06/07/25 09.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Fisher	L. Kolber D. McEvoy	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 14 C 06/07/25 11.00	Still Required; please offer	C. Templer	P. Mascolo J. Foster	L. Farris V. Rose
PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is your responsibility to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.				

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

SACRED HEART PARISH 2025/6

Applications are now available for our Infant Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Eucharist Preparation programmes for the coming academic year (Confirmation Applications will be made available once Bishop Richard provides a date for the celebration).


PLEASE NOTE that these programmes are only for candidates from families who are Registered Parishioners who are actually regular members of our worshipping community (i.e. Mass attenders) - if this is not the case at present please get in contact with Fr Daryl for an appointment to come and discuss what can be done to rectify the situation at some point in the future.



Reconciliation and Eucharist Applications can be obtained from the sacristy after the regular Mass which the family attends on a weekend. Only Parents (not grandparents or friends) can collect these. Return by 31st August.




Infant Baptism Applications are available from the Parish Office (Mon. - Fri. 09.30-12.30). They are only for the children of Registered Parishioners who are regular members of our worshipping community. These need to be returned at least two weeks before the course commences.



First Eucharist

Prayers Please



FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:
Jay Adams, Sr Anne Bayley, Jim Begley, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, Fr John Horn, Michael Nutter, Marie Pinto, Pascal Smyth and Anne Sproul.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
None

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:
" . . . let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
None



OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK

UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS

Please can you help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

- UHT Semi Skimmed Milk
- UHT 1l Fruit Juice
- Pasta Sauce
- Fruit Squash
- Hot Chocolate
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned Spaghetti Hoops
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Custard

- Sanitary Pads
- Sugar (500g pack)
- Savoury Snacks
- Laundry Powder
- Male Deodorant
- Laundry Capsules
- Shaving Foam + Razors
- Shampoo
- Conditioner



BUILDINGS FUND LATEST



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD - Prospective Parents Open Morning will take place on Wednesday 9th July at 09.30. Please email the school office to book your place: office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

MORNING PRAYER BOOK AMNESTY - The number of Morning Prayer books at the back of the church that we use during the week before Mass has gone down by about 50%! Please look around at home to see if you have mistakenly taken a copy home at some point. Unlike public libraries there are no fines involved!

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL - In a statement on the precarious situation facing care homes and hospices, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, and Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool, said: "Parliament has now rejected amendments that would have allowed [many care homes and hospices] not to be involved in assisted suicide. Stephen Kinnock MP, Kim Leadbeater MP, as well as other MPs, indicated that the rights that this Bill will give to individuals to seek assisted suicide, and to employees to participate in an assisted suicide, are likely to trump the mission and values of institutions such as hospices and care homes. "In other words, a right to assisted suicide given to individuals is highly likely to become a duty on care homes and hospices to facilitate it. Institutions whose mission has always been to provide compassionate care in sickness or old age, and to provide such care until the end of life, may have no choice, in the face of these demands, but to withdraw from the provision of such care. "The widespread support which hospices attract from local communities will also be undermined by these demands which, in many cases, will require institutions to act contrary to their traditional and principled foundations.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - Every year on June 29th the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional **Peter's Pence** collection takes place. This is a concrete way in which the faithful throughout the world can support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. This collection is in fact a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. As every year, every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his **ministry** and in his **charitable activities** in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

