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The celebration of mass with a congregation will begin next Saturday at 6.30pm, and Sunday at 8.30am, 10.00am and 11.30am., We are in need of stewards, and helpers for this to happen. The Community centre will be used as an overspill area once the capacity of the church has been reached. We will live stream the mass into the hall.

Could I ask for volunteers to meet on Friday 3rd July at 6pm in the church to clarify what procedures to follow. We will continue with live streaming through our website for those who feel they are unable to attend or need to self- isolate. There will be no hymns sung, or newsletters printed until is deemed appropriate. The church will be closed after each celebration to be cleaned. Please if you can help to assist in order for the liturgy to take place, contact the parish office or attend the meeting on 3rd July.

We remember in our prayers those who have recently died Eileen Weald, Fr. Francis Hartley and Fr. Ed. Hartley. Mark Dever, Margaret Tatenta,
Attached to the newsletter is a link to one of the supermarket's in Sidcup, who offer a delivery service to those unable to leave home.

The Solemnity of Saints. Peter and Paul.
Vigil Mass Saturday Evening 6.30pm.
Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am & 11.30am

Sunday 28th June .

6.30pm Bobby Gray.. RIP.
8.30am Intention of Philip Warner and Family.
10.00am Margarita and Joseph Kane. RIP.
11.30am People of Parish.

Monday 29th June .

9.30am Margaret Lyons. RIP.

Tuesday 30th June.

9.30am Paddy Mc Elroy. RIP.

Wednesday 1st July.

9.30am Amelia and Dennis Rozario .RIP.

Thursday 2nd July

9.30am Douglas Duncan .RIP.

Friday 3rd July

9.30 Felix and Rose Ann Travers. RIP.

Saturday 4th July.

John Crawley. RIP.

The Church is open daily for private and Individual prayer and adoration of the blessed sacrament from 10.30am -12.30pm.
Sunday Readings: Acts of Apostles-12:1-11
Psalm :33.

Second reading : 2 Timothy 4-18.

Gospel: Matthew :16:13-19.

Acclamation: You are peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the underworld can never hold out against.

From the Sunday Message:

The catholic church in England and Wales this weekend celebrates Saint Peter and St Paul." Both were characters who made mistakes. Peter denied Jesus three times; Paul actively persecuted members of the early Christian community. Both were unlikely candidates to lead the Church, yet God chose both of them. God overlooked their weakness and past failures because God saw the extraordinary potential in the two of them. In god's eyes there are no lost causes, no hopeless cases. God sees the potential in each one of us also, and as God did with Peter and Paul, invites us to be our best."

Before the shutdown I met with David Smith who is the Building Surveyor for the Archdiocese of Southwark. The front elevation of St. Lawrence's was inspected.

The report indicated that the some extensive repairs and repointing is required to the brickwork. In some areas the apex parapets need to be re-jointed. The external brickwork needs to be cleaned. The general exterior however is in good condition.

A series of contractors were asked to provide an estimate for the schedule of work, and I am hoping the BKS Stone and Restoration will be able to provide a start date in the near future. This will mean that there will be scaffolding erected to the outside of the building, but we have been promised it will not stop anybody from coming into the church. The repairs and cleaning should take approximately 4- 5 weeks to complete.

For those who use our webcam for the celebration of mass, you may have noticed that we have changed the supplier of the live stream to Church services TV.

They should provide a consistent display, although they are unable change or improve the appearance of the priests or length of homily.

As a company they provide a breakdown of the number of viewers for each particular day and from what country they webcam is being viewed. Last Sunday 1776 people used the live stream. I welcome "parishioners" from Nigeria, Thailand, Romania, Kenya, India and the United States, and one individual from the Isle of Man.
Fr. John.

