



1. This weekend we celebrate the **Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The readings can be found on page 102 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. **This coming Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, is the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul – a Holyday of Obligation. We will have Masses at 6.45, 9.30 and 6.00 pm**
3. **A very big thank you to everyone who participated in our Parish Hog Roast last Sunday** – especially to our Social Committee for making this possible. We were blessed with good weather and a great turn-out of parishioners. It was lovely to be able to celebrate together again after all the disruption of the past two years.
4. **We are currently undertaking a new parish census**, as our present records are out of date. **If you have a smartphone, you can scan the QR code and fill out the form online, which saves us time and is more accurate.** However, if you do not have access to technology, you can still fill out a hard copy of the census form, which are available in church.
5. As you will know, Susan Lawless, the Headteacher of Holy Ghost Primary School will be retiring this July. Miss Lawless has made a huge contribution to our school and parish, and several generations of parish children owe her a huge debt for the excellent education and Catholic formation which Holy Ghost School has provided. **There will be a special Mass to mark Miss Lawless' retirement at 1.30 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, starting at 1.30 pm. Afterwards, there will be refreshments and further celebrations in the grounds of Holy Ghost School. All

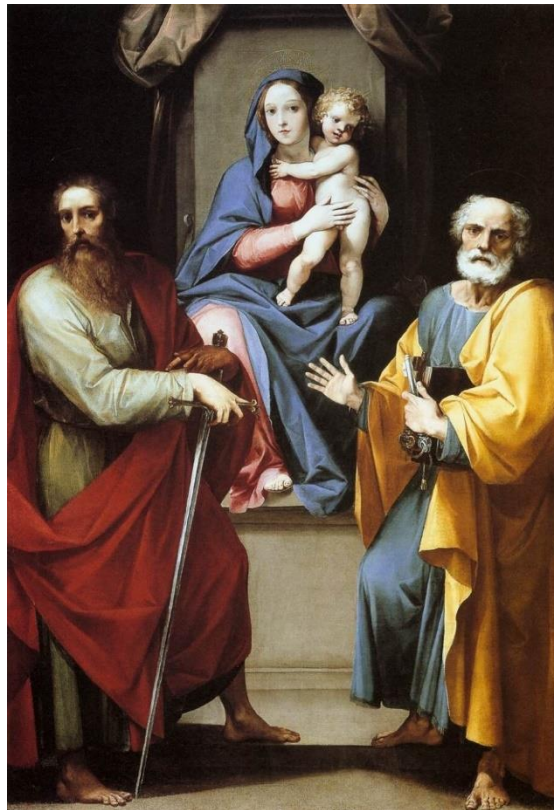
are very welcome as we give thanks for all Miss Lawless has achieved during her time at Holy Ghost.

6. Miss Lawless will be succeeded by **Bronagh McCann**, who is currently Deputy Headteacher of a Catholic Primary School in Westminster Diocese, and will take up her post here in September. We look forward to welcoming Miss McCann and we pray for both her and Miss Lawless in the months ahead.
7. For those using **GIFT AID ENVELOPES** – new boxes of envelopes can be collected from the table near the Confessionals (at the back of the Lady Chapel)
8. **We always welcome more volunteers to be welcomers at Mass.** Please see this link:  
  
<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/er0kQRwb>
9. **Holy Ghost Youth Group will be going out for pizza and ice cream** for the final meeting before the Summer Holidays. We are asking each young person to bring £10 towards the evening. The group will meet after the 6PM mass and walk across to the restaurant. If you would like to attend, **please RSVP by Thursday 30 June** so that we can book a table. Date: 3 July. Time: 7-9PM. Place: The Honest Italian and Jefferson's Ice Cream. Pick up: The Honest Italian RSVP: [balhamyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:balhamyouth@rcaos.org.uk)
10. As parents, it is not always easy to talk with our teenagers about relationships, sexuality and love. **Teen STAR runs Courses for teenagers** on these subjects, one of which will be offered to young parishioners of the Holy Ghost Parish, starting in September 2022. Please visit [www.teenstarcourses.org.uk](http://www.teenstarcourses.org.uk) for more information and/or get in touch with us: Anais 07874909133.
11. A celebratory mass will be held in honour of **St Josemaria Escriva's feast day** on Monday 27th of June 2021 at 6:30 pm at Holy Ghost Church. St Josemaria founded Opus Dei, an institution of the Catholic Church which teaches that everyone is called to holiness and that ordinary life is a path to sanctify. Pope John Paul II, who canonised him in 2002, declared St. Josemaria should be "counted among the great witnesses of Christianity".
12. **Please join us for the Holy Ghost 2022 SummerFest School Fair**, 2nd July from 12pm – 3.30pm. We are planning a fun day of entertainment, a Funky Moves dance class, bouncy castle, games, face-painting, music, fancy dress, Raffle, a barbecue, home-made Paella, bar and lots more - there is something for everyone to enjoy! All funds raised go to the school, and our target this year is to replace outdated computers, continued support of "Place to Be" and to build a living wall and veggie garden that the school's children can cultivate and tend to. If you would like to sponsor any of the events or would like to donate to the auction or raffle, please contact the PTA on [hgpta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hgpta@hotmail.co.uk) . Thank you - we look forward to welcoming you there!

13. **The Backpack programme** helps build human and spiritual development. It has been run in schools, parishes, youth groups, and used with addiction recovery. The backpack program is a resilience initiative. The contemporary formation provided is described by participants as a life-changing. The lessons offer skills in emotional self-regulation, with practical tools for mind and body calming. People flourish as they develop increased self-awareness and learn to instil boundaries for healthier relationships. Contemplative prayer cultivates their choice to make their relationship with God both private and personal. A virtue-based approach in contemporary society builds resilience and peace, which are more essential than ever before. **The backpack for Adults is available from September in our parish !** 11 sessions of 2 hours in the Plunket room, starting the last week of September, day and time to be confirmed. Price is £140. Don't let money be a problem, just contact Laetitia at: [laetbery@yahoo.fr](mailto:laetbery@yahoo.fr) You can also do the course online on <https://thebackpack.life/>

With our prayers and best wishes,

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni



**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – SS Peter and Paul**