

History of SS Peter & Paul's Parish, Ilford, Essex and surrounding area

1896 - The church a corrugated iron structure near Ilford Hill was given parochial status and Rev. Bede

Wrigley hands over to Fr. Patrick Palmer.

1898 - Cardinal Vaughan lays foundation stone of present church.

1899 – Church opened by Cardinal Vaughan.

1900 – Work starts on SS.P.P. High Road School.

1906 – Tower added to the church.

1925 – Lord Mayor of London opens The Parish Guildhall.

1927 – St. Vincent's Becontree becomes a parish

1928 – St. Augustine's Church, Barkingside opens

1930 – Fr. John Carmel Heenan ordained here at SS Peter & Paul's (In 1965 he became Cardinal)

1948 – Canon Palmer died. Bishop Beck acts as Parish Priest.

1951 – Work starts on St. Theresa's at Newbury Park on land bought by Canon Palmer.

1956 – Fr. Martin Hancock takes over at SS Peter & Paul's.

1961 – Canon Palmer's School opens.

1966 - St. Cedd's, Goodmayes opens and takes over part of parish

1967 – Canon John Walsh takes charge

1967 – St. John the Baptist Church, Ilford opens

1973 – Fr. Kieran Dodd becomes Parish Priest

1985 – SS Peter & Paul's New School opens in Gordon Road

1988 – Fr. Pat Cavanagh becomes Parish Priest

1993 – Adoration Chapel opens

1996 – Parish Celebrates Centenary

2001 – Fr. Cavanagh dies

2001 – Fr Tom Lavin becomes Parish Priest

2001 - Church Tower Bell installed

2006 – Parish Celebrates 110 years