

Parish BBQ

Our parish BBQ will take place on **Saturday 15th August** after the Vigil Mass. Tickets, priced £5 for adults will be on sale after Sunday Masses. **Children are free, but must be accompanied by an adult.** There will be a full bar, refreshments for the children and a tuck shop. Please alert the organisers to any food allergies when purchasing your ticket.

Summer Bulletin

From next Sunday we will be printing a smaller bulletin for the summer months since there are fewer parish events in July and early August - we wish all the children a happy summer holiday.

Parish Summer Running Group

Our running group will meet again this Saturday, **4th July at 8am.** It was great to see confidence growing this last week, and we will do another 5k, trying to build on our best time from the last two weeks. Walkers are also welcome to join us, and it was good to have them with us this week.

Second Collection - Peter's Pence

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, and there will be the annual collection after Holy Communion for Peter's Pence. This is the official charity of the Holy See and donations will assist the various charitable works of the Church throughout the world.

Parish Pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain 2027

Next year the Feast of St James (25th July) falls on a Sunday, which makes it a Holy Year in the city of Santiago, which houses the relics of St James the Apostle in its great Cathedral. To mark this special year of our Patronal Saint, we will be organising a pilgrimage to Santiago in July 2027.

The exact dates and cost are still to be confirmed, but the plan is to be in Santiago for the Feast of St James. It will be a two part pilgrimage. **One option**, for those fit and able to do it, is to walk the last 100km of the Portuguese Camino (5-6 days walking) and arrive into Santiago on the Vigil of St James (24th July). The **other option** for those not doing the camino walk, is a trip to Salamanca for a few days, and then a coach to Santiago to meet the camino walkers group, and we will be all together as a group to celebrate the Feast of St James. Fuller details will be forthcoming.

Hall Bookings

For Hall enquiries and bookings, please contact **Val Reid on 07938 873113.**

Meditation of St Augustine on Ss Peter & Paul

This day has been consecrated for us by the martyrdom of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. It is not some obscure martyrs we are talking about. *Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.* These martyrs had seen what they proclaimed, they pursued justice by confessing the truth, by dying for the truth.

The blessed Peter, the first of the Apostles, the ardent lover of Christ, who was found worthy to hear, *And I say to you, that you are Peter.* He himself, you see, had just said, *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Christ said to him, *And I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.* Upon this rock I will build the faith you have just confessed. Upon your words, *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,* I will build my Church; because you are Peter. Peter comes from *petra*, meaning a rock. Peter, "Rocky," from "rock". Peter comes from the word for a rock in exactly the same way as the name Christian comes from Christ.

Before his passion the Lord Jesus, as you know, chose those disciples of his whom he called apostles. Among these it was only Peter who almost everywhere was given the privilege of representing the whole Church. It was in the person of the whole Church, which he alone represented, that he was privileged to hear, *To you will I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.* After all, it is not just one man that received these keys, but the Church in its unity. So this is the reason for Peter's acknowledged pre-eminence, that he stood for the Church's universality and unity, when he was told, *To you I am entrusting,* what has in fact been entrusted to all. To show you that it is the Church which has received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, listen to what the Lord says in another place to all his apostles: *Receive the Holy Spirit; and immediately afterwards, Whose sins you forgive, they will be forgiven them; whose sins you retain, they will be retained.*

Quite rightly, too, did the Lord after his resurrection entrust his sheep to Peter to be fed. It is not, you see, that he alone among the disciples was fit to feed the Lord's sheep; but when Christ speaks to one man, unity is being commended to us. And he first speaks to Peter, because Peter is the first among the apostles. Do not be sad, Apostle. Answer once, answer again, answer a third time. Let confession conquer three times with love, because self-assurance was conquered three times by fear. What you had bound three times must be loosed three times. Loose through love what you had bound through fear. And for all that, the Lord once, and again, and a third time, entrusted his sheep to Peter.


There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching.



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Sunday 28th June - Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

Mass Schedule

Monday 29th June

Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Votive Mass of Sts Peter & Paul (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday 30th June

Holy Mass at 9.45am

First Martyrs of The See of Rome

Wednesday 1st July

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thursday 2nd July

Holy Mass at 6.30pm

*Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction
Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm*

Friday 3rd July

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am

Saturday 4th July

First Saturday Traditional Latin Mass at 10.00am

Confessions and Adoration 9.00am-9.50am

Sunday 5th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass 4th July at 4.15pm Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.

Sunday Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am

Prayers for the sick and housebound

Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Barbara Lucock, Cathie Dunnachie, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, John & Mary McDade, Andrew Cane, Felix Dillon, Rosaleen Grogan, Timothy Nilsson, Jean Reilly, Olivia Ratcliffe, Jean Marie Kerr, Ann Marie Martin, and Margaret Beattie.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Margaret Elliott (Requiem Mass Tues 7th July at 9.45am, Reception before Mass) and Thomas Martin.

Month's Minds: Richie Burns, and William Gilmour.

Anniversaries: Isabella Doyle, and Alphonsus & Nora Sludden.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.