



PARISHES OF ST PETER, AND ST FERGUS

Bulletin

SUNDAY 29: ST PETER AND ST PAUL -
SOLEMNITY– C.

(Gn Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18, Mt 16:13-19)



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Sunday Mass: St. Peter's 4.00pm (Sat) & 10.00 am, St. Fergus' 6pm (Sat) & 11.30 am

Weekday Mass: St Peter's – Tue & Thu 10.00am; St Fergus – Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30am

Confessions: St Peter's 3.15-3.50pm, St Fergus' 5.20-5.50pm; and on request

NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS IN ST FERGUS DURING SUMMER BREAK: As in previous years there won't be Saturday Vigil Mass in St Fergus during summer break starting from Saturday 28th June to Saturday 12th August. There may be some changes for weekend masses in the cluster parishes during summer. No change, however, for mass times in St Peter's.

COMMUNION SERVICE: There will be Communion service on Monday 30th June and Wednesday 2nd July in St Fergus and Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd July in St Peter's as Fr Thomas will be going for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. On Friday 27th June, and Friday 4th July no mass in St Fergus.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick ... For all who have recently died in particular Myra McCabe and Christopher Ramsay and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Lucy Doherty and Hannah Nolan .

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (15 June): St Peter's - Offertory: £530.35, B. Fund: £262.00, Peter's Pence £103.00, Teas £80.00. St Fergus: Offertory: £239.00, Peter's Pence £159.71.

EASY FUNDRAISING: Easy fundraising is a platform that allows people to raise money for

a noble cause, such as a charity/church/school. It is by doing your online shopping. When someone shops through the [easyfundraising website or app](#), the retailer donates a percentage of the sale price to the shopper's chosen cause without any additional cost to the shopper. As mentioned, it doesn't cost the buyer any additional burden and the advantage is that it will raise some fund for the parish. If interested, please collect a flier from the back of the Church (*St Peter's*) after the mass.

STANDING ORDERS: If any of you wish to increase your standing orders or set up new standing orders, please complete a standing order form and gift aid declaration, if applicable and return them to Fr Thomas. These forms can be obtained from the parish website or from the parish office. Alternatively, you can set up regular faster payment to the parish via your online banking system. Parish bank details as follows: St Peter's Parish: Sort Code 80-22-60, Account No 16382568. St Fergus Parish: Sort Code: 80-22-60, Account No: 16819664. TEA & COFFEE - available in the parish hall after the morning mass. All are most welcome. SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR JUNE 2025: We aim to implement best practice in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

JOIN PAISLEY'S PRO-LIFE GROUP: The SPUC Pro-Life Group is forming a PRO-Life Group to promote the value of life from conception to natural death through talks, prayer, and grass root initiatives. Our first meeting will be held Sunday, March 2nd at 7pm. To get involved, please contact Grace Deighan on 07711266486.

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." – Pope Benedict XVI'

'THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS IS THE SEED OF THE CHURCH': On 29 June every year the Church celebrates the feast of St Peter and St Paul, the two great pillars of Christianity. Both were martyred for the faith. Their Feast is celebrated together by the Church. At liturgy, red vestment is worn by Priests and deacons symbolizing that the blood of the Martyrs, "is the seed of the Church," said by the Second Century Church Father Tertullian. The word "Martyr" derives from a Greek word which means "witness." The Catholic Christian faith proclaims that the shedding of one's blood in fidelity to Jesus Christ is the final witness to the Faith.

Peter was son of Jona and brother of apostle Andrew. He was a professional fisherman from Bethsaida, a fishing town on the Lake of Galilee. Jesus made him the leader of his apostles. At Caesarea Philippi Jesus promised to make him the head of his Church. From the day of Pentecost, inspired by the Holy Spirit he started the proclamation of the Good News and brought hope and faith to the Church. He was martyred by crucifixion under the emperor Nero.

Paul the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and the greatest missionary was a Roman citizen by birth. He was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, a Province of Rome. His original name was Saul. He was trained as a tent-maker and practiced that trade. He was well educated in Jewish law. He became a religious fanatic and was ready to destroy the Christian faith. But he was miraculously converted on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians. He made several missionary journeys, converted hundreds of Jews and Gentiles and established Church communities. Finally, he was martyred by beheading in Rome.

In the early Church, altars were built over the graves of the martyrs which the early Christians revered. They often became the place where the Eucharist was celebrated. Let us pray for the apostolic zeal and missionary spirit of Saints Peter & Paul.

PERSECUTION of Christians continues even today after two thousand years of Christianity. On Sunday, June 22, the solemnity of Corpus Christi, while people were attending the Divine Liturgy, two armed men of Islamic state stormed the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Elias in Douailah on the outskirts of the Syrian capital. The incident shook the world particularly the Christian community worldwide. The brutal attack, killed twenty-five persons and left sixty-three grievously injured. It was painful to see the aftermath of the attack on television and social media. The Christians of Syria called those killed as 'martyrs' of their faith, as saints Peter and Paul gave their lives for faith.

At the conclusion of his regular Wednesday public audience, Pope Leo XIV mourned the death of those Christians killed in the recent attack in a Church in Damascus, and expressed his support for Christians in the Middle East, especially in Syria while recalling the words of the prophet Isaiah with more urgency than ever: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Is 2:4). By assuring them of his solidarity with the suffering Christians he said: "To the Christians of the Middle East, I say: I am close to you! The whole Church is close to you." The Pope entrusted the deceased "to the mercy of God" while offering prayers for the wounded and their families. He also said that he continues to follow closely the latest developments in Iran, Israel, and Palestine. He also emphasized that it is essential that the international community "not ignore this country but continue to offer support through gestures of solidarity and a renewed commitment to peace and reconciliation." "May this voice, which comes from the Most High, be heard! May the wounds caused by the bloody actions of recent days be healed," he urged.