



## ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 28 JUNE: ST PETER AND ST PAUL –  
SOLEMNITY (*Transferred from 29 June*)  
(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' 5.30pm (Sat) & 11.30 am  
Weekday Mass: St Peter's – Tue, Thu, & Fri 10.00am; St Fergus – Mon, & Wed 9.30am  
Confessions: St Peter's 3.15-3.50pm (Sat), St Fergus' 5.00 -5.25pm (Sat); and on request

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** We pray for all who are sick, for all who have recently died in particular, Tommy Morris, Susan McAskill, and Gerry Kyle, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Lucy Doherty, James Hau, Nguyen Quoc Anh, and Ho Thi Thanh.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (07 June):** St Peter's – Offertory: £482.00, B. Fund: £352.00. St Fergus: Offertory: 237.00

**ST FERGUS CHURCH: SUMMER SCHEDULE OF VIGIL MASS:** From next weekend, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August there will not be a Vigil Mass at St Fergus. There may also be some changes for weekend masses in the cluster parishes during summer. No change, however, for mass times in St Peter's.

**COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of St Fergus, who have undergone training a while ago in the Diocese, will be commissioned during this weekend masses.

**Mass this Week:**

(St Fergus Parish): Mass will be celebrated in St Fergus School on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am. The parish community is welcome to join the school community. However, no mass in the parish on Wednesday.

(St Peter's Parish): Primary 7 of St Peter's School will have the 'Thanksgiving mass' (Leavers' mass) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in the parish Church. The parish community will have mass as usual on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, no mass on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**COLLECTION OF ST. PETER'S PENCE, JUNE 28TH:** Let's help the Pope in His mission - We celebrate this Sunday the liturgical feast of Saints Peter and Paul and the traditional Peter's

Pence collection takes place on this day. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father and of solidarity with his mission to bring the Gospel throughout the world.

To support this initiative, the *Secretariat for the Economy* and the *Dicastery for Communication* of the Holy See have prepared informational and multimedia materials to illustrate its significance.

\*On the official website [ObolodiSanPietro.va](http://ObolodiSanPietro.va), it is possible to:

\*View or download the official video, available in several languages

\*Download the brochure and poster, available in several languages

\*Make a donation through secure digital channels  
As every year, every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

**ST PETER & ST PAUL – SOLEMNITY:** Peter and Paul are considered the two foundational pillars upon which the early Church was built. Peter was the leader of the Apostles and the rock upon which Christ built His Church, while Paul brought the Christian faith to the Gentiles.

Both men were martyred in Rome under the Emperor Nero 64 and 67 A.D respectively. Celebrating them together honours the unity of the Church and the universal spread of the Gospel.

Simon (Peter), son of John, brother of Andrew was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee. He was married and a fisherman by trade. With James and John, he made up the three most important apostles among the twelve as Jesus took with him on special occasions.

Matthew's Gospel records that Simon and Andrew were the first whom Jesus invited to follow Him. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and completed His forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert, He went to the Sea of Galilee, saw Simon and Andrew fishing and called to them saying, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). At that, these two brothers left everything and became Jesus' first disciples. While John's Gospel has a slightly different narrative, stating that Andrew first followed Jesus and brought Simon to Jesus the next day.

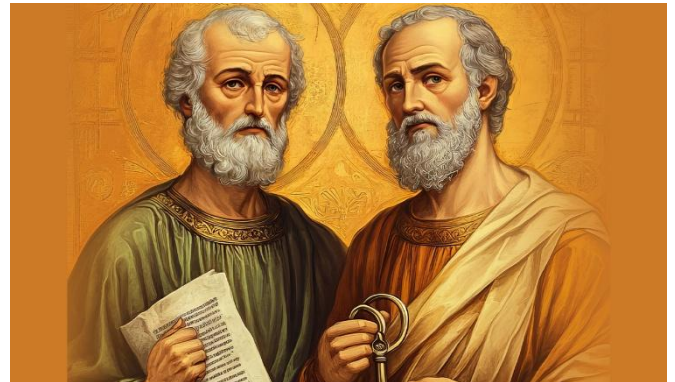
Peter recognized Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Jn 1:42). Jesus said to him, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which means Peter) and on this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you lose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:18-19).

With his new name and unique spiritual authority in which he held the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," Peter emerged as the leader of the Church after Pentecost. He spent about a decade in Jerusalem, preaching powerfully, performing miracles, and converting many. He eventually travelled to Rome where he established the Church there, becoming its first bishop. Around the year 64, he was martyred during the persecutions of Emperor Nero. Tradition states that Peter requested to be crucified upside down because he did not consider himself to be worthy of dying the same way Jesus died. His tomb is located under the main altar of Saint Peter's Basilica.

Saul was born as a Roman citizen from Tarsus, present-day Southern Turkey, the son of Jewish parents, a pharisee, and a tent-maker to trade. As a young man, he went to Jerusalem to study at the renowned school of the rabbi Gamaliel. After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Saul became one of the fiercest persecutors of the early Church, being partly responsible for the death of martyr Stephen (Acts 7:58). However, within a few years, as Saul was traveling to Damascus to persecute other Christians, he was knocked to the ground and struck blind. He heard Jesus say to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). Jesus then directed him to a disciple of the Lord in Damascus named Ananias who baptized Saul. Saul spent about three years in Arabia where he went through an intense time of prayer and study, eventually returning to Damascus and then to Jerusalem where Barnabas introduced him to the other disciples,

testifying to the veracity of his conversion. Antioch became Paul's base for his three great missionary journeys.

In Jerusalem, Saul began to use his Roman name, Paul, and then spent approximately the next ten years as a missionary throughout the Mediterranean. Back in Jerusalem, he was imprisoned for a couple of years and then was sent to Rome for trial since he was a Roman citizen. In Rome, he met up with Saint Peter. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded just outside the city of Rome.



Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church. Peter represents the stability of the Church and the office of the Vicar of Christ. Paul represents the mission of evangelization that was entrusted to the Church by Jesus Himself. He was also the Church's first theologian, which is seen in his numerous letters. As we honour these two great saints of the Church, recall the fact that, though they are great saints, they were also ordinary men called to extraordinary vocations. They responded and God used them in ways they could have never imagined. We are called to live a life of faithfulness to Christ and loyalty to the Church. When we adapt the zeal and enthusiasm of these apostles who valued for God and his holy church, God fulfil his holy mission through us.

TODAY IN A SPECIAL WAY LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH, ST PETER'S. St Peter pray for us.

A JAPANESE SAYING:

If you missed the bus, maybe you avoided the accident, if they rejected, maybe they saved you from the wrong path,

If someone walked away, maybe they made room for the person meant to stay. Not every loss is a punishment, not every delay is a setback, sometimes life is protecting you from things you cannot see yet, so stop asking, why is this happening to me, and start asking what is this preparing me for.