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St Peter and St Paul

Sunday 28th June 2026

Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence

There are no weekday Masses next week

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This weekend we celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul who are two of the most important figures in the history of the Church. They were leaders who spread the message of Jesus and helped build the early Christian community. Both are remembered as apostles who gave their lives for their faith. The Church celebrates them together because of their deep connection in spreading the Gospel. They were both martyred in Rome, St Peter crucified as he was not a Roman citizen but Paul was beheaded as he was a Roman citizen. However Peter asked to be crucified upside down not to die like Jesus. Originally Peter was called Simon and was deeply dedicated to fishing as an occupation on the Sea of Galilee but was chosen by Jesus to be one of the twelve apostles. Jesus changed his name to Peter which meant "Rock" and made him the leader of the 12 and so the first Pope. Peter's task was to build His Church and to guide and strengthen the early Christians. The story of St Paul also begins with a name change. Saul was a Jewish Roman citizen educated in the traditional beliefs and practices who strongly opposed Christians. He helped arrest and kill Christians and was present at the first Christian to be martyred, St Stephen. However he had a sudden conversion on the road to Damascus where he was planning on helping arrest more Christians. He then became a follower of Jesus and worked hard to spread His message to Jews and Gentiles. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles Herod imprisoned Peter to please the Jews. However the Christian community prayed fervently for Peter and God sent an angel to unchain him and lead him through the guards and out of the prison to freedom. This reminds us how important it is to pray for people especial our Pope Leo XIV. In the second St Paul writes to Timothy repeating the theme of the first reading that it is God who rescues. St Paul's radical conversion is testimony to how no one is too far from God's saving power. In his letter St Paul writes how the Lord had given him strength through the trials of his life and the Lord will rescue him from every evil threat and give him everlasting life. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus asks His disciples about the people's opinion regarding His identity. Simon declares that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus acknowledges his revelation, affirming that upon him, whom he calls Peter, He will build His Church and the powers of death will not overcome it. Jesus entrusts Peter with the keys of the Kingdom, granting him authority to bind and loose matters on earth and in heaven, St Peter was the first Pope and Bishop of Rome.

Mass times

Feast Days

6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Trevor Delves RIP	Saturday 27th St Cyril of Alexandria Born in 376 in Egypt. His uncle was Patriarch of Alexandria a powerful position. Attended with his uncle Theophilus the <i>Synod of the Oak</i> in Constantinople. Succeeded his uncle as Patriarch of Alexandria. Controversial theologian who had strong opinions and made impulsive decisions. Quarrelled with civil authorities and antagonised people. Eventually mellowed, controlled his temper and developed humility. Very able theologian. Wrote against heresies and gained the title "Doctor of the Incarnation".
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 28th June St Peter and St Paul Godwin Nazareth RIP
NO MASS	Monday 29th St Peter and St Paul Two great saints who founded Church in Rome. Had different strengths and weaknesses. Peter was a tough fisherman chosen by Jesus to be the leader of the 12 apostles due to his strong personality, He was uninhibited, impulsive and demonstrative who at times was hot headed. He was courageous and practical due to life as a fisherman. He was a muscular thickset man with a curly beard. Paul was a highly educated intellectual academic who could speak Hebrew and Greek. Paul was not prepared to become a rabbi but was trained to become a Pharisee and was steeped in the Jewish laws, traditions and observances He was a Roman citizen who was present at the martyrdom of St Stephen. He was a convert who did not know Jesus personally. Paul had practical skills as a tent maker. He was a great missionary, teacher and letter writer. Paul was thin, bald, except at the sides of a long thin face with a long black beard. A leader and a teacher who gave theological guidance to many Christian communities
NO MASS	Tuesday 30th First Martyrs of the Church of Rome Persecution of Christians started in Rome by Emperor Nero who was concerned that his pagan beliefs were seriously challenged and who blamed Christians for the Great Fire of Rome in July 64 AD. He killed them in various ways but mainly in the Roman Circus where Christians were nailed to crosses, killed by wild animals including lions and killed by armed opponents who were either criminals fighting for their lives or soldiers.
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm NO MASS	Wednesday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett Born in 1625 in Ireland to a wealthy, influential, noble family, some being prominent in the Irish rebellion of 1641 when Oliver was age 16. Studied at Irish College in Rome. Brilliant student. Ordained in 1654. Obtained a doctorate in canon and civil law. Professor of Theology. Appointed Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland in 1669. Due to penal laws, travel in Ireland as "Captain Brown", wore a sword and carried pistols. Soon was able to travel freely as a bishop. Radically improved the religious practice in Ireland. 10,000 Confirmations. Then implicated with others in false "Titus Oates Popish Plot" to kill King Charles II. Martyred at Tyburn Tree, 1 st July 1681. The last martyr for the faith in England.

NO MASS	Thursday 2nd St Bernardino Realino Born in 1530 in Italy. Started to study philosophy and medicine in Bologna. Then changed to study law. Qualified as a lawyer and began his career in Milan. Became a judge and Mayor of Felizzano near Milan. Noted for his legal ability and learning. Despite successful career, lost interest in worldly achievement. In Naples he saw the plight of the poor and applied to join the Jesuits in 1564 aged 34. He was ordained a priest and made Master of Novices although he was still studying theology. Devoted to help the poor and vulnerable around Naples, even visiting Muslim slaves on galleys in Naples harbour. Was moved to Lecce in the heel of Italy where he founded a new Jesuit house. In 1583 set up a sodality for diocesan priests to nurture their spiritual life and improve their competence to hear Confessions.					
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9.30 am Mass	Sunday 5 th July		Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION						
Your prayers are needed for the following people						
Hazel Sale	Mary Light	Pat Sweeney	Phil Boulton	David Keates	Chris Fitzgerald	

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..

Special Second Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence

This is the collection worldwide for Peter's Pence is a collection made for a cause chosen by Pope Leo XIV. This is just a loose cash donation as the parish cannot claim gift aid as it is not for the diocese or parish.

THANK YOU message from Christine

When my beloved Trevor died, I was completely lost and didn't know what to do but Fr Antony Gatt, Fr Anthony Chiatu, Fr Thomas and the wonderful friends and Parishioners of St Vincent de Paul stepped in to support me from practical help to emotional support of love and kindness. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I could not have got through this most saddest of times without you. Be assured that you will be in my prayers.

Prayers are needed for Chris Fitzgerald after a serious fall

Chris has been in hospital after the fall and has had an operation. She will be in hospital for some time recovering but no further surgery is planned.

Next SVP Social is this Wednesday 1st July – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you

Message from Stella Maris Regional Port Chaplain. Volunteers needed for Southampton Seafarers Lounge

Stella Maris, Southampton branch of the Apostleship of the Sea, the Catholic charity supporting seafarers is seeking volunteers to help run the Seafarers Lounge near St Joseph's Catholic Church during daytime hours from Monday to Friday. This is a simple and rewarding ministry of welcome and hospitality to visiting seafarers from around the world. It is an opportunity to support the Church's mission to people of the sea, meet new people and enjoy fellowship. Training is provided by the two Port Chaplains Luke Phillips and Gregory Hogan. For more information please contact Luke Phillips at luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org

Parish Collection for last weekend 13th and 14th June 2026

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Gift Aid for last week	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£92	£23	£151.15	£242.54	£51.98	£560.67				£560.67