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### **St Peter & St Paul Year B**

**30th June, 2024**

#### **Holy Mass & Services**

Mon - Fri: 10am

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon – Sat 9am  
– 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Personal prayer: from 10.30am

Rosary & Solemn blessing: 6PM

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am – 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or  
marriage please contact Father Ghislain

#### **Parish Mass Book Page (Vigil 124)**

- First Reading :Acts 3: 1-10
- Responsorial Psalm:**Their word goes forth through all the earth**
- Second Reading: Gal 1: 11-20
- Gospel:Jn 21: 15-19
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#### **Parish Mass Book (Sunday) Page 99**

- First Reading:Acts 12: 1-11
- Responsorial Psalm: **From all my terrors the Lord set me free**
- Second Reading: Tm 4: 6-8,17-18
- Gospel: Mt 16: 13-19

#### **Weekly Collection**

Please support your Parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

#### **Last week's collection**

First Collection: £796.76

**There is a second collection this weekend for Peter's Pence.**

Thank you for your generosity

#### **Please keep in your Prayers**

**Sick:** Mary Cunningham, Peter Alexander, Alice Gallagher, Carol McGuinness, Caroline Miller, Matt Miller, John, Ann McShane & Family, Catherine McPhee, John Lannigan, Thomas Lally, Jim, Pat, Grace & Felix Dillon, Patricia McGhee, James Brown, Mathew Miller, Robert McKirdy, Georgette O'Neil, Mary Hughes, Christine Clelland, Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Ann McAlinden, Andrew Maxwell, Margaret Trower, Maria Bolton, Mary Torbet, Elizabeth McKenna, Hugh Docherty, Teresa Marshall

**RIP:** Father John Lochran (**Fr Lochran's body will be received into the church on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.30am. There will be no 10am mass on this day.**)

**Month's Mind:** Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly, Robert (Bobby) & Catherine (Rene) McIlroy, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Brian, Patricia, Brian Jnr Sharkey, John, Anna & Kevin McGrath, Kathleen Smith, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, Tom Sharp, Joseph & Mary Thomson, Edward & Annie McQuillan, Agnes McQuillan, Annie & Frank McCue, Edward McQuillan, Margaret Tiffney, Mary Crozier, George & Cathie Thomson, Christine Thomson, John Donohue, Mary Robertson, Walter Clarke, John Keenan, John Brady, Flo, Alf & Brian Longyear, Betty Haney, Meg & Annie Smith, Hugh Kelly

**Anniversaries:** Isabella Clarke, Anne Smith

**Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.**

## **Sunday Reflection** Solemnity of apostles Sts.

Peter & Paul. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was blinded and fell off his horse. Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptised and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. The life of Peter and Paul shows that a person can change, and God never **writes off anyone**. A person may make a great mistake, but by the grace of God he will be redeemed.

### **500 Club Winners!**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: M McKeegans (63)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: B McKenna (100)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: S Curran (326)

### **Feasts during this coming week**

**Wednesday 3rd July, St Thomas** – St Thomas "called the twin" was the Apostle who encouraged the others to go with Jesus to Judaea "and die with him" (Jn 11:16) and whose questioning elicits Our Lord's response "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6). Famously he is Doubting Thomas but eventually addresses the Risen Jesus as "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28), the Easter Faith of the Church. Tradition has him taking the Faith to Kerala in India in the year 52 and being martyred near Chennai in the year 72

**Thursday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal** a Spanish princess, was given in marriage to King Denis of Portugal. From her earliest days she had established a strong daily timetable of prayer. She used her position to found institutions to help the poor and needy. King Denis was well-known to be unfaithful, and she suffered much, but he later repented and she helped him die a good death. After he died she took on the habit of the third Order of St Francis, continuing her life of prayer and charitable work. The Portuguese call her "The Peacemaker" for her strenuous efforts to reconcile warring factions. She once rose a mule between the opposing armies of her husband and son, to stop a civil war.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July St Maria Goretti** was born into a poor farming family. Alessandro Serenelli, aged twenty, made persistent approaches which she always resisted, being a prayerful and spiritual girl. Her refusal on the final occasion led to a frenzied attack with an awl. She died the next day, forgiving her attacker. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison, unrepentant. Maria appeared to him while in prison, offering him flowers. This changed him, and on his release his first act was to visit Maria's mother and ask for forgiveness.

## **Have a lovely Weekend!**