

SS PETER AND PAUL



A very ancient tradition which dates back to apostolic times claims that at their last meeting before their martyrdom the two are supposed to have embraced and blessed each other. From the outset, Christian tradition has considered Peter and Paul to have been inseparable, even if each had a different mission to accomplish.

Peter professed his faith in Christ first; Paul obtained as a gift the ability to deepen its riches. Peter founded the first community of Christians who came from the Chosen People; Paul became the Apostle to the Gentiles. With different charisms they worked for one and the same cause: the building of Christ's Church.

In the Office of Readings, the liturgy offers us for meditation this well-known text of St Augustine: "One day is assigned for the celebration of the martyrdom of the two Apostles. But those two were one. Although their martyrdom occurred on different days, they were one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We celebrate this feast day which is made sacred for us by the blood of these Apostles" (Sermon 295, 7, 8). And St Leo the Great comments: "About their merits and virtues, which surpass all power of speech, we must not make distinctions, because they were equal in their election, alike in their toils, undivided in their death" (In natali apostol., 69, 7).

In Rome, since the earliest centuries, the bond that unites Peter and Paul in their mission has acquired a very specific significance. Like Romulus and Remus, the two mythical brothers who are said to have given birth to the City, so Peter and Paul were held to be the founders of the Church of Rome.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for us.



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29TH JUNE 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 28th/29th Ss Peter and Paul	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Eileen Ridley People of the Parish
Monday 30th	10am Mass KF	Melina Simpson
Tuesday 1st	7pm KF	Novena
Wednesday 2nd	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	James and Teresa Gough Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 3rd St Thomas, Apostle	9am Mass School	
Friday 4th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Holy Souls Adoration, Confessions and Divine mercy Chaplet
Saturday 5th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th/6th 14th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish In thanksgiving (Steph)

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our June and July deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Ed Benedict, Joyce Southall, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Czuk, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob Bryan, Betty Storey and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections

BH GA £155.00 Loose £252.15 Maintenance £107.25 Teas £29.51
KF GA £122.00 Loose £286.50 Maintenance £85.87

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for Peter's Pence next week for Church Maintenance

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 30th June 2pm-4pm all welcome.

KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.

NB Novena to our Lady of Perpetual help this Tuesday at Kingswinford, all welcome.

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Saturday evening at KF and Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

Summer fayre and raffle - Saturday 12th July 10.30am - 2.30pm at St Mary's in order to raise much needed funds. Donations of bottles, toiletries, children's' games and toys in good condition will all be very welcome. Tickets on sale now!

Become a Foundation Governor or Director at one of our Catholic schools The Diocesan Education Service has launched a new promotional video to support recruitment. In the video Archbishop Bernard Longley, school leaders, and current governors and directors discuss the role and how rewarding it can be.

Opportunities are available across the Archdiocese, and all skills and backgrounds are welcome. Visit the diocesan website for more information: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

Fundraising/summer fayre meeting BH Wed 2nd July 7.30pm all volunteers very welcome to help arrange our summer fayre and plan our next fundraising events. Thank you.

The Archdiocese are looking to recruit a Senior Surveyor to join the property team. Please see poster at the back of Church for details.

March for Life - next weekend Joe Woodall from the Life organisation will be her to tell us about the March for life UK on Saturday 6th September in London! The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is 'Human Rights for All Humans'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady and All Saints Church, Stourbridge. DY8 1PQ at 6.30am. Seats cost £25, payable in advance. For more information or to book a seat, contact Alice: 07845 706362 or alice.grennan@gmail.com.

Young Pilgrims of hope Youth day - Saturday 12th July at Bishop Milner College for young people aged 13-35. Please see poster for details. Please contact the office if you need a registration form and can't get one from the QR code on the poster. Thanks

Pope's prayer intention for July - For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we may again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. Amen.