

SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL

June 29 marks the Feast of the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul in the Catholic Church calendar. These two great pillars of Christianity were both martyred for the faith. Their Feast is celebrated together. In the early Church, altars were built over the graves of the martyrs which the early Christians revered and they often became the place where the Eucharist was celebrated.

In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI announced the results of a scientific probe into the sarcophagus inside the Basilica of Saint Paul. "Small fragments of bone were found and radiocarbon dated by experts who did not know their place of origin. Results indicate that they belong to someone who lived between the 1st and 2nd century A.D. This seems to confirm the unanimous and undisputed tradition that these are the mortal remains of the Apostle Paul." The Emperor Constantine built a Basilica built over his tomb with the inscription "PAULO APOSTOLO MART" (Apostle Paul, Martyr).

Pope Benedict referred to the teachings of Paul and reminded the faithful that "courage is needed to adhere to the Church's faith, even if it contradicts the mould of today's world. Dedicating oneself to the inviolability of life from its beginning, recognizing the lifetime marriage between a man and a woman in accordance with the Creator's order, re-established again by Christ is part of a grown-up faith. A grown-up faith does not follow any current here and there. It is against the winds of fashion."

On this great Feast let us rededicate ourselves to being true witnesses, with an adult faith, willing to participate fully in this new missionary age of the Catholic Church. St. Peter and St. Paul, pray for us! *(Catholic online)*



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13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

27TH JUNE 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

LIFE AND DEATH

God gives life in abundance. Everything he creates has within it to flourish - just look how weeds can get through tarmac! This abundance reflects his generosity. The first reading reminds us it was the devil's envy that first led to isolation, suffering and death. In his ministry Jesus overturns these results of envy. His victory is complete, fulfilled through his Cross and Resurrection. Ultimately, we can side with the devil and remain envious and proud, or with Christ, in humility and trust. Are you to be a channel of life or death?
(Adapted)

Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
Sunday 26th/27th 13th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Nicholas Southall Stephanie Partridge People of the Parish
Monday 28th	7pm Vigil Mass BH	
Tuesday 29th SS PETER AND PAUL	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH 1pm Mass School 2.30pm Mass KF 4.30pm BH	Fr Stephen Adoration Geoff Smart Reception of Tom Healy
Wednesday 30th	1.30pm Funeral Mass BH	Tom Healy RIP
Thursday 1st		
Friday 2nd	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration Personal Intention
Saturday 3rd St Thomas	3pm KF	Wedding
Sunday 3rd/4th 14th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Catherine & Roger Meredith People of the Parish Mary Edwards

Please pray for all those whose have died especially Thomas Healy, those on our June and July deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: BH GA £320.00 Loose £559.89 (Includes Communion and Confirmation Masses), Sisters £40.00, Hall hire £60.00, Life £18.36, Donation £440.00

Please pray for all those who are sick including Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

SECOND COLLECTIONS This week there is a second collection for Peter's Pence.

SS PETER AND PAUL - 29TH JUNE

Normally this is a Holy day of Obligation. There will be Mass at each of our Churches to commemorate the Solemnity on Monday evening at 7pm at BH, 10am on Tuesday at OH and 2.30pm at KF

St Mary's Parish Centre - we urgently need a volunteer (or several !) to clean the Parish Centre once a week. After years of excellent service Margaret is unable to carry on due to injury. It's not a major time consuming job but is appreciated by all those who use the hall. Please see Fr Shanju or Stephanie if you can help. Thank you.

Jumble sale- There will be a jumble sale at Old Hill next Saturday 3rd July at 11am. As many helpers as are available are needed! Please see Madge Hill.

Sacramental Preparation - Last call!! If there are any children who are due to make their First Confession and/or First Holy Communion who do not attend a Catholic school, please let Fr Shanju know as soon as possible. Preparation can then be organised if there is a need.

Singing at Mass - Liz at Old Hill has been singing on her own since we have been able to have a small choir. She would love some company! If any one would like to sing at Mass please let her know on 07730 560806. A few extra voices would be welcome at all three Churches. All that's needed is a willing heart - everyone can sing!

Fr Stephen -Congratulations to Fr Stephen on his new appointment to Coventry. May God grant him health and holiness in this new beginning. Please keep him and his new Parish in your prayers. If you would like to donate to a leaving gift please put it in an envelope clearly marked and give it to Fr Shanju. Thank you. More details when we have them!

Pope's prayer intention for July:

We pray that, in social economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship. Amen.