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SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

Dear Friends,

Peter, originally known as Simon, was a fisherman by profession. Jesus called him, along with his brother Andrew, James, and John, to leave everything behind to become His follower and he did. At the end of a long journey through Tyre and Sidon and back to Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked what people thought about him and then what his followers have come to know him to be. Peter made a profound confession of faith that Jesus was the Messiah and Jesus gave him the nickname of “rock” (Matthew 16:18). All the Gospel writers list Peter first when naming the apostles of Jesus. However, Peter, the “rock-man”, was weak, imperfect, and so denied having any association with Jesus; three times (Luke 22:61). St. Peter shows us how challenging and difficult it is to follow the way of Jesus. Peter was martyred, crucified upside down on a cross in the year 64 in Rome. He served as the first bishop of Rome, all the bishops of Rome since then being his successors the Popes.

Paul, originally known as Saul, was a Roman citizen. He was a well-educated Jew and a member of the Pharisee party. He was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church (Acts 7:58). He was ruthless in persecuting the Christians. He had a dramatic and radical conversion on his way to Damascus and became a staunch defender of faith in Jesus. Saul the persecutor of Jesus became Paul the proclaimer of Jesus and His Gospel (Acts 9). Paul traveled around most of what was then the Roman Empire, establishing Christian communities. He was also martyred in Rome, three years after St. Peter, in the year 67 AD, by being beheaded since his Roman citizenship would not permit his being crucified.

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		Masses Requested	Saints & Feast
Sat 29 th June 5.30 pm	St. Peter's		Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 30 th June 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Gordon & Kathleen Keeley - RIP Caroline Hurst - RIP Paquita Lagman - RIP	Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul
Mon 1 st July	No Mass		
Tue 2 nd July 9.30am	St. Peter's		
Wed 3 rd July 10.00am	St. Michael's		St. Thomas, Apostle - Feast
Thu 4 th July 9.30am	St. Peter's		
Fri 5 th July 9.30am	St. Peter's		

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am and by appointment, please ring to arrange.

Thank you.

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 30th June. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

St. Peter's Parish BBQ 14th July: After a few barren years, we are delighted to reinstate our parish BBQ, which has been missed by many. Tickets are for sale after Mass, £10 each, with primary school children free. Please buy your tickets in advance to help us with catering arrangements. We ask each family to provide either a salad or desert. We need volunteers to set up on Sunday morning, and to clear away. Please make yourself known to Fr. Maria, John Quillan, Cathy Nelson or Lina Watts.

Second Collection - Peter's Pence: Today (June 30th) there will be a second collection taken for Peter's Pence, this is a fund for the Pope's personal charities. Let us be generous towards Peter's Pence.

Red Box 2023: Thank you!

In 2023 St. Peter's raised £1,422.82 through our Red Boxes and direct donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Peter's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community.

Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

Missio Team St. Peters

Diocesan Day: This will be held on Saturday 6th July at St. Bernadettes Secondary School Whitchurch Bristol starting with refreshments at 9.30am and it will finish at 4.00pm. The poster includes booking details.

Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. Please do come to one of our information evenings which will be taking place around the Diocese in June/July. Here you will hear in more detail about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs including the role of parishes to support those who are successful in obtaining a place. One of the information evenings is being held in St Peter's Hall, Cirencester on Tuesday 16th July 2024 commencing @ 7.00pm. Please see the poster on for further information.

General Election 2024

The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday, 4th July.

The Bishops' Conference for England and Wales has a section of resources offering information and guidance on key issues of importance to us. There you will find information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

More information can be found here: [General Election 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £472.58 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

St. Michael's: £160.45

On Sea Sunday let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times

“Some of the seafarers I meet have travelled through the conflict area of the Red Sea, with its risks of attacks from Houthis, then have sailed on to the Black Sea with its own dangers, given there is no agreement on maritime safety,” says Stella Maris’ Odesa port chaplain Fr. Alex Smerechynskyy in Ukraine.

As a result of the conflict in Gaza, ships sailing through the Red Sea face the threat of Houthi missiles, drone attacks and raiding parties. Since last November, the Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels.

Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is one of the few maritime charities with chaplains based in Ukraine. They carry out ship visits from the southern port city of Odesa. Here they work with seafarers on the frontline, witnessing the impact it is having on them.

Many ship owners are not allowing crew members to go ashore during their time in Odesa, for security reasons. So, visits on board ships by the Stella Maris team there are proving increasingly important in countering the isolation and loneliness that seafarers often experience.

On Sea Sunday, which falls on 14th July this year, let us pray for seafarers, fishers, and the work of Stella Maris. Let us remember especially those seafarers who are sailing through conflict zones and those who have been abandoned in distant lands.

To find out more about Sea Sunday, please visit: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>

Full report: [On Sea Sunday let us remember seafarers facing conflict, abandonment and tough times](#)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury – Sunday 14th July

The Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury will take place on Sunday, 14th July 2024. This year's pilgrimage will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Prayer'.

From 12 noon until 3:00 pm, the Shrine Church will transform into a chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration, offering a peaceful and contemplative environment just opposite the Abbey grounds. During this time, visiting priests will provide the sacrament of Reconciliation in the Shrine Church.

In addition, from 12 noon until 3:00 pm, Private Healing Prayer will be offered in a single tented chapel located just inside the Abbey gates, opposite the Shrine Church.

At 2:15 pm, the Rosary procession will commence in the Abbey grounds, followed by the Pilgrimage Mass at 3:30 pm, also held in the Abbey grounds.

Fr Dominic has recorded a welcome video for this year's Pilgrimage which you can watch below:

[Glastonbury Pilgrimage | Clifton Diocese](#)



Thank You