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SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

YEAR C

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

MONDAY

7:00pm Mass

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass (includes Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing
with his Relic

9:30am Sacrament of Penance

5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Tuesday – Friday

Before & after Mass (*depending on
priests' availability*).

BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays.

Minimum booking time: two months
in advance.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

7:00pm Mass, Adoration begins.

3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am Saturday Mass

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass,
then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

On June 29, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul to honor the two great apostles Peter and Paul. St. Peter, one of the Twelve and the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul "called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God" (Romans 1:1) and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honored as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero.



"Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ." (Pope Benedict XVI)

St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul:

(They) share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.

Who was St. Peter and why was he important?

St. Peter was one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles and the first Pope. Peter was a Jewish fisherman before he was called to be an Apostle. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter ("Rock") and gave Him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19), which is why St. Peter is often depicted with keys.

How did St. Peter die?

St. Peter was crucified in Nero's circus on Vatican Hill, sometime between 64 and 68 A.D. He was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die the same way as his Lord. Afterward, he was laid to rest in a nearby cemetery. That cemetery can be seen today in excavations under St. Peter's Basilica, and the remains of a 2nd-century shrine built over the

burial spot. In the 1960s bones believed to be Peter's were found preserved in its wall and today the box containing them can be seen in a chapel under the papal altar.

Was St. Peter the first Pope?

Christ Himself appointed St. Peter as the chief of the Apostles. Ever since then, there has been an unbroken transmission of spiritual authority to Peter's successors in Rome. They, in turn, lead the bishops (successors of the other Apostles), and thus the whole People of God. This is called apostolic succession, and it is the guarantee of the unity of the Catholic Church in every place and time with Christ and the Apostles.

What is St. Peter the patron saint of?

St. Peter is the patron saint of fishermen, net makers, and shipbuilders. Together with St. Paul, he is also the patron saint of Rome.

What is St. Paul mostly known for?

St. Paul is one of the greatest saints of the early Church, most recognized for his conversion. Before being called by Christ, he was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a fervent enemy of Christ. Paul's conversion was a pure miracle of God's grace. He is a perfect example of true conversion. He had dedicated himself to persecuting Christians but the moment he met Christ his life changed radically, instantly, and completely. When the Lord called him, he left behind his old ways and became a new person, fully willing to follow Christ and his teachings and precepts.

In commenting on St. Paul's conversion, Pope Francis said that this conversion story affects all of us because we all "have a hardness of heart," just as Saul did, and just like Saul, we are all called to conversion.

Why did St. Paul convert to Christianity?

St. Paul was converted by Christ Himself by His appearance to him on the road to Damascus. This encounter brought about his dramatic and immediate conversion. In commenting on the conversion of St. Paul, Pope Benedict XVI states that when Paul met Christ on the road to Damascus, "... it was not simply

a conversion ... but rather a death and a resurrection for Paul himself. One existence died and another, a new one was born with the Risen Christ."

Why are Sts. Peter and Paul called the patron saints of Rome?

Peter and Paul are called the patron saints of Rome because, in the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "the Christian community of [Rome] considered them a kind of counterbalance to the mythical Romulus and Remus, the two brothers held to be the founders of Rome." Sts. Peter and Paul were central to the foundation and advancement of the early Church, thus it is fitting that they would be the patron saints of Rome.

Article from: <https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/stspeterandpaul/>
Picture from: <https://uk.pinterest.com/bellicosae/saints-peter-and-paul/>

DIOCESAN NEWS

MET NATURAL FERTILITY COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE SEMINAR: 2 August

MET Natural Fertility is holding a free seminar for couples hoping to conceive on Saturday 2 August from 1pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. We will have couples present to share their amazing stories of how their fertility has been restored and they've achieved pregnancy. To register, visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL : Closes 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org



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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

FR. JOHNSON IS LEADING A PILGRIMAGE: SHRINES OF OUR LADY

18 August - 03 September 2025.

Places that will be visited are Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Turin, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, Rome. For more info, please see the flyer on the noticeboard for more details. If you are interested, please see Fr Johnson before 30 June.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

THIS WEEKEND 28 & 29 June

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held this weekend. This supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION



This Friday 04 July 7pm: Mass followed by All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9am: Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio. Come and spend time with Our Lord. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS-VIGIL OF REPARATION FOR THE HOLY YEAR JUBILEE 2025

Date: Friday 11 July, with 7.30pm Mass to Saturday 12 July 12am. The full Program will soon be made available.

SUNDAY 29 JUNE:

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Year C

Monday 30 June: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church **Thursday 03 July:** St Thomas

Friday 04 July : St Elizabeth of Portugal

Saturday 05 July: St Anthony Zaccaria

NEXT SUNDAY 06 JULY:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14, Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1,

Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 01 July: Helen Sipeli

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL & ENROLMENT OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

When: Saturday 12 July, 9:00am Mass, followed by the Blessing and enrolment of the Brown Scapular.



FRESH FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

Volunteers are welcome to donate and arrange or donate only, fresh flowers to be put in vases in the Church. These can be brought to the parish office during the week or at the weekends. Thank you.

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation: www.aidtochurch.org/holyland

MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: **For the Deceased:** Maria Rosato, Milagros Ablir, Carmelina, Thomas & Eliyamma, Emanuel Tabone, Mario Cauchi. **Prayers for the Sick:** Allan Mc Lean, Anna Mei Kennedy, Nick Brien, Chris Shihada, Maria Joseph, Andrea Lopez, Rosalie Crowder, Christian Casulla, Xara Kaye, April Cataroja, Susan, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella, Vincent De Giovanni. **Please contact the office to offer a Mass.**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 05/06 JULY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Trudi Almeida	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Manny Medel
READER	1. Trudi Almeida 2. Maz Lirio	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
MUSIC	Mitchell's Group		Children's Choir
BAPTISMS			Daniel Rossetto
HOSPITALITY		HELP NEEDED	Zon Lupisan & Deb Vella
CLEANING TEAM	Mel Gaudoin, Meghan Warda MORE HELPERS NEEDED		

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First Reading Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

