

Compassion calls

# SUNDAY Plus

29 JUNE 2025

Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles **Divine Office Week I** Year C

## You are Peter...



In the Gospel for today, the solemnity of the holy apostles, Ss Peter and Paul, Jesus says to Simon, one of the Twelve: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church". Peter is a name that has several meanings: it can mean rock, stone, or simply, pebble. And, in fact, if we look at Peter's life, we discover a bit of all three of these aspects of his name...

This is all in Peter: the strength of the rock, the reliability of the stone and the littleness of a simple pebble. He is not a superman — he is a human being like us, like every one of us, who, in his imperfection, generously says "yes" to Jesus... And it is with this true humanity that the Spirit forms the Church. Peter and Paul were real people. And today, more than ever, we

need real people.

Now, let us take a look inside ourselves and ask ourselves some questions starting from the rock, from the stone and from the pebble. From the rock: is there ardour, zeal, passion for the Lord and for the Gospel in us? Or is there something that easily crumbles? And then, are we stones, not stumbling blocks, but building blocks for the Church? Do we work for unity, are we concerned for others, especially the weakest? Finally, thinking of the pebble: Are we aware of our littleness? And above all, in our weaknesses, do we entrust ourselves to the Lord who accomplishes great things through those who are humble and sincere?

Pope Francis

## Even the crows?

By Mary Bell

Having promised the previous owners of our house that we would "look after the birds", we bought a birdfeeder. A new, delightful world opened up for us: rainbow-coloured wings; the charm of watching a family of coal tits as the adults fed the small, fat youngsters on a nearby tamarisk tree.

However, before long, the local crows sussed out that there were easy pickings to be had and in no time columns of birdseed

"disappeared" within twenty-four hours of being filled.

The answer was to invest in a birdfeeder with apertures too small for the crows. Problem solved!

But then remorse set in. Were the jackdaws and rooks not also worthy of being fed? This led me to reflect that the situation that confronted Peter and Paul was not dissimilar: to spread Jesus' words to both Jews and Gentiles. All were hungry for the Good News.

Regardless of the differences and intolerance between the two groups, Jesus wanted all to be fed with his message of love.

*Following many years in the classroom and as Head of RE, retired teacher Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauty of the natural world around her.*

## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Practise patience

Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope". For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution. Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realise that evangelisation is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of Jubilee Year of Hope



St Teresa of Avila



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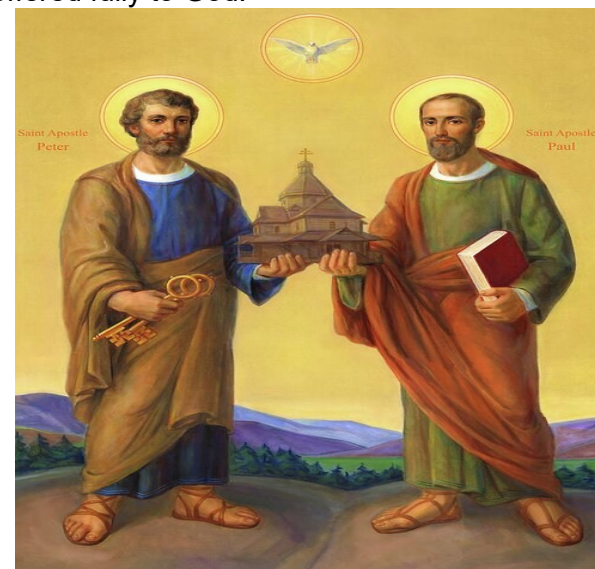
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## Saints Peter and Paul Sunday 29th June 2025

### The Word This Week

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travel-ing throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: "'Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign With princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?'" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.



## SS. Peter & Paul

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| FISHERMAN  | CRUCIFIED  | PREACHER   | PHARISEE  | GENTILES  |
| DISCIPLE   | BETRAYED   | BEHEADED   | WITNESS   | TAURUS    |
| STEPHEN    | CONVERT    | CESAREA    | APOSTLE   | ANTIOCH   |
| ANANIAS    | JEWISH     | MARTYR     | SAINTS    | SIMON     |
| SILAS      | SAINT      | BLIND      | SAUL      | ROME      |

| Mass Times 29th June       |                                         |                                                             |
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| Sunday 29th                | Vigil - Saturday 28th<br>Sunday Morning | 4pm - Parish<br>11am - Michael Joseph Lee (1st Anniversary) |
| Monday 30th                | No Mass                                 |                                                             |
| Tuesday 1st July           | No Mass                                 |                                                             |
| Wednesday 2nd July         | No Mass                                 |                                                             |
| Thursday 3rd               | Mass                                    | 6pm Exposition<br>6.30pm (sick and infirm clergy)           |
| Friday 4th                 | Mass                                    | 9.30am Ian John Stierl                                      |
| Saturday 5th<br>Sunday 6th | Vigil Mass                              | 4pm Graham Stierl<br>11am Parish                            |
| Saturday & Sunday          | Sacrament of Reconciliation             | Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass             |

Mass Offerings:)

Tom Lally (RIP); Trudy Mitchell (RIP); Winnie Jones (Special Intentions) Ashley Carter Lawlor (special intentions); Lois Upton (special intentions)

**Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)**

**Red Mission Boxes**

Any Parishioners who have a red mission box please bring them in to be emptied. The Mill Hill Fathers rely on the money raised from these boxes to finance their missionary work overseas and very much appreciate your support and generosity. Thank you, Paula & Dorothy

**Offertory Envelopes.**

If you have not yet collected your box of Offertory Envelopes for this new Tax year, please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection

**Vigil Mass;** 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank  
**Sunday Morning;** 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

**Recent deaths in our Parish**

The death has occurred of May Mulholland. . Also sadly the death has occurred of May’s husband Frank Mulholland. Their Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 9th July at 12pm. Our prayers and condolences go to their family and friends

May they rest in peace.



**Altar Prayer Candles**

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady’s Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary’s. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.



**Congratulations**

We would like to offer our Congratulations to James Stephenson, who has been accepted by Bishop John Arnold, as a Permanent Diaconate

**Mass Intentions.**

All the July Masses have now been allocated, we will now forward any intentions to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st August.

**Email Address.**

We are in the process of bringing in a new Parish Email address, **rcdenton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk**. This is a more secure address and will start to be rolled out over the next few weeks



**What's coming up in your Parish**

**July**

10th THUR – 7pm Scripture Course (please note change of date)

9th WED – 7pm Film Night – Remember the Titans (PG) 2hrs

**August**

7th THUR - 7pm Scripture Course

13th WED – 7pm Film Night – Seabiscuit (PG) 2hr 20min

**Salford Diocese Information**

**Madonna Del Rosario Procession**

The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 6 July. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from The Halle St Michael’s, George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter’s Square, where Mgr Anthony Kay will lead a short service. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

**Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass**

St Patrick’s church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester  
Sunday 27th July 2025 at 5.30pm

Whether you’re travelling with us to Lourdes or are looking to accompany us in prayer at home, join us as we gather together in prayer for our Pre-Departure Mass for this year’s diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage**

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special pilgrimage opportunity to celebrate the Season of Creation in this Holy Year of Jubilee. Taking place on Thursday 25 September, this prayerful experience offers opportunities for everyone, whether taking on our nine-mile pilgrimage walk, joining us for our liturgies throughout the day, or receiving our virtual pilgrimage pack to explore in your own time. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-for-our-common-home/>

**Deanery Pilgrimage to the Hidden Gem – Jubilee Year of Hope**

As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, the Deanery of St Clare will be making a special pilgrimage to one of the Holy Doors in our diocese, located at The Hidden Gem – Manchester’s historic Catholic church tucked away in the heart of the city.

**Date: Sunday , 29th June**

This is a wonderful opportunity to renew our faith, receive the graces of the Jubilee indulgence, and spend time in prayer and reflection. We will conclude our pilgrimage with 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Evening Prayer inside the church.

**Travel Details:**

- Meeting Point:** If you’re making your own way, please join us at St Peter’s Square (near the central Library) by 4:30pm for a short walk to the church.

Adoration will begin at 5:00pm in the Hidden Gem.

Let this Jubilee be a time of grace for our deanery—come, walk with us through the Holy