

SUNDAY *Plus*

Ss Peter and Paul **Divine Office Week I** Year A

See and understand

[Peter] could see that the promise of the work already done by Paul, Barnabas, himself and many others, was far greater than had been that early growth in Jerusalem.

"Go and teach all nations," Jesus had commanded, and because Peter himself had taken the first real step to carry out the command, he knew that he must not let a small group of stubborn men in Jerusalem hamstring the glorious future offered for the further spread of the Gospel

by shackling it with restrictions that Jesus himself had long ago removed... Peter rose to his feet.

"Brethren, you know that a good while ago God made a choice among us that the Gentiles should hear the word of the Gospel through my mouth and believe it," he said, speaking with the simple, earthy logic that was such a vital part of him. "God, who knows the heart of everyone, bore witness concerning them by giving them the Holy Spirit, even as he did

to us, and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved even as they" ...

When Peter sat down, Paul rose to tell of the journey he and Barnabas had made to Cyprus and the mainland of Asia Minor. With his usual eloquence, he described the longing of people everywhere to hear the teachings of Jesus and the good news that, through his death upon the cross, the Master had ransomed them all and given them the gift of eternal life.

Frank G. Slaughter, *Upon This Rock: a novel of Simon Peter*



Image: The icon of Saint Peter (Simon) in The Church of Saints Gervasius and Protasius in Pavia, Italy. Adam Jan Figal © Shutterstock

Jesus, Son of the living God, build your Church upon my faith. Strengthen me whenever I feel weak and scared. May I see your mercy and truth in the love of the people around me. ✚ Amen.

Learn from each other

Six blind men heard that an elephant had been brought to the town, but none of them knew of its shape and form. Curious, they decided to investigate using their sense of touch. So, when they found the animal, they felt around it. The first person, who handled the trunk, said, "This being is like a thick snake." For another, whose hand

reached its ear, it seemed like a kind of fan. The third man placed his hand upon the elephant's leg and described it as a pillar like a tree-trunk. The man who felt the animal's side decided that the elephant resembled a wall. Another, who felt its tail, described it as a rope. The last man felt its tusk and believed the elephant to be hard, smooth and like a spear.

And so, all of them were right and all of them were wrong.

Ancient Hindu parable

Our patron saints followed different paths, had different ideas and at times argued with one another with evangelical frankness. Yet this did not prevent them from living... a fruitful harmony in diversity.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week Monday 30 June

Blessed Philip Powell (1594-1646)

Blessed Philip Powell was a Benedictine monk and Catholic priest who became a martyr during the English Civil War. Born in Wales in 1594, he was raised as a Protestant but later converted to Catholicism and became a Benedictine. Ordained in 1628, he secretly ministered to Catholics in England at a time when Catholicism was illegal. Known for his deep spirituality and cheerful demeanour, he bravely served the faithful in South Wales and Devon, often at great personal risk. In 1646, during the height of anti-Catholic sentiment, he was arrested aboard a ship while fleeing to safety. He was imprisoned in London and tried for being a Catholic priest, which was considered treason. Despite the threat of execution, he remained calm and unwavering in his faith. On 30 June 1646, he was hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn. Blessed Philip Powell was beatified in 1929 and is remembered for his courage and joyful witness.

READINGS

Today:
Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

Monday:
Amos 2:6-10, 13-16
Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday:
Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday:
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday:
Amos 7:10-17
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday:
Ephesians 2:19-22
John 20:24-29

Saturday:
Amos 9:11-15
Matthew 9:14-17

Next Sunday:
Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



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"The Spirit, the dispenser of the treasures that are in the Father and keeper of the counsels that are between the Father and the Son, pours himself so sweetly into the soul that He is not perceived, and His greatness is understood by few." St Mary Magdalene Of Pazzi

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL

Sat. 27th June 6:30pm. Rose-Marie Almeida
(Anniversary RIP)

Sun. 28th June 9:30am. Jenny Lynch (Anniversary RIP)
11:00am. David Owens (Birthday RIP)

Mon. 29th June 10:00am. NO MASS

Tues. 30th June 10:00am. Vlad (Special Intention)

Wed. 1st July 10:00am. David Owens
(Second Anniversary RIP)

Thur. 2nd July 10:00am. Alan George (Anniversary RIP)

Fri. 3rd July 6:00pm. Adoration and Benediction
7:00pm. Anna and Family (Special Intention)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat. 4th July 6:30pm. Mona & Deidre Egan (RIP)

Sun. 5th July 9:30am. Anne Lobo (RIP)

Guia Fernandez
(Second Anniversary RIP)

11:00am. Alf and Maria Oliva (RIP)

Second Offertory this weekend is for Peter's Pence, the Pope's initiative for social promotion projects and defending the most vulnerable, including victims of war and natural disasters.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 This is the last weekend to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please do so via the parish website. Closing date is **Sunday 28th June 2026**. Sessions begin in July.

Magnifica Humanitas the first encyclical from Pope Leo XIV. For the next 3 weeks, Fr Ben leads as we explore, reflect and pray during the Holy Hour on Friday, on the integral development and protection of the human person in an era of AI.

St Cecilia's Church Summer Fayre Saturday 11th July 1pm to 4pm.
Donation boxes at the back of the church. Listen out for announcements.

Mass of the Sick Saturday 4th July at 2pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Everyone is invited. Please sign up for catering purposes.

Gardening Help There is still much to do around the parish grounds. A group of parishioners are getting together Saturday 4th July from 9:30am onwards, to clear the overgrown greenage. Come along if you can lend a helping hand.

Please note there will be no 10am Mass on Wednesday 8th July.

Saints of the Week

27th St Cyril of Alexandria

28th SS Peter & Paul

28th St Irenaeus

30th First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

1st St Oliver Plunkett

3rd St Thomas

4th The Blessed Virgin Mary

4th St Elizabeth of Portugal Pray for us.

Upcoming Mass Intentions

7th M. Brookes; 9th Peter Hannon;

10th Luisa Gabitan; 11th Marc Chavrimootoo

REPOSE OF THE SOUL



Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Marc Chavrimootoo

His funeral is the 8th July at 12 noon here at St Cecilia's and at North East Surrey Crematorium at 1.20pm.

May He Rest in Peace and Rise to Glory.

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:

Please pray for the wellbeing of:
D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall;
Amy Bradbury; Marie Goti; Michael Christou;
John Rosenow; Mary Silva; Michael Hoskins;
Phyllis Sibley and Martha Gilbert.

St Raphael Hospice Sponsored Walk A message of thanks, has come from the Hospice and Martin Brown, for your generosity and support. A contribution of £3435.00 makes a difference. Please see posters in the church.



A Family in Need. This is not a usual parish request. Friends in the parish seek your help to support a local family care for their wife and mother. Anna is a mum of two

beautiful young people, both still at school in our local community. About a year ago Ana was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer, having battled through treatment, she is now being cared for at a local hospice. Her family are on their own and so we ask your help in raising funds to assist them in their greatest time of need. Please keep them in your prayers, let them know they are loved and not forgotten. A fund raising page is set up especially at: <https://gofund.me/5486f9355>