

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

**Collect:** O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul

give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## First Reading:

**Acts 12:1-11**

**'Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.'**

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

**R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**C/ THANKS BE TO GOD**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Ps 34(33):2-9. R. 5**



I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth.

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

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)**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

This lowly one called; the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress. **(R)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who fear him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **(R)**

**Second Reading:**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

**'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'**

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**C/ THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Matthew 16:18**

**(ALL STAND)**

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

*Alleluia.*

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 16:13-19**

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

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

**P/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

**C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**



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## 28TH JUNE 2026 | FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL (YEAR A)

### Sunday Mass Times:

6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10am (Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn) 5pm (Portuguese)

### Other Mass Times:

Mondays & Fridays: 12 Noon  
Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:30am

### Holy Days of Obligation:

As announced



### Confession Times:

Fridays 12.35-1pm, Saturdays 11-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays: 12:30pm-1pm,  
Saturdays: 5.15-5.45pm

### Parish Office Opening Times:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 10am-2pm  
Wednesdays: Closed

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two men who stand at the very foundations of the Church. They were not perfect men. Peter knew doubt, fear and failure; Paul had to be converted from a path of violence and opposition to Christ. Yet both allowed the grace of God to transform them. Weakness became strength. Doubt became faith. Fear became courage.

Peter's confession of faith — "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" — remains at the heart of the Church's faith. Paul's encounter with the risen Lord on the road to Damascus changed the whole direction of his life. From then on, he preached Christ crucified and risen with total conviction.

Both Peter and Paul gave their lives for Christ. Their martyrdom reminds us that faith is not simply a matter of words, but of witness, courage, integrity and generous love. They show us what it means to follow Christ with our whole lives.

Their feast also invites us to take stock. Where is God calling us to deeper faith, renewal and conversion? How can we, in our own time and place, become apostles of Christ's love, justice, reconciliation and peace?

May Saints Peter and Paul pray for us, that we may have their courage, their faith, and their wholehearted commitment to Christ.

Have a blessed week.

*Father Mark.*

**SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE TO THE PARISH (SUNDAY COLLECTION ETC):**



# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

## SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Father Anthony, Margaret Quinn, Michael O'Brien, Christine Smith, Alice O'Neill, Jilly Taylor, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O'Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter, Ann Olive, Esmeralda Costa.

## HAL LAMPS: MARIA CELILOVA (ANN)

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** We pray for all those who have died recently.

**DEAD ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for all those who died around this time.



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

R	Day	Date	Feast/Event	Vigil	Time	Intention
R	Sunday	28th June	<b>SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL, APOSTLES</b>	Vigil	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 10:00 am 12 Noon	Evening Prayer of the Church Betty Doughney (Get Well) Martha Low (ANN) People of the Parish
G	Monday	29th June	Feria		12 Noon	Luciana Cecelia Deniz (RIP)
G	Tuesday	30th June	Feria			<b>NO MASS IN OUR CHURCH TODAY</b>
W	Wednesday	1st July	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH</b>		9:30 am	Anthony Pascal Deniz (RIP)
G	Thursday	2nd July	Feria		9:30 am	Maria Aurora Maximiliana Gonsales (RIP)
R	Friday <b>Abstinence</b>	3rd July	Saint Thomas, Apostle		12 Noon	Joao Francisco Deniz (RIP)
G	Saturday	4th July	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Vigil	6:00 pm	Remigia Pascoal Deniz (RIP)

# NEWS AND VIEWS

### Vespers (Evening Prayer)

On Saturday evenings, Sung Evening Prayer is celebrated at 5:15pm before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us.

### Donate to the Parish.

For your convenience, scan the QR code to donate to the Sunday collection and other collections for the Mission of our church. You can also set up regular offerings and donations. This QR Code will be displayed on church notice boards etc to make giving easier. We thank you for your generosity.

### THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary has formed their new Praesidium here at our church under the patronage of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom. They meet on Sundays at 1pm after the 12 Noon Mass.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 29th June 7.30pm: **Camden Light Orchestra** will perform their Summer Concert here at Our lady of Hal Church. Tickets £15, under 10 £5.

### THANKSGIVING MASS AND BARBECUE FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS FRIDAY 3RD JULY, 6:30PM.UPDATE:

The reception of canapes that was to follow the Mass is now replaced by a Barbecue and Drinks in the hall. The Mass will be at 6:30pm followed by the Barbecue at 7pm. Both meat and vegetarian options will be available in addition to various salads. In order to establish numbers for catering, please place your name on the sign up sheets at the back of the church. This is open to all who volunteer within the Parish to include: Readers, Altar Servers and their Parents/Guardians, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers, Church Cleaners, those who hand out Hymn Books, Flower Arrangers, Catechists, Support Catechists, Counters, Event Volunteers, Newsletter Folders, Tea & Coffee Supporters, Finance Committee Members, Order of Service Folders past & present, ladies of the linen and those who clear away after weekday Mass.

### UPDATE: PARISH COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 11TH JULY, 10:30AM-12:30PM

All donations of Home Baked goods or Shop bought goods will be greatly appreciated. Please have the cakes delivered to the office by the 10th of June. Alternatively, please indicate to Carl that you will be bringing your home-baked cake on the day.

### WORLDWIDE ROSARY

Radio Maria UK is hosting a World Wide Rosary on Wednesday, 26th August at 3:00pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. The Rosary will be broadcast live across our network of Radio Maria stations worldwide, with almost a billion people praying together. We warmly invite pilgrims to join us at the Shrine and bring their voices to this extraordinary moment of global prayer. Further information is available at [www.RadioMaria.uk](http://www.RadioMaria.uk).

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS: JUNE

#### *For the values of sports*

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth; the world might grow in compassion.

### PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI

Eddie Gilmore is leading a walking pilgrimage to Assisi from September 18th- 26th, 2026: one night in Florence then six days along the beautiful 'Way of Francis'. Contact Eddie for more information: [gileag@gmail.com](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org)

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2026

**FHC 2026:** Congratulations to the 11 children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday!

**Confirmation 2026:** Congratulations to our Confirmands who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday!

### TEA & COFFEE

Parishioners and visitors are all welcome to join us in the Van Pelt Hall after 10am Sunday Mass.

### COLLECTIONS: LAST SUNDAY (THANK YOU!)

Friday Collection: £32.23 Envelopes: £254.00 Loose: £297.45 Total: £583.68  
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £434.64 and £519 per week by standing order.