



# SS PETER & PAUL (A)

## SCHEDULE

Sun 28th	<b>Sts Peter and Paul</b> 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	<b>Parish Community</b> 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 29th	<b>Ordinary Time Wk 13</b> 08:00 Mass	
Tue 30th	<b>Ordinary Time Wk 13</b> 09:15 Mass with SH School	
Wed 1st	<b>Ordinary Time Wk 13</b>	—
Thu 2nd	<b>Garden Open</b> 10:00-12:00	
	<b>Ordinary Time Wk 13</b> 12:00 Mass	
	<b>Parish Community</b> 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 3rd	<b>St Thomas</b> 09:15 Mass with SF School	
Sat 4th	<b>Garden Open</b> 10:00-12:00	
	<b>Confirmation Programme</b> 10:45-14:15 Final Session	
	<b>Ordinary Time Wk 13</b> 11:00 Confession 12:00 Parish Mass	
	<b>Ordinary Time: 14th Sunday</b> 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 5th	<b>Ordinary Time: 14th Sunday</b> 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	<b>Parish Community</b> 11:45 Refreshments	

## “PETER, FOREMOST IN CONFESSING THE FAITH, PAUL, ITS OUTSTANDING PREACHER”

The world's media is focussed on the World Cup. Certain footballers, especially forwards, are receiving much attention, adulation and even worship. Images of Messi, Ronaldo, Haaland and Kane are held up as if they were gods to be prayed to. I've also noticed in recent years how certain players and managers who are still alive have been immortalised in statues.

What we celebrate today is far more important than all this! We celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two great saints at the foundation of the Church who are seen as being effectively the first two popes of the Catholic Church.

It is a strange truth that saints who are intended to inspire us as role models can actually put us off. How could we ever be like the saints? We might look at our own lives and rightly conclude that we do not compare very favourably with such people.

Saints Peter and Paul are very good examples of saints who were far from perfect and who were still chosen by Our Lord. They overcame their failings and weaknesses and triumphed. Surely, this should encourage us that no matter the state of our lives at present, by God's grace, we too could experience a similar turnaround.

St Peter famously denied Jesus three times, despite Jesus warning him that he was going to do this. And yet, after his Resurrection, Jesus gave Peter three chances to restate his love and he appointed him as the “rock” on which he would build his Church.

St Paul was even worse! He persecuted Christians and even, as in the case of St Stephen, approved of their execution. It was only after his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus that he began to follow the one true God and he became one of the greatest missionaries the Church has ever known. He was the “Apostle to the Gentiles” and made three journeys around the Mediterranean lands and was responsible for the birth of many Christian communities.

So, I do still expect to watch a bit more of the World Cup and to enjoy it, but the great shouts and celebrations should be reserved for these two great saints.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

## PRAYER FOR ASSENT TO MISSION

*Lord, I thank You for calling me to a blessed and unique mission in life. I choose, this day, that which You have given to me.*

*I promise to say “Yes” to You throughout my life and to never tire of fulfilling Your Will.*

*I love You, Lord.*

*Help me to love You with my life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## PARISH PRAYERS

*If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**ANNIVERSARY:** GEMMA GEOFF (1ST) X 3. **BIRTHDAY:** MARY BRENNAN (90TH). **RECENTLY DECEASED:** BERNADETTE REGAN

## OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AILSA SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

## TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE

£1 and £2, 4 varieties: Roma, Gardeners Delight, Moneymaker and Spanish. The parish Garden is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am till 12pm. Or email [sacredheartgarden@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartgarden@gmail.com) to arrange collection. You can also come along any Saturday to help keep the garden looking good. No experience is necessary.



## LGBT+

**Saturday 25th July at 17:00** will be the next Salford Diocese Mass celebrated in fellowship with LGBT+ brethren. **Everyone is welcome.** Refreshments will be provided after mass. Allow time to park in the local university area. St. Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, M15 6BW—The church is accessible by stairs or lift.

## THE DIVINE OFFICE

We are now joining together to pray the Divine Office (the prayer of the Church) on both **Saturday evenings (SF 17:00)** and **Sunday mornings (SH 10:00)**. Prayer sheets are available so please do come to the front of church and join in.

## RIGHT TO LIFE UK

On Wednesday, we celebrated the Nativity of St John the Baptist. We pray that, like St John the Baptist leaping in his mother's womb, we may recognise Christ in our neighbour, especially the unborn. **Lord hear us.**

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

To keep you up-to-date, we use email-list, our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#). We have a parish [WhatsApp group](#) (over 18s only). If you would like to be added, please [email the parish office](#). The newsletter is published online as well as being emailed, added to WhatsApp and printed.

## CONTACT US

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## INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

**Sunday 28th June** at 5:30pm, St James & All Souls, Salford, M6 5JA. Fr David Marsden, co-founder of Theology of the Body Network UK, clinical psychologist and spiritual director will be giving a talk, question and answer session and there will be Adoration and time to socialise after. All are welcome.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – LOVE FOR A LIFETIME

This course has the subtitle: 'We Build the House of Our Marriage' and is made up of four units: Foundations that can Carry for a Lifetime, A Wedding of the Stories of two Families, Our Vision of Marriage, God in our Married Life. Please note – this course is run on Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th September 2026 at 2pm until 5pm. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please contact Fr Herbert Opara at [fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk](mailto:fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk) or Fr Bryan Cunningham at [fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk](mailto:fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk). St John Fisher RC Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley, BL4 8QQ.

## MEXICAN MEAL

On **Saturday 11 July at 7.00 p.m.** there will be a Mexican meal in the Parish Centre. The evening will include entertainment and dancing. A similar event three years ago was extremely popular. Many of the tickets for this event have already been sold outside the parish and there are just 30 on offer for our parishioners: cost is £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children. Tickets are available after masses from Fr Kevin.



## MARIAN PROCESSION 2026

Madonna Del Rosario Procession Sunday 5th July at 1:15pm. Meet at Hallé, St Michael's, George Lee Street, Ancoats. The procession will go through to St Peter's Square. All welcome.




## SALFORD CATHEDRAL

Salford Cathedral will reopen to the public on Saturday 4th July. After more than 175 years, the cathedral was in urgent need of significant restoration to address the longstanding repairs to its failing stonework and towering infrastructure. Due to the extent of the repair work, the project cost in excess of £20 million. Restoration costs have been met from diocesan reserves alongside a generous legacy gift from the Albert Gubay Foundation. You can see a video and photographs of the work completed:

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)



## OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND JUNE 26-27TH	
 Basket	Tbc
 Basket	Tbc
 Digital	tbc

Please consider making offertory contributions **by Standing Order**. If required, forms are available at each church, use the QR code, or **transfer** directly from your bank:



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