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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (SOLEMNITY) YEAR C

Matthew 16:13-19

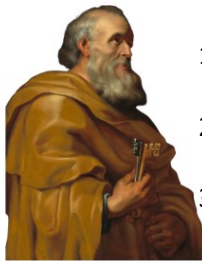
6 Amazing Things to Know About Saints Peter and Paul

"We celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood." – Saint Augustine

On 29th June, we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, two great apostles who laid the foundations of the Church and gave their lives for Christ. Though different in background and mission, their united witness continues to inspire us today.

Why Celebrate Them Together? Though their missions differed—Peter to the Jews, Paul to the Gentiles—they shared a common faith and martyrdom in Rome. Their joint feast reflects the unity and diversity of the Church's mission.

Their Legacy Today: Pope Leo XIV The legacy of Peter and Paul continues through their successors. Pope Leo XIV, elected in May 2025, is the first American and first Augustinian pope. By choosing the name "Leo," he honours Popes Leo I (St Leo the Great) and Leo XIII—both known for defending the faith and strengthening Church unity.



Saint Peter – The Rock of the Church

1. Originally Simon, a fisherman from Galilee, called by Jesus.
2. One of the Twelve Apostles, introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew.
3. Known for both deep faith and human weakness—denied Jesus, but repented.
4. Appointed by Christ as leader of the apostles—the first Pope.
5. Crucified upside down in Rome, out of humility.
6. St Peter's Basilica stands over his tomb in the Vatican.

Saint Paul – Fearless Preacher of the Church

1. Born Saul, a Pharisee who persecuted early Christians.
2. Converted after encountering Jesus on the road to Damascus.
3. Travelled widely, preaching and founding Christian communities.
4. Wrote many New Testament letters (Epistles).
5. Beheaded in Rome under Emperor Nero.
6. Patron saint of missionaries and evangelists.



Appeal for Catechists and Helpers – Sacramental Programmes

We are looking for **catechists and volunteers** to support our parish's sacramental preparation programmes, including **First Holy Communion**, **Confirmation**, and **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Over the past year we have been blessed to accompany:

- 85 children receiving their First Holy Communion
- 36 young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
- 19 adults baptised or received into the Catholic Church

To continue this important work we need **your support and involvement**. Whether you have experience or simply a heart to help, we warmly encourage you to consider joining our team.

- For First Holy Communion, having catechists and helpers from the different churches within our parish gives us much greater flexibility in planning the location and timing of sessions—making it more convenient for families across the parish to attend and participate fully.
- Please note that all volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults are legally required to undergo a **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check**. This is an essential safeguarding step to help ensure a safe and trustworthy environment for all involved. As the DBS process can take some time, we encourage anyone interested to express their interest as soon as possible.





If you would like to learn more or are considering helping in any capacity, please contact **Ceci Li**. Your time, support, and presence could make a lasting impact on someone's journey of faith.



Support the Holy Father's Mission – Peter's Pence, 29 June

The last Sunday of June this year — the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, marked by the **traditional Peter's Pence collection**. This is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father, supporting his mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, foster human development, and extend Christian charity worldwide. There will be a **second collection at Masses on 28th / 29th June**, which helps fund the Holy See's service to the universal Church and supports charitable works for those affected by poverty, disasters, war, or in need of humanitarian aid.

Holy Masses and Services for 28th June - 6th July 2025

Saturday 28th June Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)	11am Baptism ; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Eireann O'Hara Private Intention Timothy Duggan RIP
Sunday 29th June Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass  Baptism ; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	The People of The Parish Kathleen Strain RIP Maria Carlota Santos RIP Caleb Din Yau Hsieh Margaret Gibb RIP
Monday 30th June Feria	9.30am Mass; SA	Jennifer Jennings RIP
Tuesday 1st July Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC 10.30am Mass; HS (Becket school students)	Carmel's thanksgiving Jan Korta RIP
Wednesday 2nd July Feria	10.30am Mass; HS (Becket School students)	Sr Patricia's Intentions
Thursday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle	No Mass	
Friday 4th July Feria	10.30am Mass; HS (Becket School students) 12pm Service; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	For The Becket School Students Maria Suchomska RIP
Saturday 5th July Feria	11am Baptism ; HS 3.30pm - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30pm - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Reya Quinn Maaya Emmanuel Mrs Simy Joseph RIP (2 nd Anniversary) Michael Durcan RIP
Sunday 6th July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	The People of the Parish Curtis Family Jerome Higgins RIP Joan Stewart RIP

Rosary Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9.30am SMC; Friday 10.15am SMC, 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 6pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC, 11am SA, 6.30pm HS.

After Mass Refreshment Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS; Friday After Mass/ Service, SA.

Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes Visit our parish website for more details: <https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>

Job Vacancies – Diocese of Nottingham ♦ The Diocese is hiring a Deanery Administration Manager for Southern Lincolnshire, based in Boston. Apply by Monday 7th July at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

♦ The Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is recruiting its final Programme Leader for the next academic year. Apply by Friday 18th July at: ndcys.com/job-vacancies or email recruitment@ndcys.com

Lourdes from Home – Sign Up Now! Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage from wherever you are, between **Monday 14th and Friday 18th July**. Free registration gives access to live streams and the chance to have your intentions taken to the Grotto. You can also order a Pilgrim Pack for just £10 (including UK postage) including prayer resources, the official pilgrimage book, a Robin Hood hat, and a candle lit in Lourdes for your intention. at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdes-from-home or email: communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

Parish Friendship Group We will meet on Wednesday 2nd July at St Margaret Clitherow 2pm. All are welcome to join and enjoy tea, cake and music. Please bring your diaries as there will be information to note. There will be no meeting in August. If anyone needs a lift to Keyworth, please contact Maureen on 0115 8914601