



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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29 June 2025 - Saints Peter and Paul (Year C)

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

6:00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
5:00pm Reconciliation (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

8:00am Mass (No Adoration or Confessions)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Monday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (Sept - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm in Chapel
True Life in God: Last Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister Cafe

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 11:30am
Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on

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Are we the right raw material?

RECENTLY I WAS at a primary school event and there were speeches by the two Year Six captains. They were both very impressive, and inevitably you think about the very successful careers that would likely be ahead of them. In our secular world you can often see early on people that are going to be successful later. All the raw material is there. The signs are clear.

Looking at it the other way – if you see worldly successful people, and you look back at their lives leading up to it, you can often see that their success is no real surprise.

How completely different is the spiritual world! Often our saints seem very unlikely, very unexpected. Not only was there no hint that they would become the people they eventually became, in fact, their early lives would have suggested the exact opposite. And that is really Good News for all of us.

Today we celebrate two very important saints – St Peter and St Paul. These two men are considered the Pillars of our Church. Peter, our first pope, and the formal leader of the early Church in Jerusalem, and Paul, the Evangelist that carried the faith far and wide, largely to the “pagan” Gentiles. Each played a remarkably important role in the early Church. But here's the thing – if we looked at each of them before their spiritual conversion, you would have had no idea that they would end up as the “Pillars of our Church”. Peter was an uneducated fisherman. He was a hothead, who spoke without thinking. He talked a big talk but when it came to the crunch, he showed himself to be a coward, denying Christ over and over again. Paul was a tent maker, and a completely merciless persecutor of Christians. He quite happily took care of the cloaks of the people that stoned St Stephen to death. Do these sound like great raw material to build a Church upon? Well, not to us, they wouldn't. So, how did all this happen? Well, the answer is God's “grace”.

It has been said that “grace builds upon nature”. In other words, there is some raw material there, and God's grace brings it out, but often, as in the case of St Peter and St Paul there is no evidence of that raw material being there in the first place. What God did with St Peter and St Paul was to change them dramatically.

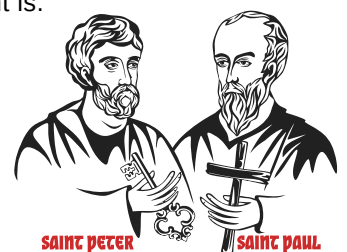
All of this is such Good News for us. It really doesn't matter what we believe are our own “gifts” or abilities, God can make us into something extraordinary. And it's not just a case that He can – He absolutely will. If we let Him. So, what is our part to play in this? Well, we start with what St Peter did prior to his conversion: we pray. Just as Peter and the disciples prayed with Mary in the upper room, we must pray continuously to receive the Holy Spirit. And then when God sends His Holy Spirit, we must respond as St Paul did: we surrender our lives to God's will.

Regardless of how we see ourselves or what we have done so far in our lives, God can do something remarkable with us. St Peter and St Paul show us just what God's grace can accomplish, no matter what the starting point is.



Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David



THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass, at around 12:45pm. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

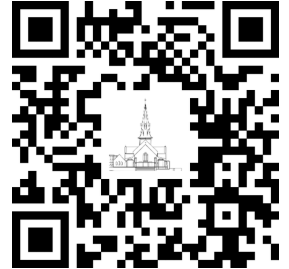
Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

Support
your local **ALPHA** 

ALPHA UPDATE...

Alpha has begun. We had our first evening last Wednesday, and it was awesome! Over 40 people have now begun their Alpha journey. Please keep them all in your prayers – particularly between 7:00pm – 9:00pm each Wednesday evening. Also, please consider being part of the food team – details below.



Alpha needs your support:

Even if you cannot attend yourself, there are other ways to support Alpha:

Prayer! Please pray every week for all our team and guests as they take this wonderful journey.

Food! We will need to feed all these people beautiful food each week. Please consider being part of the Alpha Food Team.
Email: mililee176@gmail.com

Money... Things cost money. If God has provided for you, please consider donating towards the Alpha costs by using the QR code.

OPEN ARMS OF ST PATRICK'S PARISH

The parishioners of St Patrick's parish at Parramatta have been very generous and supportive of the St Patrick's Social Justice Group initiatives to reach out to refugees, including the biannual food drives and a community lunch for refugees in 2024. This year the parish will be offering support to a refugee family arriving in Australia through the Community Refugee Integration and Support Programme (CRISP), an initiative in which our parish can sponsor a refugee family coming to our area and offer them initial financial support and general support for 12 months, as they settle in Australia as part of the parish's "extended family".

With Jesus as our model of welcoming, the core group facilitating the parish involvement in this project, called "Open Arms at St Patrick's Parish" (OASPP), consists of 5 people currently, but the success of this programme in Parramatta depends on parishioners' support for fundraising events and requests for donated goods to furnish the home found for the family when needed. You can also donate to the project via the adjacent **QR code**. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we journey with the family over the coming year, but most of all we pray that you will be welcoming of the family when they arrive and make them feel that they have come to a safe and loving community.

*Dianne Starkey (Group Co-ordinator, 0408161443),
Sebastian Villafarna (Deputy Co-ordinator), Angela
Hansford, Macnos Mutano and Malcolm Freame.*



RECEIVING COMMUNION

With the second group of children receiving their first Holy Communion this Sunday, I thought it an ideal opportunity to say a few words about the reception of Communion here at St Patrick's Cathedral. If we truly believe, as per Fr Tom's front page reflection, that what we receive in the bread is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, then the manner in which we receive the Eucharist ought to be reverent, not casual. So, let's ensure that we are all "on the same page" when it comes to receiving Communion.

Here are a few pointers:

When you step forward for Communion, please ensure that you bow your head in reverence just as the person in front of you in the queue steps aside. Then, as the minister says "The Body of Christ", **look** at the host in adoration. **After** the minister says "The Body of Christ", ensure you say an audible "**Amen**."

Receiving on the hand

If you wish to receive on the hand, please place your dominant hand (the one you write with) **under** your other hand. Please **do not** place your hands next to each other or present a single outstretched hand. Ensure your hands are placed at a good level so that the minister doesn't have to reach up or down unnecessarily.

Once the host is placed in your hand, step to the side and take up the host with your dominant hand and place it in your mouth. **Do not** take the host in your mouth by eating the host straight off your hand as though you were eating a peppermint or some other sweet. **Do not** walk away with the host to consume at the pew or any other time. If you wish, you may make the sign of the cross immediately after consuming the host.



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Receiving on the tongue

If you wish to receive on the tongue, please follow the same initial part of the ritual as outlined earlier, up to saying "Amen". Following that, please ensure you **extend your tongue** so that the minister can place the host on it. Merely opening your mouth is not adequate. Also, please **keep your head still** so that the minister is not trying to "hit a moving target" as often happens. It is the role of the minister to place the host on your tongue, not your job as the communicant to seek out the host! This will help ensure that there is less chance of the minister's fingers making contact with someone's tongue, and so minimise the spread of germs.

Receiving from the chalice

At present, this is an option only at weekday Masses, though we will look at introducing it on Sundays once we can guarantee an adequate number of ministers.

When receiving from the chalice, respond with "**Amen**" as above, then take the chalice with two hands, take a small sip, and hand the chalice carefully back to the minister. Again, you may make the sign of the cross after receiving, if you wish.

Please **do not** receive from the chalice if you are in any way unwell. This protects others, especially the vulnerable, from sickness.

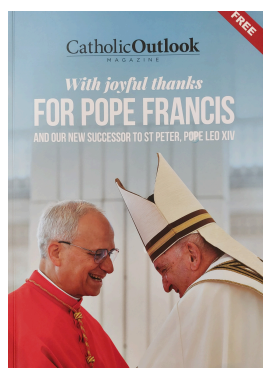
Thank you for your attention and co-operation! *Fr Robert*

Peter's Pence

This Sunday, being the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, along with every other Catholic Church throughout the world, we will be taking up the Peter's Pence Collection, a collection which supports the charitable works of Pope Leo, to be used at his discretion. Please be as generous as you can to ensure that those in need are assisted.

Catholic Outlook

The Winter edition of our diocesan publication, Catholic Outlook, is now available for you to take home free of charge. Plenty of great reading about the activities of the Church in our young and vibrant Diocese, and even news from beyond the borders of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains!



First Friday - 04 July @ 7:00pm

We warmly invite you to join us for our First Friday Devotion this **Friday, 04 July, starting at 7:00pm** in the chapel. This is a special time to come together in prayer, reflection, and devotion. All are welcome!

Parish Coordinator Role

By way of update, I can inform the parish that interviews were conducted on Thursday, 26 June, for the Parish Coordinator role. We will be conducting second interviews early next week with two of the candidates. I hope to have some news about the position next week. *Fr Robert*.

New Parish website and logo

We will have some news shortly about the launch of a new website for the Cathedral Parish and a new logo. This has been in the pipeline for a few months now!

PARISH NOTICES

Trivia Night - Book a table now

The Cathedral Social Justice Group is organising a parish trivia night to be held in the cathedral hall on **Saturday 26 July, 7:00 for 7:30pm.**

Ticket sales and funds raised on the night will be used for the current community refugee family sponsorship project led by the Social Justice Group.
<https://www.trybooking.com/1419677>



Annual leave

A notice to let parishioners know that Fr Robert will be on annual leave from **Monday 30 June till Thursday 17 July.**

Changes to clergy in residence

Along with **Fr Chris** moving out of the presbytery, some other changes have taken place. **Fr Galbert**, who was here with us for a few weeks, has moved to Granville to take up leadership of the Holy Cross Parish. **Fr Joseph** has also left us, after several years here, to move to the same parish as Assistant Priest. **Fr Chinonye**, who has been assisting us here whilst undertaking studies, has also moved out and we now welcome **Fr Philip Alesin** to the parish as a new priest in residence. As with the other clergy who have been in residence, Fr Philip will assist with Masses when his schedule allows. Fr Philip works for Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese in the area of policy development, so has another full-time role. I know you will make him welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral! *Fr Robert*

Return of the Chalice

Many of you will be pleased to know that Bishop Vincent, on the advice of health care professionals, has made the decision to allow those who wish to receive the Precious Blood at Mass to do so, effective immediately. The decision as to how and when this is done in each parish rests with the Parish Priest. At the most recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting (16 June), the PPC recommended that at this stage we would resume offering the chalice at weekday Masses only, as there will be no problem to find ministers to distribute for this purpose. We will look at reintroducing the chalice at Sunday Masses once we are certain that we have enough ministers to offer the chalice consistently each week. *Fr Robert*

First Holy Communion - Congratulations!

We wish abundant blessings on those children who today received their first Holy Communion, and pray that they, accompanied by their families and loved ones, will continue to avail themselves of the graces that come with receiving the Eucharist. We pray also for those children who received their first Holy Communion last Sunday, also at the 9:30am Mass.

Thanks to their parents who did much to prepare their children for this sacrament, also to Kerry Giumelli, Franca Bonserio and others on the Sacramental Team who gave of their time and expertise to prepare the children for this next step in their journey to full membership in the Catholic Church.

Seniors' Ministry

We are planning to have our next Seniors' Ministry Group gathering on **Monday, 04 August, 10:30am - 2:00pm**, with lunch included, for a cost of \$10.00. There will be a focus on St Mary MacKillop. We are in negotiations at the moment to facilitate this off site. More details to come! *Fr Robert*

Bible Study

The Credo Young Adults group gathers fortnightly on a Monday evening with the next meeting on **Monday 07 July at 7:00pm**. We are following Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in Bible discussions and connect with like-minded individuals.

We meet fortnightly in the Cloister Cafe from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

If you're interested in joining us, feel free to simply show up. For more information, please email Fr Tom at:
assistantpriest@stpatricks cathedral.com.au



Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery

The Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery will hold a sale of knitted winter goods after each Mass this **weekend (28/29 June)** to raise money for repairs and maintenance of the cemetery and chapel. Scarves, rugs, beanies, pram rugs and knee rugs will be on offer at very reasonable prices. You don't want a scarf, beanie or any other item? Buy one anyway and we will donate the item to charity!

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for men

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and the opportunity for confession. The Shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in the Diocese since 1968 and in 2025 is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

Bishop Vincent presents Mauricio López

One of Latin America's most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on **Wednesday 23 July** at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6:00pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 24 July

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry. This workshop will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on **Thursday 24 July** at 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/OFW by **18 July**. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 03 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by **25 August 2025**, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 02 August

A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on **Saturday 02 August** (12:30pm – 6:00pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Register by 26 July: <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

Volunteers needed

NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July

On 10 July, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We're seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for more details.

Calix Society: 12 Step Recovery and Catholic Spirituality

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recovery that incorporates 12 Step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets Monthly at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm) and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). We also meet weekly via zoom and have an annual retreat. Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

Low Cost Counselling Services

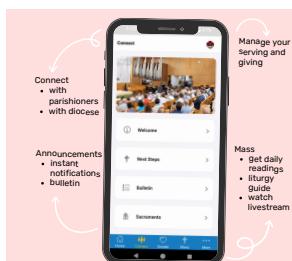
Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

Campion College introduces The Compass Program

Campion College is proud to introduce The Compass Program. Through workshops, mentoring, and industry connections, students will integrate their liberal arts education with practical skills and career discernment, ensuring a confident transition from tertiary study to career. Learn more at <https://www.campion.edu.au/why-campion/career-prospects/>

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.



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2. Tap the "Install" button to download and install the app.
3. Once installed, open the app and finish setting up your profile.

The App can also be downloaded via the Cathedral website: www.stpatricscathedral.com.au

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Pedro Romulo, Ryan I Limlingan, Sonia Villada, Farrell O'Townsend, Amada & Amalia Flores, Jockey D'Mello, Greg Dunn, Michael Lilley, Felicitas Appathurai, Fr Bob Bossini, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Louis J Vella, Raveen, Haydee Rehak, Nigel Goncalves, Maria Perugini, Miguel Custodio, Naleen, Tian, Melissa Dsouza, Liana, Liam & Eric, Shannen Mendoza, Namaan, Xavier Holgado, Frederick Fisher, Teodulo Sarreal, Melissa, Glenda, AJ & Casey, Ping Hsu, Jamel Saba, Brenda Cutierrez, Apo Adriatico, Miguel Custodio, Mara, Stephen, Nikola & Ankica Senjak, Chelsy Genewyn, Genalyn Laquidres, Bosko, Tian, Mouzel Del Mar, Paul Peters

Recently Deceased: Maria Mung Thi Nguyen, Helga Britenburg, Maria Thi Nguyen (Bishop Vincent's mother), Martina Galea, Elias Lattouf, Nahza Zhekek, Queenie Hanna, Carmen Tran, Dennis J Carter, Allan Tumabini, Pope Francis

Deceased: Lily Morales, Kirk family, Benedicta, Leema, Raji Gracy, Family of Romauldo Goncalves & Maria Dacruz, family of Priscilla Dias & Victor Dias; Philip & Leti Vas, Lucy D'mello, Lilly Cruz, Maryelsy Pereira, Jamez, Jent & Benedict Pereira, Ulpiano Masangkay, Samantha Manor, Kevin Caramay, Victoria Arrogante, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu

Anniversaries: Joseta Manubctanol, Moises & Maria Villadelgado, Josie Phelps, Vittoria Teuma, Alban Fonseca, Bernard Fonseca, Sofia Calo Sumagi, Leo Bardetta, Juliet & Peter Noronho, Salvatore Loria, Fr Lorenzo Loria OP, Charles Ramirez, Paul Fung, Maria Trvocle, Angie Basista, Paul Mahoney

Perpetuals: Leo Bardetta, Carmen Train, Joan Brady, Rudy Rupac, Frank Agostino, Wendy A Smith, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Paul Mahoney, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter & Annette Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, John Ryan, Mark Fletcher, Royan & Andrews families, Don & Pat Andrews, Juliet & Peter Noronha, Vijaya Sawant, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following child recently baptised here...

Laena Stefani

WEDDINGS



We pray for the following couple recently married here...

Paris Jabbour & Siosifa Fatai

POPE LEO'S

Prayer Intention for July



For formation in discernment

"Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."

From Pope Leo...

"X" post dated
24 June

"In a world where ingratitude and the thirst for power often prevail and the logic of exclusion seems to dominate, we are called to bear witness to the gratitude and generosity of Christ, to exultation and joy, and the tenderness and mercy of His Heart."

Saints of the Week

30 June - The First Martyrs of the See of Rome (A.D. 64)

When the city of Rome had been devastated by fire in the year 64, the Emperor Nero launched a persecution against the Christians, who were thrown to the wild beasts in the arena or soaked in tar and used as living torches. Their deaths are documented in the writings of the Roman historian Tacitus and in Pope St Clement's letter to the Corinthians. Their feast was celebrated the day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“The entire life of the true Christian must be a reflection and a further expression of his life at the altar of God. If he is predominantly a passive Christian there, can we expect him to be an active Christian in his daily life out in the world?”



Dom Virgil Michel
(1890 - 1938)
American Benedictine monk
and Liturgist

Did You Know...?

...that the collection for Peter's Pence has a long history?

According to Wikipedia, the practice of making a donation directly to the Holy See began with the Saxons in England, firstly as a pious practice and then later, more formally, as a tax on households. Understandably, the practice was halted for a time during the Reformation, but was reintroduced later and formalised by Pope Pius IX.



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Giftshop

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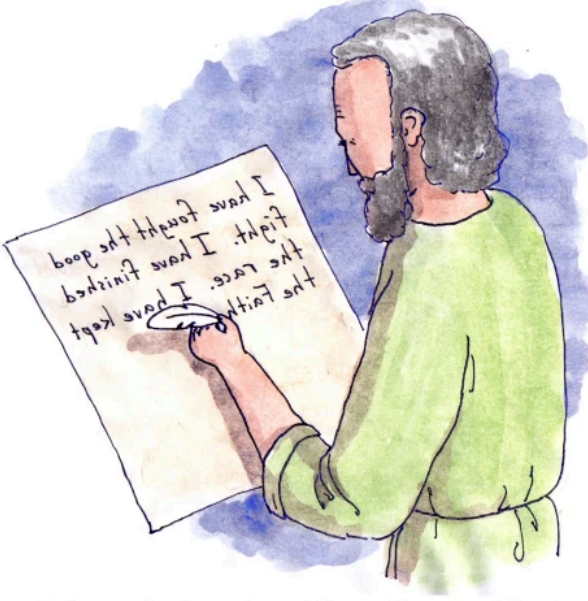
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The Kids' Bulletin

Saints Peter and Paul
June 29th, 2025



Today is the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul.

*Today's second reading is part of a letter
Saint Paul wrote shortly before he was martyred.*

What did he say?

Look at the picture in the mirror to find out!

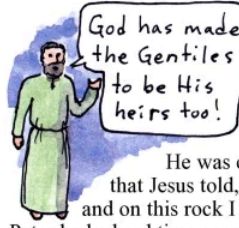
True or False:
Who Knows Who Jesus Is?

Jesus asked His disciples "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" See if you know how they responded.

1. The apostles said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." True or False?
2. The apostles said, "Some say Methuselah, others say Barnabas, and still others say Solomon." True or False?
3. Then Jesus asked the disciples Who THEY thought He was. True or False?
4. Peter said, "You are John the Baptist resurrected from the dead." True or False?
5. Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." True or False?
6. Jesus told Peter that the Father in Heaven had told him Who He was. True or False?
7. Jesus said to Peter, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." True or False?



Peter and Paul



Today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are such important saints that their feast day takes the place of the usual Sunday. Saint Peter was the chief of the Apostles.

He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock) and on this rock I will build my Church..." Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

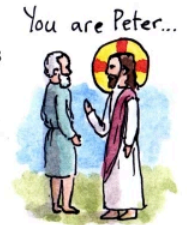
Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths didn't stop the Church from growing, though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

Today we should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith.

Answers to True or False: 1.True 2.False 3.True 4.False 5.True 6.True 7.True

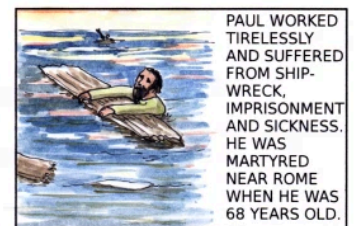
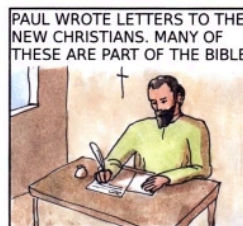
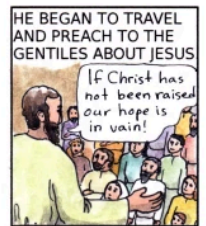
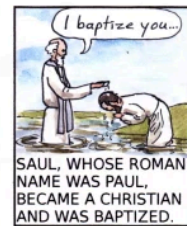
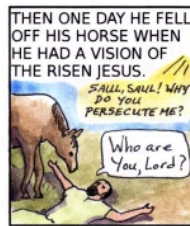
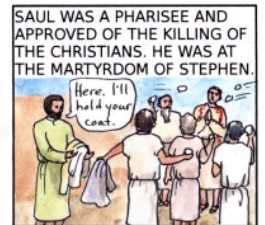
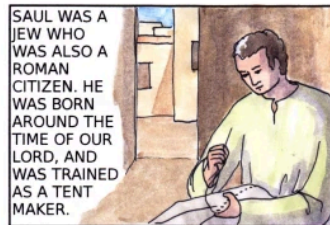
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