

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

SAINT PETER
AND SAINT PAUL

NEWSLETTER

Saints Peter and Paul, Princes of the Apostles



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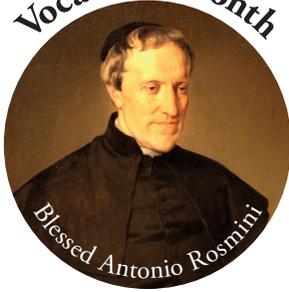
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Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**, the two Princes of the Apostles and the foundations of the Church. Both were martyred for the Faith in Rome. **St Peter** was crucified upside down because he didn't consider himself worthy to die in the same way as the Master, in what today is a courtyard to the left of **St Peter's Basilica**. He was buried in a nearby cemetery on **Vatican Hill** and St Peter's Basilica was later built over his tomb. **St Paul** was beheaded in a place now called '**Tre Fontane**' (Italian for three fountains, after the legend that the three springs in the spot mark the three places where Paul's head bounced after being beheaded). He was also buried in a nearby cemetery over which St Paul's Basilica now stands, and it's where I, with ten others, was ordained a Deacon in June 2014.

St Peter is important because he was the **first Pope**. JESUS changed his name from Simon to Peter which means '**rock**'. In today's Gospel we hear Our Lord say to Peter after he has confessed Him to be the Christ, "**You are Peter and on this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.**" In these words Peter is appointed head of the Apostles and received the supreme authority to teach and govern the whole Church. This is made more explicit by the giving of the keys. "**I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in Heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in Heaven.**" This is what we call the **promise of the primacy**, but the primacy was conferred by Our Lord to Peter after the Resurrection when He said to him, "**Feed My lambs...feed My sheep**" (John 21:15-17). The primacy of Peter was recognised by the early Church as we can see clearly in the Acts of the Apostles. Peter takes charge of the election of Matthias to replace Judas as an Apostle (1:15-22). Peter gives the sermon at Pentecost (2:14-41). Peter works the first miracle (3:1-8). It is Peter who excommunicates the first heretic Simon Magus (8:9-24) and so on. Also St Paul, when he was about to begin his mission thought it necessary to gain recognition from Peter (Galatians 1:18). Peter became the first **Bishop of Rome**, and like him, his successors were recognised as the Supreme Head of the Church on earth, and Pope Francis is the 265th Successor of St Peter.

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Vocations Month



Please pray for those who are sick:

for those who have recently died:

Sr Mary Imelda Holley,
Eddie Harris
may they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Irmgard Cooledge,
Jane Affleck,
Jane Butler,
Doreen Dilkes,
Donato Buttarazzi,
June Cammish

Last Rites does not mean

Last Minute! As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come.

Fr Paul

PLEASE NOTE

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 29th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Patrick Hollingsworth (RIP)

Sun 30th Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)
9.00am Teresa Petti (RIP, Anniversary)
11.15am For the Parish
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 1st Blessed Antonio Rosmini (Feast)
9.15am All Deceased Rosminians

Tues 2nd Feria
9.15am David Boehne (RIP)

Weds 3rd St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
6.30pm Intention for the living (Latin)

Thurs 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal (Memoria)
9.15am Intention for the living

Fri 5th St Anthony Mary Zaccaria (Memoria) (First Friday)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives & Friends

Sat 6th St Maria Goretti (Memoria)
(Five First Saturdays Devotion)
10.00am Rev Peter Astill (RIP) **PUBLIC MASS**
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*
2.30pm *Baptism: Noah Ligocki*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Intention for the living

Sun 7th Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Derek Whymark (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm Italian Mass

Rosary: *Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass*
Wed, Fri at 6.00pm
First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass

This week at St Mary's

Wed 3rd St Mary's School Summer Fayre – 1pm in the hall
Wed 3rd UCM – 7.30pm in the hall

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St Paul, originally called Saul, was the **Apostle to the Gentiles**. At first he was a Pharisee and persecuted the Christians, but one day when he was on the road to Damascus, JESUS appeared to him saying **“Saul, Saul why are you persecuting Me?”** And Saul said, **“Who are You Lord?”** And JESUS replied, **“I am JESUS of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.”** And Paul was converted and baptised (Acts 9:1-22). This changed his life completely and he went on many missionary journeys to proclaim Christ to those who had not heard of Him, particularly non-Jews.

The Church still stands today as Christ promised She would because She was founded by Him, the Son of God. She has weathered many storms and She will also survive the present crisis. She does not change her doctrine because **“the doctrine is not Mine but His that sent Me”** (John 7:16). Let us thank God that He founded the one, Holy, Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Church on Peter the Rock, and let us pray particularly on this Solemnity for the Supreme Head of the Church on earth today, **Pope Francis**, that God will give him the grace to follow St Peter and St Paul in zeal for the true religion and for the salvation of souls.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful who, on the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, make prayerful use of an article of devotion, such as a Crucifix, a Rosary, a Scapular or holy card that has been blessed by the Pope or by any bishop, provided you also recite the Creed. In addition, you should go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, and pray an Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly use such articles of devotion properly blessed by either a priest.

Fr Paul

The Pro-life co-ordinator, John Edwards, writes about general election pro-life issues: as we know, the General Election takes place on 4th July. The threat of abortion being decriminalised was averted when this election was called, but these extreme proposals are sure to return. The next Parliament will also almost certainly see a big push to legalise assisted suicide. It is therefore vital that we elect MPs who will oppose these threats to life. You can check on the voting intentions of the candidates in our area here: www.spuc.org.uk/General-Election-2024

March for Life UK will take place in London on Saturday 7th September. There will be a coach from St Mary's if enough people would like to go. Please sign up on the SPUC noticeboard at the back of the church. The theme for this year's march is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk.

Confirmation 2025:

I intend to invite the Bishop to come and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish next year. Applicants should be in at least Year 7 by September 2024. This is advance notice that anyone wishing to be confirmed should be attending weekly Mass now. A serious commitment is required. Those not already attending weekly Mass for a considerable time by the time the application forms are available will be asked to postpone their application until such a time as they are.

Fr Paul

Family Pilgrimage Day at Mount Saint Bernard's Abbey, Sunday 1st September.

Mass at 2pm in the guest house garden, family picnic. Marian procession followed by adoration and Benediction.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Summer Fayre, 3rd of July, 3-5pm
Refreshments, bbq, bouncy castle, games stalls and many more. All Welcome



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Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

- Leader:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- All:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- Leader:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- Leader:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.
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Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Lourdes Pilgrimage from home

For those who aren't able to travel to Lourdes but who wish to participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July, register today at dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or by emailing communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Registrants have the option to receive a physical 'Pilgrim Pack' posted to their own home, complete with a Pilgrimage Booklet, a candle lit in Lourdes, prayer intentions taken to the Grotto, a live Zoom call with Bishop Patrick, daily updates via e-mail and more!

Walsingham Pilgrimage, Tuesday 2nd July. Please be outside the church at 7.15am. You may bring a packed lunch, but there is a cafe on site for food and drink. The Rosary will be said on the coach.

From the Saints

"It is an error to believe that Christ did not teach a determined body of doctrine applicable to all times and to all men, but rather that He inaugurated a religious movement adapted, or to be adapted to different times and different places."

(Pope St Pius X, 1835 - 1914)



Vocations month:

The Father General of the Rosminians, Fr Marco Tanghetti, has asked that we dedicate the month of July to praying for vocations to the Rosminian Order, who have ministered in Loughborough for almost 200 years. The month begins with the Feast of Blessed Antonio Rosmini on 1st July and we will have extra prayers and Holy Hours for this intention throughout the month. It would also be fitting to make this the intention for the parish daily Rosary.

Last Week's Finance

Collection:

£1006 (£222 gift-aided)

Standing orders:

£704 @ 31/05
(£636 gift-aided)

Attendance: 513

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