



Newsletter

29th June 2025

SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Today we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. These are the two key leaders of the early Church. Peter was the one called to be the leader of the apostles, the rock on which the Church was built. Paul was the great missionary and his letters give us much of our understanding of the significance of Jesus' mission, death and resurrection. The Acts of the Apostles focuses on the story of these two great figures. Both apostles bore witness to the Gospel by their martyrdom.

I find the picture we get of both of these individuals in the New Testament a comforting one. Peter comes across as impetuous and enthusiastic but actually he is less reliable. In the Gospel he often does not really understand the mission of Jesus. At one point Jesus says to him, "get behind me Satan". When it comes to the Passion, Peter denies Jesus three times. Paul himself was an unlikely apostle. He was strongly against this new religious movement which he saw as a travesty of what he believed as a Pharisee. So much so that he was a leading persecutor of the early Christians. He needed to encounter Christ and undergo a conversion. In his life and mission Paul is very conscious of his own weakness.

For both Peter and Paul it is the Spirit at work with them that enables them to be the ones who lead the early Church and spread the Gospel around the world of their time. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Peter that it is not flesh and blood that has enabled Peter to confess that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God" but his Father in heaven. Paul tells us that when he asked to be freed of his weakness God told him, "My grace is enough for you: for power is at full stretch in weakness".

When we look at the reality of the Church, both historically and as it is today, and we see how much evidence there is of human weakness, we realise that it is precisely through this very human institution, founded on Saints Peter and Paul, that God has chosen to work. What is more, we see that same humanity in ourselves if we are honest. That should give us compassion and hope, for ourselves and for the Church.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



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FIRST COMMUNION

10 young people received their
First Holy Communion at the
10.15 Mass on Sunday 22 June.



Please pray for
Aizen,
Arabela,
Edward,
Noah,
Martins,
Harriet,
Gabriella,
Christian,
Bethel
Janet.



Congratulations to **Iyke & Abeuh**

married here on Thursday



St Ignatius' Day, Thursday 31st July

6.00pm Mass followed by barbeque

Stonyhurst/Hurst Green will be joining us here at St Wilfrid's

Online Donations to St Wilfrid's can be made via the parish website
www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Click on the **DONATE** button & follow the instructions. It's very easy!

**St George's Church, George's Road, PR1 2NP extend an invitation to their
SUMMER CONCERTS**

as they launch a fundraising project for their organ restoration.

Saturday 5th July The St George's Occasional Singers

Saturday 19th July Lydia Lythgoe (Soprano)

Concerts begin at 12.15pm. £10 including tea/coffee payable on the door.



JESUITS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE FAITH IN ACTION AT COP 30

TO BE HELD IN BELEM, BRAZIL 10-21 NOVEMBER 2025

Calling for global leaders to take decisive action on the environment

For more information see jesuitmissions.org.uk

UNVEILED

**11th July
@ 7.30pm
in St Wilfrid's Church**



Scripture, Talk, Praise and Worship
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

METANOIA PROJECT LED EVENTS SUMMER CALENDAR

TUESDAY HOLY HOUR will finish on 1 July. It will **NOT** continue after the summer.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION will continue throughout the summer as usual.

FRIDAY LECTIO DIVINA & SOUP LUNCH will finish on 27 June for the summer and will resume early September.

UNVEILED will take a break after 11 July and will resume on Friday 12 September.

MUSIC AT 4.30PM SUNDAY MASS will continue until 20 July and then take a break, resuming in September.



The Pope'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.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

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Sunday 29 June Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 (Ps 33) 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir & Little Church during Mass
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop Open

Mass 4.30pm with Music Group

Mon 30 June

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30-1pm Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee

Genesis 18:16-33 (Ps 102) Matthew 8:18-22

Tues 1 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11-12noon Holy Hour

6-7.30pm Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

Genesis 19:15-29 (Ps 25) Matthew 8:23-27

Wed 2 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5-5.45 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Metanoia
Clothes Drop (Narthex)

Genesis 21:5, 8-20a (Ps 33) Matthew 8:28-34

Thur 3 July

ST THOMAS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11am Life Ascending
(Coffee 10.30)

Ephesians 2:19-22 (Ps 117) John 20:24-29

Fri 4 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30-1pm Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee

Genesis 23:1-4,19, 24:1-8,62-67 (Ps 105) Matthew 9:9-13

Sat 5 July

FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10

Mass 12.15

Confessions 5-5.30

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Genesis 27:1-5,15-29 (Ps 134) Matthew 9:14-17

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently: James Gilmore RIP

Anniversaries: Philip Platt, Pauline Alston, Theresa Smith,
Lena Higney, Maria Belous, Fr Paddy Connors SJ.

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,
Deacon Bill Adams, Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield.