



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

SAINTS PETER & PAUL



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Today we remember Saints Peter and Paul: two men so different, and yet so profoundly one in their faith, in their love for Jesus and his Church, in their Apostleship, and ultimately in their martyrdom in Rome. Two men certainly not born equipped to serve God, but who became equipped by Jesus himself with the grace necessary to become the human foundations upon which the whole of the Roman Catholic Church stands.

Peter is the "rock" on which Christ built his Church. Recorded in the gospels as betraying Jesus three times in one eventful night, who finds it so difficult to abandon kosher food and eat with non-Jews - this same Peter, a poorly-educated fisherman, prone to outbursts and weak under pressure, is the rock. His great capacity for love made Peter the perfect candidate for Jesus' call. Paul was a fiery, intellectual Pharisee who life had been persecuting Christians in Jerusalem. But his experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made Paul one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors the Church has ever known. Christ saw that Paul's very strong personality was needed to help the Jews to accept that Jesus was the Saviour of all, and to initiate the Church's outreach to the Gentiles.

We must ask ourselves: if a denier and a murderer can be transformed by the mercy of Jesus Christ, why can't I? Why can't Jesus be calling me to do great things in my family, my workplace, my parish, my community, my country, my Church? Peter and Paul became apostles not through their own merits, but through their experience of Jesus' mercy. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us - both our talents and our weaknesses can become God's means of helping others, if we allow. May God grant us the grace we need to constantly renew and transform our lives with the great hope we find in Peter and Paul, two unlikely men called by God to do great things.

Fr. Jonathon



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers all those we know who are unwell as well as the many who have no one to pray for them and for those in hospital. We also remember in our prayers all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SECOND COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE

There will be a Retiring Collection at Masses next weekend, 28th/29th June, the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, for Peter's Pence, which is a special Collection for the Charities that the Holy Father the Pope supports throughout the year.

WELCOME - SEMINARIAN DAVID PINDER

It is a great joy to welcome to the parish David Pinder who is a Seminarian for the Diocese. David will be spending July with us. David says "Hello. My name is David Pinder. I'm a seminarian for our Diocese and have just completed my fifth year of formation for the priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham. I'm very much looking forward to being part of your parish community for the next month for my summer placement."

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday at St. Teresa's we have Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction. This time of prayer is such a wonderful opportunity to bring our Sunday to a close, spending time with Jesus in prayer and praise. Please do try and come along if you are able to! It only lasts 40 minutes and is such a beautiful service.

JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or if you would like to be confirmed please speak to Fr Jonathon so that you can register your interest in the next course beginning in September.

PIETY STALL

Our churches are blessed to have piety stalls. These are stocked with various cards for all occasions, along with other devotional items, such as rosaries and statues. However, it would be great to have some volunteers to help look after these stalls during the weekend Masses and to suggest what items are needed in the future. If you would be interested, please speak to Fr Jonathon.

EXPLORING THE CREED

During this Jubilee Year there is an opportunity for parishioners to come together to look at the Creed that we profess every Sunday at Mass. The Council of Nicaea met 1700 years ago, and it was during this council that the Creed was formulated. This will be a mini-series which will be split over three weeks, beginning next Thursday (10th July) at 7.00pm after the Parish 6.30pm Mass. Come and explore your faith and some of the teachings of the Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The parish of The Holy Family, Hartlepool have planned a pilgrimage to Walsingham and have extended an invitation to our parish to join them on this pilgrimage. It takes place from Monday 21st July to Thursday 24th July, and promises to be a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. The cost is £340 per person, which includes bed, breakfast, and evening meal, as well as a day trip during our stay. If anyone would like to join the pilgrimage, please contact Roisheen Hunter on 07914946316 by 2nd July.

FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2025/26

Any parent who would like their child to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is invited to fill in the interest form. Sessions will begin in September 2025. More information will be made available after Easter concerning all the dates for the programme. Children need to be at least 7 years old to take part. Please scan the QR code for the online form or speak to Fr Jonathon for a hard copy of the interest form.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 25/26

If you are in secondary school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to fill in the interest form for our next course beginning in September. More information will be emailed to you after you have completed the initial interest form. Please scan the QR code for the online form or speak to Fr Jonathon, or your parish priest, for a hard copy of the interest form.



YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

There will be no meeting in June, due to the Confirmation Mass that is being held for our partnership at Holy Name Jesmond. Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 24th July. There will be time of Adoration, along with a some spiritual input. We will then head into the presbytery for Pizza's. Are you looking for a welcoming space to grow in faith and fellowship? The Prayer Group is a vibrant community of young Catholic adults (18 to around 35) who come together on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm at St Teresa's. We share in faith, friendship and great conversations, followed by a meal or a drink in the Catholic Club. Beyond our monthly gatherings, we stay connected through social events, attending conferences and our active WhatsApp group, making it a wonderful way to meet fellow Catholics.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parish has no Mass intentions booked in during the week from the beginning of June. There is nothing better than having a Mass offered for someone, or for a specific intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps for a deceased relative or friend, or for someone who is sick, or for your own intention? To have a Mass said please fill out a Mass envelope (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon or place in the offertory collection during Mass.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

We pray for all our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity. If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, because you are unable to come to Church due to sickness or are housebound, please contact either Fr Jonathon and the appropriate arrangements will be made.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Youth 2000 Festival is taking part at Ampleforth from Friday August 22nd, 3pm until Monday August 25th. Please use this link for further information and for all Registration <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025>.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Join March for Life UK on 6 September in London. The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is "Human Rights For All Humans." Unite with thousands of others at this family friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP

Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given and would suit someone wanting to give back to the Community by helping 9–12-year-olds have fun for a week. Term Time Camps need lots of volunteers if they are to survive. If you could find a few days in term time to help out with serving meals, prepping salads and washing dishes they would be truly grateful. By running term time camps, Summer Vinnies Holidays for children can be sustained. If you'd like to chat about the role please email BarbaraT@svp.org.uk.

PARISH GIVING

If you would like to make your regular weekly offering to the Church by standing order this is easy to set up. Our bank details for setting up a Standing Order or BACS payment are:

Account Name: DHN Newcastle Christ the King

Account Number: 52010917

Sort Code: 40-34-18

LOURDES PETITIONS

Pauline and Joanna Pearson will once again be travelling to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and have previously taken personal petitions on behalf of those parishioners wishing to send them but are unable to go themselves. Personal petitions will be presented at the Grotto by Pauline and Joanna and offered up to Our Blessed Lady. Could we ask that petitions are placed in a sealed envelope and they should not include money. They can either be handed to Fr Jonathon or to Pauline and Joanna before 20th July.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Any Parents hoping to have their child baptised are asked to speak to Fr Jonathon, in person, after Sunday Mass to arrange this. This is the preferred way for organising Baptisms. One parent must be a Baptised Catholic and should be living within the parish boundaries.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

We keep in our prayers Jeremy Wynn who will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 5th July by Bishop Stephen at St Mary's Cathedral at 11.00am. Jeremy is a parishioner of Holy Name, Jesmond, and we look forward to having Jeremy ministering along side us within the partnership of Jesmond, St Mary.

SECOND COLLECTION - STELLA MARIS

On the 13th July we celebrate Sea Sunday, where we pray especially for all those who work at Sea, and for all those who minister to our seafarers. A second collection will be taken for the work of Stella Maris on Sea Sunday. Please do give as generously as possible.

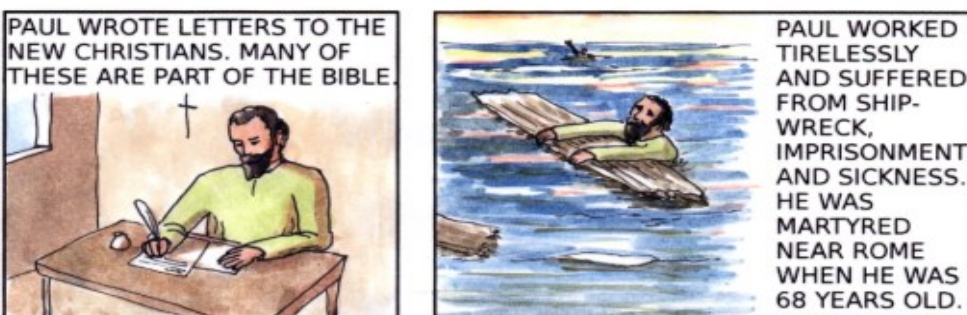
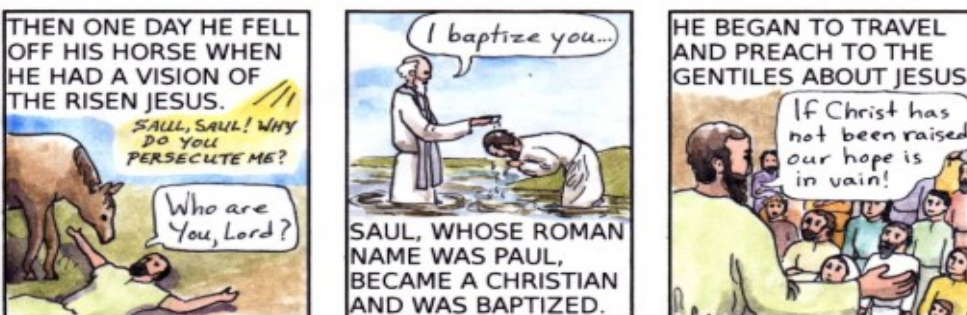
True or False: Who Knows Who Jesus Is?

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?



Saint Paul the Apostle June 29



SAINT PAUL IS CALLED "THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES." BEFORE HE BEGAN TO TEACH THE PAGANS, MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT ONLY THE JEWS COULD BE SAVED FROM THEIR SINS AND GO TO HEAVEN. BUT SAINT PAUL KNEW THAT GOD WANTED EVERYONE TO BE PART OF HIS CHURCH.

MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	28 June	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Thompson, Kelly & Hutchinson Families	Ss. Peter & Paul
Sun	29 June	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	Ss. Peter & Paul
Mon	30 June	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Peace in the Middle East	First Martyrs of Rome
Tue	1 July	9.00 am 10.00 am	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	World Peace	Feria
Wed	2 July					Feria
Thur	3 July					St. Thomas
Fri	4 July	8.30 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Health of George Parry	Feria
Sat	5 July	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	Memorial of Our Lady
Sat	5 July	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	14th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	6 July	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	Ossie Taylor RIP	14th Sunday Of Ordinary Time



Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:



John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret McEvoy, Aileen, Tommy Allan, Pat Matfin, Maria Cape and Mary McLaren.

Our sick children: Ezra Stephen Johnson, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Leo's Monthly 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.

During Ordinary Time (Summer)

We are asked to pray for :

A deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life and for Seafarers

