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## PARISH BULLETIN

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1 DAYS AGO

## Unwavering Faith

Today, on the feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul, we are reminded of their incredible commitment to Christ and the ultimate sacrifice they made for their faith. Tradition tells us that both saints were martyred in Rome during the persecution under Nero in 64 A.D. St. Peter, known as the Rock on which Christ built his Church, faced crucifixion, while St. Paul, a Roman citizen, was granted the right to be beheaded by a sword.

The life-size statues of Saints Peter and Paul in front of our church serve as a powerful reminder of their devotion to Christ and the proclamation of his gospel. Despite their differences in understanding the Christian mission, Peter and Paul remained united in their commitment to Christ, showing us the beauty of different perspectives coming together for a common purpose.

In a letter to the Church in Corinth, Clement of Rome speaks of Peter and Paul as champions who endured persecution and remained steadfast in their faith until death. Their lives challenge us to consider what it truly means to live for Christ, not just in how we die, but also in how and for whom we choose to live.

As we reflect on the legacy of these two great apostles, may we be inspired to live out our faith with the same fervour and dedication. Let us be willing to stand up for what is right, even in the face of opposition, and to be witnesses of God's love and truth in a world that is in desperate need of it.

We invite everyone to take a moment to admire the beautiful statues of Saints Peter and Paul in front of our church, and to reflect on their example of unwavering faith and commitment to Christ. Martyrdom is not just about how we die, but also about how and for whom we choose to live. May their lives continue to inspire us to live out our faith with courage and conviction.

## Thank you, Katie!

We thank Katie De Kauwe for her insightful talk on Laudato Si last Thursday evening. It was truly inspiring to hear her perspective on the Apostolic Exhortation and the concerns and hope of Pope Francis.



Katie's legal expertise, Catholic upbringing, and Passionist influence all combined to make her presentation powerful. Three key takeaways from her talk were especially impactful: the interconnectedness of all living beings and the call to care for our common home, the urgency of addressing environmental issues, and the importance of dialogue and collaboration in finding solutions to global ecological problems. We also extend our gratitude to the community for their active participation in the discussion. It was heartwarming to see everyone come together to learn and reflect on such an important topic. Thank you, Katie, for sharing your knowledge and passion with us. Your talk has inspired us to take action in caring for our planet. Thank you sincerely for your contribution.

## MY FAVOURITE HYMN!

Hymns are the soul's poetry for those who may not pen verse and melodies for those who may not compose music. They allow our congregation to lift their voices in harmony, singing praises and thanks for the boundless grace bestowed upon us by the Lord.



Each Sunday, we devote ourselves to selecting hymns that resonate with the prayers, readings, and sermons of the day. Our aim is to weave a tapestry of both beloved, familiar hymns and new additions that will enrich our spiritual journey together.

We cherish hymn requests and the joy they bring, whether it's a cherished melody you hold dear or a piece that holds special meaning in your heart. Your favourite hymns are welcomed warmly, as they add a personal touch to our communal worship.

We are blessed to have the Laudate hymnals in our pews. Please, take a moment to peruse the indices next time you are in church. Should a particular hymn speak to your soul, do not hesitate to contact us with your requests at lorraineredmond@gmail.com.

Together, let us create a symphony of faith, gratitude, and love

# Church Volunteering:

## Building a Community of Selfless Supporters

Dear Parishioners,  
The Scripture calls us to serve in God's name by using our talents to benefit others. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10) Volunteering in the church benefits members of the congregation and the church itself. Church volunteers perform tasks that the staff doesn't have the capacity or skills to accomplish.

We are fortunate to have many volunteers in our parish who give their time and effort to a variety of parish activities. Please take a look through our Parish Groups & Activities and if there is an area in which you would be interested to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office for more information

Currently, we are seeking volunteers for various Ministries at St. Joseph's, such as: **Filing, Data Entry, Counting, Social Media Management, Welcome Ministry Coordinator, Event Managers (Christmas Bazaar, Bring and Share Lunch, etc.), Catechists and Youth Ministers**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office. Your support and contribution will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering volunteering your time and talents to serve in our parish.

Blessings.

## Catholic Listeners:

[www.catholiclisteners.com](http://www.catholiclisteners.com) is a phone service & website dedicated to being present, when you want to talk to someone about faith & life's big questions.

Harvester's Men's Weekend Sept 2024 in Swanwick. A time for men of all ages to gather, explore and share their faith with a mixture of talks, workshops, social vents, sport, Mass, Reconciliation, and more...  
To book go to: <http://harvesters.org.uk/>



Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's collection. Your generosity helps us continue to serve and build God's Kingdom. Together, we can make a difference in the world. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly. Last weekend's collection amounted to £1858. Thank you very much.

## LUNCH CLUB

Join us for the next Lunch Club at St Joseph's Parish Centre on Monday, 15th July from 1pm - 3.30pm.

*Open to all Parishioners!*

Cost is £5 and includes a main course, dessert, tea/coffee, entertainment and good company!

Members of Irish Elderly Advice Network are on hand during lunch to give advice and support on various issues.

If you would like to attend please book your place by 8th July by calling 020 7428 0471 or emailing [ciara@irishelders.org.uk](mailto:ciara@irishelders.org.uk)

## First Holy Communion Celebration



We are overjoyed to share that on Sunday, July 7th, during the 12 PM Mass, 36 of our beloved parish children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. This sacred milestone marks a significant chapter in their spiritual journey, and we are blessed to witness their hearts filled with faith and joy. Given the beauty of this special occasion, we anticipate a larger gathering of family and friends. To ensure a comfortable experience for everyone, we kindly ask our regular congregation members to consider attending a different Mass time on this day, if it is convenient for you. Your understanding, support, and prayers for these young souls are deeply appreciated.

### Please pray for the recently deceased members of our Parish and their grieving families.

May we lift up in prayer the souls of our departed sisters and brothers from our parish, may they find eternal peace in the arms of our loving God. And may we ask for comfort and strength for their families as they navigate through their grief and loss. Let us come together in solidarity and support, holding each other up in prayer during this difficult time.

**Eileen McNulty** (Wed. 3 July 11am)

**Joan Boyle** (Thu. 18 July 12:30pm)



### Mass intentions from 29th June 2024

"I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 29 June 2024	07.00 pm	Eileen Marks	Lately Dead
Sun, 30 June 2024	08.00 am	Maria Aunt	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Veronica Foley	Sick
	12 noon	Missa P P	Intentions
	07.00 pm	Halina Czech	Lately Dead
Mon, 1 July 2024	09.30 am	Maria Marza	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Eileen McNulty	Lately Dead
Tues, 2 July 2024	09.30 am	John Coathorpe	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Veronica Foley	Sick
Wed, 3 July 2024	09.30 am	John Murphy(Anni) Gary Savage(LD) Liliana	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Votive - Precious Blood	Intentions
Thur, 4 July 2024	09.30 am	Personal Intentions	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Votive - Holy Wounds of Jesus	Intentions
Fri, 5 July 2024	09.30 am	Kavanagh family	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Pat Finnegan	Intentions
Sat, 6 July 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead.

If you would like a Mass said on a particular date or anniversary it is advisable to request it in good time.

**SUN: STS. PETER AND PAUL**, APS S Acts 12: 1-11, 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18, Mt 16: 13-19 **Mon:** Junipero Serra, Am 2: 6-10, 13-16, Mt 8: 18-22,

**Tue:** Am 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12, Mt 8: 23-27 **Wed:** Thomas, ap F, Eph 2: 19-22, Jn 20: 24-29, **Thu:** Am 7: 10-17, Mt 9: 1-8,

**Fri:** Elizabeth of Portugal, mw, Am 8: 4-6, 9-12, Mt 9: 9-13, **Sat:** Maria Goretti, v, mt, Am 9: 11-15, Mt 9: 14-17,

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Ez 2: 2-5, 2 Cor 12: 7-10, Mk 6: 1-6

**Welcome to St. Joseph**  
God loves everyone. No exceptions.  
St. Joseph's Welcomes You. We are here for you!  
We Invite you to join us on the spiritual journey as we learn and grow together, and as we seek to help and serve others.

**MASS TIMES** - Weekdays: 9:30am, 6:30pm,  
Saturdays: 9:30am followed by adoration until 11am,  
7pm Vigil Mass. Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 10am to 10:30am and from 6:30pm to 6:45pm. Weekdays on request



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