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LEGACY OF FAITH

As we gather today beneath the statues of Saints Peter and Paul at our church entrance, we recall the incredible legacy of these two pillars of faith. We commemorate their martyrdom under Emperor Nero in 64 A.D., marking their unwavering commitment to Christ. According to tradition, Peter was crucified upside down, while Paul, as a Roman citizen, was beheaded. Despite these differing paths, their shared dedication to spreading the gospel unites us and offers a profound example of unity in diversity.

Clement of Rome, a generation later, urged the Church in Corinth to look to Peter and Paul as noble examples of endurance. Peter endured trials from jealousy and strife, while Paul faced imprisonment, exile, and stoning with resilience. Their lives and sacrifices illustrate what it means to live for Christ, urging us to consider the true essence of martyrdom—not just in death, but in living each day with purpose, love, and unwavering faith.

Today, we also celebrate the confirmation of our parish's children by Bishop Nicholas Hudson at the 12 noon Mass. These young members embrace their faith with renewed purpose, much like Peter and Paul. Let us pray the Holy Spirit guides them, inspiring them to be modern witnesses of Christ's love.

As we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, may we find strength in their example. Let us strive to be bold witnesses to God's life and love, embodying their perseverance and commitment in our own lives and community.



A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY

It has been an intriguing experience and amazing journey going through the process and the lessons for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Firstly, I would like to thank the confirmation team (Anne, Georgina, Helena and Dominic) for their great and constant support throughout the weeks and months since November. At first, I felt very knowledgeable about the topic of Confirmation, these engaging lessons has made me feel a lot more confident and ready for this Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the course of these months, you would explore different topics in queries and also recap lessons. We had an "Ice breaker" for every lesson, which engaged the students and allowing them to feel comfortable in their surroundings and participate with others. Nearer to the end of your course journey, we had a "summit", where people from the youth organisation for Westminster came and we displayed and professed our faith by adoration, which took place in the church. I would advise any parent whose child is between the age of 11 and 15 to consider taking confirmation at this church, I would happily do this journey again.

Liam

My experience of the confirmation course was a delight. The journey I have taken through the course has improved me as a person making me aware of the spiritual life that I am about to fulfil. These lessons have shown me a path to follow and without it I would have struggled to connect and build a relationship with God. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity, and I hope that others will have the same wonderful experience as me.

Matteo

Exciting News for Confirmation 2026 at St. Joseph's!

We warmly invite all students entering Year 9 or above this September to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Application forms are now available in the Church porch. Remember to include a copy of your baptismal certificate, even if you were baptised at St. Joseph's. All applications are due by October 1st.

Adults inspired to complete their sacraments of initiation are encouraged to speak with our priests.

We are also thrilled to announce that a recently confirmed young person from St. Joseph's has joined us as a "Young Catechist" to guide others in their preparation. Year 12 students and above who wish to contribute to this rewarding experience can email confirmation.joseph@gmail.com or speak with Fr. George. Come be part of our spiritual journey!

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.

Patrick Costello
(Mon. 7 July 11am)



SAVE THE DATE

Lecture Divina
Tue. 7pm-8pm Red Room
10:30am-12 Bupa

Supporting Our Parish: *A Heartfelt Thank You*

At St. Joseph, our community blossoms thanks to your incredible generosity, and we are profoundly grateful for it. Our faith encourages joyful giving, not out of duty, but as a reflection of our priorities and the love in our hearts. When Christ is central to our lives, supporting the church becomes a natural expression of our spiritual commitment. We rely on your generous contributions to sustain St. Joseph and enable our parish to flourish.

Remember, God seeks your heart, not your money. Our giving is a response to the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us, allowing us to worship and reflect His selfless love. By investing in what God cherishes, we actively participate in building His Kingdom and experience the joy of His abundant love.

Ways to Give:

Giving Stands

Utilize our new 'Giving Stands' at the church entrance.

Online

Donate via PayPal on our website.

Standing Order & Gift Aid

Forms are available on our website.

Legacy Gift

Consider including us in your will to support future endeavours.

Thank you for your steadfast support in nurturing our cherished parish.



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to Holy Week's collection, totalling an impressive £2378. Your kindness and support empower us to serve and nurture God's Kingdom. Together, we make a significant impact on our community and beyond. May God's blessings shower upon you and your loved ones. Thank you sincerely for your support.

Mass intentions from 28st June 2025

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

Sat, 28 June 2025	07.00 pm	Frederic Ntow	Intentions
Sun, 29 June 2025	08.00 am	Suzanne Phillips née Magee(LD), Clevi Shekaj	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Petra (LD), Pavel & Anna	Anniversary
	12 noon	Missa PP	Intentions
	07.00 pm	Teresa Arnedo	Sick
Mon, 30 June 2025	09.30 am	Clement Robert Griffith	Sick
	06.30 pm	Sandra Denton	Lately Dead
Tues, 1 July 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 2 July 2025	09.30 am	John Coathorpe	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thur, 3 July 2025	09.30 am	John Murphy	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Khris, Maya, Andrew	Intentions
Fri, 4 July 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Sat, 5 July 2025	09.30 pm	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: PETER AND PAUL, APS S Vigil: Acts 3: 1-10/ Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5/ Gal 1: 11-20/ Jn 21: 15-19. Day: Acts 12: 1-11/ Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16: 13-19. **Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ First Martyrs of the Church of Rome (Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time)** Gn 18: 16-33/ Ps 103: 1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/ Mt 8: 18-22 **Tue: Junipero Serra, p, r, ms.** Gn 19: 15-29/ Ps 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12/ Mt 8: 23-27. **Wed:** Gn 21: 5, 8-20a/ Ps 34: 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/ Mt 8: 28-34 **Thu: Thomas, ap F.** Eph 2: 19-22/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Jn 20: 24-29. **Fri** Gn 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67/ Mt 9: 9-13. **Sat: Anthony Mary Zaccaria, p, rf/ Elizabeth of Portugal, mw.** Gn 27: 1-5, 15-29/ Ps 135: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9: 14-17. **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.** Is 66: 10-14c/ Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/ Gal 6: 14-18/ Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20

