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### *Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 (Year C)*

<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
<p><b>Saturday:</b> Before 10am Mass &amp; 5pm to 5.20pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> Before 10am Mass &amp; after 8pm Novena</p>	<p>Vigil mass: (Saturday) 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 10am 12noon</p>	<p><b>Monday to Saturday:</b> 10am</p> <p><b>St Antony's Novena:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> 10am &amp; 8pm</p> 

#### FRANCISCAN VOCATION

The Franciscan Community invites enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life and Franciscan life ([www.friar.org](http://www.friar.org)) If interested please contact Br Donal via email: [brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk)



*"My Lord Jesus Christ, I implore you to enlighten me  
and to disperse the darkness of my soul.*

*Give me true faith, firm hope and perfect Charity.*

*Grant me, O Lord, to know you so well, that in all things I may act by  
your light and in accordance with your holy will."*

(St Francis' prayer for guidance)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TAKES PLACE EVERY  
MONDAY EVENING (between 6pm & 7pm)**

**NOTE: EXPOSITION ON THE NEXT 'FIRST FRIDAY' WILL BE 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025**

**Evening Prayer:** Each Monday evening at 5.45pm, the Franciscan Community prays Evening Prayer in the church (Divine Office). All are welcome to join us. Evening Prayer is followed by Eucharistic adoration.

### **Introduction: (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul)**

Today's readings recall the lows and highs of both their lives. Paul recalls how he had mercilessly persecuted the Church; his letters bear witness to his remarkable change to fearless preacher of the Risen Christ. Peter, despite denying three times he even knew Jesus, is given the title of Rock and the commission to be shepherd to Jesus' flock.

### **Today's Readings:**

#### **First Reading:** (Acts 12:1-11)

King Herod arrests and persecutes members of the early church, killing James and imprisoning Peter. While the church prays fervently, an angel miraculously rescues Peter from prison. Peter is led past guards and locked gates, realising God has delivered him.

#### **Response to Psalm: FROM ALL MY TERRORS THE LORD SET ME FREE.**

#### **Second Reading:** (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

Paul reflects on his faithful service, saying he has fought the good fight and awaits the crown of righteousness from the Lord. He acknowledges the Lord's strength and deliverance in his trials. Confident in God's protection, he trusts He will bring him safely to His heavenly kingdom.

**Gospel:** (Matthew 16:13-19) Jesus asks His disciples who people say He is, and Peter declares Him the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus blesses Peter for his divine insight and declares him the rock on which He will build His Church. He gives Peter the keys of the kingdom, granting authority to bind and loose on earth and in heaven.

### **THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

*Jesus, my God, You are now in me and I in You.*

*Each of us has eaten at your table.*

*May we always be close to You and to each other, as children of one family.*

*We praise You, we adore You,*

*we thank You for coming to us. Amen*

### **Feast Days (this week):**

Monday (30<sup>th</sup> June) The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (Memorial)

Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> July) St. Thomas (Feast)

Friday (4<sup>th</sup> July) St. Elizabeth of Portugal (Memorial)

Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> July) St. Antony Mary Zaccaria (Memorial)

**\*\*Special requests from Fr. Donal:** for Altar Servers and Catechists. Only one child is willing to be trained as a new Altar Server after the school holidays, and no adults offered to help as a Catechist. This response is rather

disappointing. However, if anyone has a change of heart, the invitation extended remains open for your acceptance.

**\*\*Service of the Word with Communion:** (in place of Mass) will take place at 10am on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025.

**\*\*Free Bread Friday:** A local bakery has offered the parish various breads and confectionary to distribute to those in need. Each Friday morning, between 10.45 and 12 noon, there will be items available for collection in the atrium. As no packaging is provided, please ensure you bring a suitable bag or container to take away your chosen items.

**\*\*AGAP:** The parish are hosting a play “Pilgrim of Hope” on the 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. Venue is our church hall. Tickets will be available soon, so keep watching this space.

**\*\*Recent voting on the Bills for Abortion and Assisted Suicide:** You will likely have heard the disappointing news from both votes last week on abortion and assisted suicide. However, the fight is far from over.

**Abortion** - Last Tuesday, MPs voted 379 to 137 in favour of Tonia Antoniazzi’s extreme abortion up to birth amendment. This was the first time this radical amendment has been debated in the Commons, with under two hours of discussion and no public consultation. The amendment, would change the law so it would no longer be illegal for women to perform their own abortions for any reason, including sex-selective purposes, and at any point up to and during birth, likely leading to an increase in the number of women performing dangerous late-term abortions at home. **But it is not law yet, so let us be doing everything in our power to fight this amendment in the House of Lords.**

**Assisted Suicide** - Last Friday, MPs voted at Third Reading by 314 votes to 291 in support of Kim Leadbeater’s assisted suicide Bill. This is a major drop-in support from November, when the Bill passed its Second Reading by 55 votes - it has now scraped through by just 23 votes.

We need to keep fighting this Bill at every stage in the House of Lords, where we are confident it can be overturned, given its continued loss of support.

Please click on the website [www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote) (it will take just 30 seconds) to launch a tool to help constituents check how their MP voted on the abortion up to birth vote and send a follow-up message - whether to thank them, express concerns or encourage them to vote the right way if/when the amendment/other abortion amendments return from the Lords, to be voted again in the Commons.

**Let us pray for the sick:**

*Heal your servants, Lord, who are sick. Send them health and comfort from your holy place.*

*We remember all the sick of our Parish, our families, and friends. All those who are sick at home, in Hospitals, Care Homes and Hospices.*

**For those who have died recently:** Martha Boyle, Frank Gallagher, Mary Lee, Susan McDaid, William (Wullie) Murphy, Mildred O'Brien, Frances Sutherland, Rev. Fr. Thomas Toal, Sr. Veronica (Poor Clare), Patricia Wallace, Bridget (Bridie/Biddy Rua) Wilson (Keadue).

**For those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Kevin Boyle (33<sup>rd</sup>), Eddie Burns, Grace Fraser, Thomas Dereck Gillan, John McDonald, John Smith, Rena Traynor (8<sup>th</sup>), Holy Souls.

**For names to appear in the BULLETIN,** envelope **MUST** be endorsed "BULLETIN" and specify: "LATELY DEAD" or "ANNIVERSARY" or "SICK"

**Collections Sunday:** (22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025)

1<sup>st</sup>: £572.08, Gift Aid: £394.50, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Development: £418.10

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 - Peter's Pence

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 - Development

**\*\*Archdiocese of Glasgow:** Copies of the "Southern Deanery Newsletter No.5 - Summer 2025" are available for you to take home, and are located on the table in the atrium.

**\*\*World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** To celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission invites everyone to St. Francis Xavier's, Carfin for Mass at 3pm with Bishop John Keenan. Come along and enjoy this inter-generational event!

**\*\*Concert in St Andrew's Cathedral:** Concert by the Cathedral of Christ the King Choir, Atlanta, U.S.A, in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm, under the direction of Dr. Michael Accurso. Please come along and enjoy an evening of sacred music by national and international composers. This is a free concert and booking is NOT required.

**"School Holidays:** We wish all our children and their families a "smashing" Summer Holiday and break from school. Have fun!!!

**\*\*Mass Attendance (22.06.25)**

87 @ 5.30pm (Vigil) / 118 @ 10am / 107 @ 12noon / TOTAL 312