

Mass times and intentions: 28th June – 06th July 2025

Saturday	28	Ss PETER AND PAUL 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	29	11.30 – Annam Dominic RIP
Monday	30	No Mass
Tuesday	01	Feria 10.00 – Emmanuel Jose – Thanksgiving
Wednesday	02	Feria 10.00 – Michael Donnelly
Thursday	03	St Thomas, apostle 10.00 – Austin Hanlon
Friday	04	Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 10.00 – Olga Selvan RIP
Saturday	05	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Thanksgiving for the Franciscan friars of the fields
		FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	06	11.30 – Betty McMahan RIP

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 239

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 687.80

Renovation fund: £ 5

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous week and I look forward, very much, to getting to know you all and working with you for the good of our Parish.

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Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

176 – For all the saints who from their labours rest (v. 1, 2, 4, 8)

Responsorial Psalm:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

676 – Take my hands and make them as your own

84 – Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

488 – Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two towering pillars of the Church. Though very different in background and temperament, they shared a common mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and to give their lives for the Gospel.

Our Gospel reading today brings us to a turning point in the life of the disciples, and especially of Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This bold confession of faith made by Peter prompts Jesus to respond with words of immense significance: “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

When Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” He is not looking for an academic answer. This is a personal question - one that cuts to the

heart. Peter speaks up, not just as a representative of the Twelve, but as a man moved by deep conviction. His answer is not the result of human reasoning, but of divine revelation.

We are asked the same question today: “Who do you say that I am?” Faith must be personal, not inherited or mechanical. Like Peter, we must make our own confession, from the depths of our hearts.

It is important to note that Peter was not chosen because he was flawless. The Gospels show him as passionate, sometimes impetuous, even fearful. He would go on to deny Jesus three times. And yet, Jesus does not reject him. Why?

Because God does not build His Church on perfection, but on conversion. Peter wept bitterly, repented, and allowed himself to be changed. That is why he became a rock - not because of his strength, but because of his humility and openness to grace.

Jesus says to Peter: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...” These keys are not symbols of domination, but of service and responsibility. Peter is entrusted with the care of the Church - to open the doors of mercy and to guide the flock.

And Peter does just that. On Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, he preaches, and thousands are converted. Later, through suffering and ultimately martyrdom, he gives the ultimate witness to Christ.

If Peter is the foundation stone, Paul is the missionary fire. Once a persecutor of Christians, Paul is transformed by a dramatic encounter with the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. His conversion reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of God’s grace.

Paul’s life is a testimony to tireless evangelisation. He crossed seas, endured hardship, and founded communities of faith across the Roman world. He is the apostle to the nations, proving that the Church is for all peoples, not just a chosen few.

This feast day presents us with a double invitation: Like Peter, we are called to have a firm, personal faith in Jesus, the Son of God. And like Paul, we are called to be missionaries, to bring the Gospel to others - in our families, our workplaces, and our world.

May Saints Peter and Paul intercede for us, that we may be living stones in the Church of Christ and faithful witnesses to His love.

Amen.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass

I would like to invite you to join us for refreshments after the Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee, some biscuits and a chance to meet, socialise and get to know each other.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is available every Saturday during Adoration and Holy Rosary and on request on weekdays during Adoration and Holy Rosary after the morning Mass.

Diocesan Second Collection – Peter’s Pence

This weekend there will be a second collection for Peter’s Pence. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – July Youth Mass

On Thursday 3rd July, Youth Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral. There will be pizza in the parish hall from 6pm, followed by Youth Mass in the Cathedral from 7:30pm where Bishop Alan will bless all those travelling on our youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. All young people around the Diocese are very welcome to join – there is no need to book! Get in touch at info@bcys.net for more information.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Brentwood Community Festival – Saturday 12th July, 1 PM – 3:30 PM, Brentwood Cathedral

Come along to this free event celebrating the work of SVP volunteers across Essex and East London, and discover how you can help make a difference in our community and beyond. Music, food, and displays of life-changing projects. All welcome! Book your free ticket:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-festival-svp-tickets-1404654331919

Parish Repository

We stock a wide range of gifts, cards and devotional items. Please put your payment in the box by the gift tables or use the contactless payment machines. Fr. Tarcziu will be happy to sign Mass Cards and Bless devotional items.

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Tarcziu. Also please complete a registration and GDPR form found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office.