



Saints Peter & Paul

Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

Matthew 16:19

St Peter and St Paul were ordinary men who were called to an extraordinary mission. They both had character flaws, which we read about in the Scriptures – Peter denied Christ three times, and Paul persecuted the early Christian community. But once they became utterly convinced of the Lordship of Christ, Crucified and Risen, they were both utterly faithful to the task which was given to them, placing Jesus Christ and the proclamation of his Good News first in all that they said and did.



SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us become the Church That you are calling us to be. May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord

AMEN

FAITH IN FOCUS: JUST LIKE US?

Some Churches traditionally ordain priests and deacons around “Petertide” as a reminder of the roles of leadership and preaching that were exercised by the apostles Peter and Paul. The feast reminds us that the same service of handing on the faith is entrusted to the successors of Peter and Paul. It is our task today to maintain that living tradition of Jesus by being meticulous in the way we care for each other and by being bold in the way we take Christ’s message to the world. In our worship today we thank God for having been enriched by the Christian faith and we ask that we may experience the joy of following the Lord.

Faced with the greatness of these two saints, it’s easy to collapse in a Christian heap and think that there is no way that we, ordinary mortals, can ever live up to the high standards of Peter and Paul. But when we take a closer look at them we find that they’re not so different from us as at first we might think. Each one of them wanted to love and follow Jesus, but they had their own problems which meant that they had to keep on trying if they were to succeed in cooperating with God’s Spirit in living out their Christian calling.

It’s easier to identify with Peter more than with some of the other apostles. Not only is he trying to be a down-to-earth honest and willing person, but he’s also got all the foibles that we have. What Jesus, in effect, said to Peter he says to us: “It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you.

Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father’s revelation. I, not you, build my Church.”

Like Peter we sometimes think that it’s all down to us, to our actions and our commitment, without realising that we are only effective Christians if we allow the Spirit to work through us.

Paul’s experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic and courageous ambassadors of Christ the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life. We too are no strangers to weakness, to lack of spiritual energy and to wondering whether it’s all worth it. Trying to be a muscular Christian is a constant temptation, especially when we lose sight of the fact that we are called to present Jesus to our world, rather than carry the world on our back to Jesus.

Peter and Paul: role models for you and me.

Thank you: To all who helped us celebrate Corpus Christi at OLMC in such a special way this year. It was a joy to see our children processing in front of the Blessed Sacrament and we hope in future years we can encourage more of our young people to join with us as we celebrate our communion with each other in this beautiful way.

Children's Summer Activities: for 5 – 12 year olds from 29 July – 16 August at St Patrick's, Park Place, L8 5RA on Mondays – Fridays from 2:30 – 5:50pm run by the Mother Theresa Sisters. To register your child fill out a form: also available from Missionaries of Charity, 55 Seel Street, L1 4AZ or Our Lady of Mount Carmel Presbytery (weekday mornings only). Return to Seel Street or OLMC by 20 July.

Catholic Pictorial this months issue is available at the back of church. Please pick up a free copy.

Pastoral Associate Update: As we celebrate two great leaders of the Church in Ss Peter and Paul this weekend, I am humbled in the knowledge that despite our failings, our betrayals, our brokenness we are **all** called, in unique ways, to carry out God's work wherever we may be and whatever we may do. As our preliminary Synod listening draws to its end in the next weeks, it's your last chance to take the online synod survey (synod2020.co.uk) which closes at **midnight on Sunday 30 June**. From Christine Caine's book 'The Undaunted': *"God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called."*. God Bless, Helen

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Tuesday 16th July is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In honour of Our Lady, and to pray for all the parishioners and sick of our parish. the Rosary will be said before mass for three days leading up to the feast day, Saturday at 4.30pm, Sunday at 10.45am and Monday 8.30am. On Tuesday the Rosary will be said at 6.30 followed by Mass at 7pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre. Everyone welcome.

OLMC Parish Club Entertainment Afternoon.

Monday 15th July 12-4pm Entertainment Afternoon. Bingo, raffle, live entertainment and food all for £5. These afternoons have proved to be very popular, so if you would like to come along please get your ticket as soon as possible from the club to avoid disappointment.

Retiring Collection

There is traditionally a retiring collection on this feast day for Peter's Pence

This is used at the discretion of the Pope for his worldwide humanitarian efforts. Victims from natural disasters, wars, diseases and other catastrophic events receive assistance from Peter's Pence. Economically strapped dioceses and churches, hospitals and Catholic education programs are also among recipients of these funds.

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- **Requiem on Wednesday**

Sunday 30th June

Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

Sat 5pm	Molly Burns	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Mary, Christine & Baby McKenna	OLMC

Monday 1st July		
9am	Sp Int (J)	OLMC

Tuesday 2nd July		
7pm	Louisa Connell	OLMC

Wednesday 3rd July		
12noon	Requiem: Anne Bernadette Shields	St Patrick

Thursday 4th July		
10am	Special Intention (H&M)	St Patrick

Friday 5th July		
10am	Maureen Wilcott	OLMC

Sunday 7th July

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Molly Burns	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Irene McGowan (nee McEveley)	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Evening Service:

Thursday 6.30pm		OLMC
Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4-4.30pm		OLMC
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Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 26th June was no 38
Four winners won £30 each

Collections

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Loose £178.14

St Patrick

Loose £167.34

Total Envelopes £107.17

Many thanks

Please Pray For.... Those who have died Anne Bernadette Shields, Nellie Coulston

The sick: Jayne O'Toole, Michelle Baxendale, Tommy Fletcher, Bernadette McGee, Michael Foley, Maureen Rossario, Doris Kelly, Edie Turner, Daniel Crawford, Caroline Flannery, Bernadette Fennell, Edna Tate, Jimmy Tierney, Betty Flannery, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Tommy Duffy, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, Ted Cunningham, Anne Deuchar, Charlotte Rice, Irene Finneran, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Claire Kearney, Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, John Dunning, Emily Rolands, Angela Kent, David Majoury, Donald Smith, Pius Laizer, Maria Jones, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, Margaret Chung, David Stevenson, Thomas & John Paul Conroy, Keith Holden, Kathleen Crown, Joanne Fairbrother, Eileen Edwards, Erin Caulfield, Lisa Ginley, Lillian O'Connor, Owen Hall, Anne Brannigan, Thelma Mainwaring, Cheryl and Lenny Hart, Sheila Chapman, Elaine Gorry, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, John Hodson, Muriel Minshull, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.