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St Peter and St Paul

29th June 2025

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Today we celebrate the two principal apostles of the early church. Saints Peter and Paul took two completely different routes to their vocation. Peter was called personally by Jesus, travelled with him during his entire ministry, and became the preeminent disciple among the Twelve. Paul, on the other hand, persecuted the early church until he was called and converted by the Risen Lord on his way to arrest Christians in Damascus. May these two saints remind us that calls us all at different times in our lives and in different ways.
Because today we celebrate two saints who lived during the time that the New Testament was written, our readings feature significant events from their lives. We hear how Peter is freed from prison by an angel the night before he is due to be executed. Paul, knowing that he would soon give his life for his faith, writes a farewell to his close friend and fellow disciple, Timothy. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2025 World Library Publications*

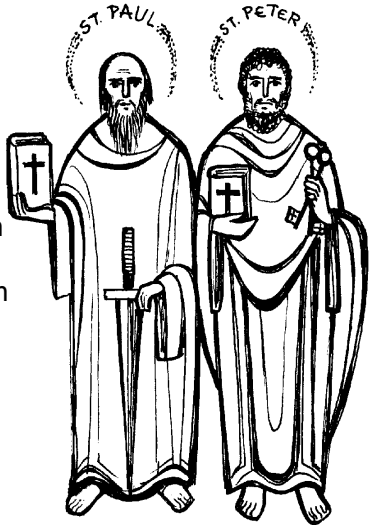
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 29th June	**Saint Peter and Paul**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 1st July		7.30pm
Sunday 6th July	**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 29th June	**Saint Peter and Paul**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 1st July		12.30pm
Sunday 6th July	**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish



Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time: We are asked to pray for:
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life;
Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights;
Europe; Seafarers

For those who are ill: Colin Horgan, **For those who have died recently:** Bob Robinson
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £76.34; at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford £84.75; and for your Regular standing orders.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Traditionally in England there has been a collection around the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul for Peter's Pence. the Collection is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the Universal Church. It is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.
To support this collection, the Vatican has prepared a website, ObolodiSanPietro.va, containing information about Peter's Pence, as well as materials to illustrate its significance. There is an official video, available in several languages (follow the link to the language of your choice), a brochure and poster, available in several languages (again, follow the link to the language of your choice) and information about making a donation through secure digital channels.
Every offering, large or small, will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in charitable activities responding to emergencies and needs around the world. There will be a collection after all the Masses this weekend.

Confessions. Fr John will be available for Confessions each week after the Tuesday evening Mass in Buntingford.

Congratulations. At just four weeks old, John Stokes was baptised at St Richard's on Saturday 21st June. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Fire Wardens. To keep ourselves safe in church, we need to recruit fire wardens for St Richard's and St Thomas's. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul if you are able to help.

Catechists. We would like to train a team of Catechists to support our parishioners as they prepare to receive the Sacraments. Training is being offered by the Diocese in the parish in the autumn. Speak to Deacon Paul for details.

Come and See. If you are not Catholic and would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, or a Catholic adult who has not yet been Confirmed, please ask Deacon Paul about this Course which starts in September.

Baptism. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul after Mass if you would like your child to be Baptised. We would love to work with you to make the necessary arrangements.

The Sacraments. If you would like your child to receive First Holy Communion (at present in Year 2 and above) or be Confirmed (at present in Year 9 and above), please ask Fr John or Deacon Paul for an Application Form for the Programmes starting in September. Please return the Forms by Sunday 20th July.

Rosary Group. If you would like to be part of a rosary group that meets once a week in Benson Hall to pray for the parish, please speak to Deacon Paul.

Holy Hour. Each Friday the church at St Richard's in Buntingford will be open from 5.00 to 6.00pm. Please pop in to light a candle and say a prayer. The hour will usually end with Benediction.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments in Benson Hall after the 9.15am Mass as usual. We look forward to seeing you there. You are especially welcome if you are visiting our parish this weekend.

Parishioners Details Forms. If you are new to the Parish, or have not done so already, please take one light green form per household from the porch to complete and hand in to Deacon Paul.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass Offered, please write the details on an envelope along with your Offering, and hand it in at the Sacristy after Mass so that we can arrange a suitable date for you.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College. The outdoor Jubilee Mass at St Edmund's on Saturday 12th July has had to be cancelled as there was insufficient interest for it to go ahead.

Site Manager Vacancy. St Thomas' Primary School in Puckeridge are looking to employ a new Site Manager. This is a permanent Part-Time Position of 25 hours per week. The Salary Range is £24,790 - £26,409. The start date is 1st September this year.
Please contact Wendy Sellers (01920 821450) or admin@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk if interested, or you can apply online: https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148495/EDV-2025-STCCPS-06372

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL

St Thomas of Canterbury School have places available for Nursery from September 2025. We have an "outstanding" Early Years provision (Ofsted Inspection February 2023) and a judgement grade of "outstanding" for Catholic Life and Mission (Diocesan Inspection February 2024).
We are a nurturing, half form entry Catholic Primary School in rural Puckeridge, East Hertfordshire. We strive to provide the best possible education in a caring, Christian environment.
"Pupils enjoy being part of this close-knit school community. They are proud of their school. Pupils have positive attitudes towards learning and towards each other." (Ofsted Inspection February 2023)
We offer 30 hours Nursery provision, Monday to Friday (08:45 - 15:15) term time only.
Please contact the School for further details for an application form or see the school website for further details: www.stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk

A TENTMAKER AND A FISHERMAN

You wouldn't think that Paul, a tentmaker, and Peter, a fisherman, would be the obvious choices when it comes to influencing the growth and development of the Church in its infancy. Yet the rest is history.
Peter was anything but a rock; he was headstrong and impulsive; he was full of boasts but often failed to deliver; he was at Christ's right hand yet he also betrayed him to the sound of the cock crowing.
Paul was one of those people who began life wanting to see other people's downfall. He persecuted those who fell short of the high Jewish standards. Yet suddenly he saw the light and he began to put to shame those who had been with Jesus from the start by his fierce and logically argued defence of the budding Christian religion. He ended up claiming the status of an apostle and rejoicing at being a prisoner for Christ.
Both Peter and Paul by their zeal in preaching and teaching, as well as by the witness they gave to Christ by spilling their blood, are heroes in faith. Today we are unlikely to have to give our lives for our faith, but we are called to be equally zealous, like them, in letting the world know that all it has to offer is "utter garbage" (Paul's words) when compared with the joy of belonging to Jesus.
"Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith." *(St Augustine)*

