

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

June—Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

29 June 2025

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Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00am*,
10:30am (Includes Children's Liturgy)
12noon & 6:30pm
Monday— Saturday: 9:30am*
**Livestreamed*

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call



Saints Peter and Paul are often referred to as two of the great "Pillars of the Church." They each played an incredibly essential role in the establishment of the early Church. And though each of their roles was essential and foundational, their roles were as different as they were different as persons.

Peter was a family man, a local fisherman, uneducated and quite ordinary. From what we know about him prior to being called by Jesus, there was nothing that made him uniquely qualified to become one of the pillars of the new Church to be established by the Son of God. Jesus simply called him, and he responded. Jesus got into Peter's boat, ordered him to lower the nets, and produced a huge catch of fish. When Peter saw this miracle, he fell down at Jesus' feet and acknowledged that he was "a sinful man" who was unworthy of being in Jesus' presence (See Luke 5:8). But Jesus informed Peter that he would from now on be catching men. Peter immediately left everything behind and followed Jesus.

Paul describes himself as "a Jew, born at Tarsus in Cili'cia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gama'li-el, educated according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as you all are this day" (Acts 22:3). Paul was well educated in the strictest interpretation of the Jewish law, understood philosophy and was quite zealous as a young man. Recall, also, that prior to becoming a convert to Christianity, he "persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it" (Galatians 1:13). In many ways, Paul would have been seen as the most unlikely person to be chosen to be a pillar of the Church, because he so vigorously opposed it at first. He even supported the killing of Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

Though each of these men would have been considered by many as very unlikely founders of the Christian Church, this is exactly what they became. Paul, after his conversion, travelled far and wide to preach the Gospel, founding several new Churches throughout Asia Minor and Europe. Eventually he was arrested in Jerusalem, brought to Rome for trial and was beheaded. Over half of the New Testament books are attributed to Paul and half of the Acts of the Apostles detail Paul's missionary journeys. Paul is especially known for his missionary activity to the Gentiles, those who were not Jews.

Peter's role was truly a unique one. His name was changed from "Simon" to "Peter" by Jesus. Recall Jesus saying, "And I tell you, you are Peter (*Petros*), and on this rock (*petra*) I will build my church… (Matthew 16:18). "Peter" in Greek is *Petros*. However, the Greek word *petra* means a rock as a solid formation that is fixed, immovable, and enduring. Therefore, Jesus chose to make Peter a solid foundation of immovable rock on which the Church was to be built.

You, too, have been called by our Lord to a unique mission within the Church that has not been entrusted to another. In your own way, God wants to use you to reach certain people with the Gospel as He did with Saint Paul. And like Saint Peter, God wants to continue to establish His Church upon you and your faith.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 22 June 2025 amounted to £1,420.57
Standing orders for May: £3,982
Contactless Income for May: £629.00

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH SUMMER SCHOOL

Pilgrims Of Hope:

Jubilee Year Course – Thursday at 7:00pm in the annexe.
Building on our Lent course *We Dare To Hope*, we'll explore key **Jubilee Year** themes—*Care for Creation, Forgiveness, and Debt*—through short films, scripture, discussion, and prayer.



SAINT MARY MAGDALEN FEAST DAY

On **Sunday 20th July** we will be celebrating our patronal feast.
Please note: Mass at **11:00am** will replace the 10:30 and 12noon.

JULY YOUTH GROUP (YEAR 9 TO 13)

The SMM Youth Group meets again on
Sunday, 13th July
Join us for fun activities and games.
Food and drink will be provided.
It all starts at **4.30pm**.
Hope to see you then.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!

Last Saturday's Confirmation at the Cathedral was a joyful and memorable occasion for our candidates and families.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the catechists, families, sponsors and all who supported them with love and prayer along the way.

As certificates were not distributed on the day, we warmly invite all candidates to attend the **6:30pm Sunday evening Mass on 13th July at St Mary Magdalen**, where certificates will be presented.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 29 June

Saturday	6:30pm	Cornelius O'Neill	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Lily O'Connor	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Catherine and William Dyra	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Jim McDonald	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Geny Carvalho	**Birthday Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Miriam Barron	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	David Conboy	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Sr Sarah Lennon	**Birthday Ints**
	6:00pm	Reception of the Body of Elizabeth Bunford	
Friday	9:30am	Richard Kowalczyk	**RIP**
	12:30pm	Funeral—Elizabeth Bunford	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Private Intention	**Ints**

Those who are sick: Mary Brophy, Betty McConnell, Felica Unaka
Those who have died recently: Elizabeth (Betty) Bunford, Edwin Sabatch
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cornelius O'Neill, Catherine and William Dyra, Lily O'Connor

REMINDER: FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

PARISH DIARY

Monday 30th June 9:30am Mass	We are joined by the pupils from St Mary Magdalen's school.
Monday 30th June 10:30am	Welcome Spaces in the Church of the Transfiguration after morning Mass. All welcome!
Tuesday 1st July 10:00am	Coffee Morning after morning Mass with the pupils from St Mary Magdalen School.
Thursday 3rd July 7:00pm	Jubilee Year Course in the annexe. (see notice for more information)

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception of the Body of the late
Elizabeth Mary Bunford
will take place on Thursday 3rd July at 6:00pm.
The Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 4th July at 12:30pm followed by burial at Willesden new Cemetery at 2:00pm.

May she rest in peace ✝