

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SS Peter and Paul (Year C)

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – SS Peter and Paul</b>	6.30pm	Kitty Riordan (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – SS Peter and Paul</b>	9:00am	Teresa Brewty (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	9:00am	James Owens (R.I.P)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Feria	9:00am	Marilyn Chapman (R.I.P)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Gracykutty Joseph (R.I.P)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – <b>St Thomas</b>	9.00am	Family & Friends in purgatory
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9:00am	Sally Drea (R.I.P)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9:00am	Mrs Jane Driscoll (R.I.P)

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Rosetta Reehill (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	Susan Williams (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Richard Mahony (R.I.P)

### Reflection for the Week:

Peter and Paul are transparent before God. Peter immediately told Jesus: 'I am a sinful man'. Paul wrote that he was 'least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle'. What was the secret that made them persevere amid weakness? It was the Lord's forgiveness. In their failings, they encountered the powerful mercy of the Lord, who gave them rebirth. In his forgiveness, they encountered irrepressible peace and joy. Thinking back to their failures, they might have experienced feelings of guilt. How many times might Peter have thought back to his denial! How many scruples might Paul have felt at having hurt so many innocent people! Humanly, they had failed. Yet they encountered a love greater than their failures, a forgiveness strong enough to heal even their feelings of guilt. Only when we experience God's forgiveness do we truly experience rebirth. From forgiveness we start over again. From God's forgiveness; there we rediscover who we really are in the confession of our sins.



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## SS Peter and Paul (Year C)

### 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear friends,

In the Gospel St. Peter stands out as a member of the twelve apostles who most frequently took the initiative while they were with Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles portray him as the undisputed leader of the early Church, undergoing enormous hardships and fearlessly facing persecution for the sake of Christ. He was a man of action, sometimes impetuous, an ardent lover of Christ. He spent his last years in Rome where he was martyred during the persecutions of Nero, in 64 or 65.

St. Paul, who was well versed in rabbinical learning, at first zealously persecuted the Christians until, on his way to Damascus to arrest certain Christians, he had a vision of Christ which instantaneously changed his entire life. After three years in solitary retirement in the desert of Arabia, he plunged into a life of intense missionary activity, during which he was several times beaten up and imprisoned by the authorities. He was martyred in Rome about the year 67. It has been said that he is the most powerful personality in the history of the Church. His life was dominated by an ardent love of Christ, who was at the centre of his life and preaching.

### Prayer:

Almighty Father, You crowned Your Apostles Peter and Paul with the glory of martyrdom. Through their prayers, grant us courage to live our faith with boldness and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*God Bless*  
*Canon Maurice*

### **Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Nell Addison, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Bernard Carantinos, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Eddie and Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

### **PARISH FINANCES:**

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

### **Loose**

£559.33

### **Envelopes**

£374.60

### **Right to Life:**

Today, we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Let us pray that we follow in their footsteps as apostles of Christ. May we be like the saints, loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, the poor, the helpless and the unborn.

### **Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

### **Mother & Toddler Group:**

If you would like to join us in 2025, please contact Maria at [stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com) or 07774 719 806 for more information.

### **St John Bosco Children's Camp – Brentwood Diocese:**

For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August. For more details, and application information: [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

### **SVP Community Festival:**

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Brentwood Community Festival – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-festival-svp-tickets-1404654331919)

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025:**

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will be from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. *For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#).*

### **Sunday School:**

We will continue our sessions every Sunday for the Children and Parents at 9:50am. This will continue up to the Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Holy Hour:**

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Sunday evening 6pm – 7pm. You can pray with scriptures, rosary or simply in your own words as you enjoy his presence. It was suggested during our Mission last year that we pray for the following intentions:

- For the Young People of our Parish
- For those caught up in addictions of one kind or another
- For the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of married couples and the families of our Parish
- For those struggling with emotional and psychological wounds
- For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- For the intentions of Pope Leo XIV

### **Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm**

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more!

Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. **Next date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **Dates for your Diary**

- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Nell Anderson's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at 12noon
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – First Communion Families Pilgrimage to Aylesford, coach leaves at 9am

### **Congratulations:**

Nell Anderson one of our parishioners is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday next Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. There is a special celebration in the Parish Hall in thanksgiving to God for this great blessing to Nell and her Family and all of us. The celebration begins at 12noon until 3pm. All parishioners are invited to share in this celebration, please come if you can and wish Nell God's blessings for her future happiness and wellbeing.

### **National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham.**

#### **Saturday 2nd August:**

**to be led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland**

Everyone is invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>.

Details of the day and travel arrangements can found at [www.prolifepilgerimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgerimage.org)

### **Pilgrimage to Aylesford 12<sup>th</sup> of July:**

Coach departs at 8:45am and arrives at 10:15am. We will be returning back to St Albans at 3:30pm and arriving at 5:00pm.