

SAINT ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH.



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FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL 28th JUNE 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 167 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: THEME: **SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL.**

In many aspects, St. Peter and St. Paul were very different people and, during the early church were seriously at odds with each other. Peter wanted pagans who joined the early church to submit to Jewish law, Paul on the other hand insisted that this was unnecessary imposition on them, Peter was a fisherman from Galilee, Paul was from the university city of Tarsus, Peter was an Aramaic speaking Jew; Paul was a Greek speaking Jew.

Peter probably just had a basic education, but Paul was clearly a very well educated and literate person. Peter knew Jesus personally, was his disciple and was with him throughout his public ministry. Paul only encountered the risen Lord on his way to Damascus, Peter's mission was preaching the gospel to the Jews while Paul's mission was to preach the gospel to the pagans. Peter apparently was from a poor family judging from his trade as a fisherman, Paul on the other hand seems to come from a well-to-do family and his father was a Roman citizen.

These two men had so much de-similarities yet the church throughout the world celebrates their joint feast day. Why? It is Jesus who brought them together, he touched their lives in very different ways – Peter at the shore of the sea of Galilee as he engaged in his daily work of fishing; Paul on the other hand, heard the call of the risen Jesus somewhere in the vicinity of Damascus where he was heading on his mission of persecuting people like Peter who were proclaiming and believing in Jesus as the Messiah.

Just as the Lord worked very differently and powerfully through each of them, the Lord wishes to work through each of us too and will do so in ways that are unique to each of us as individuals and as collectives.

The Lord needs diversity, not uniformity, yet he needs us to work in harmony, like the different parts of the body. Sometimes our diversity can cause tension, as happened between Peter and Paul, but such tension can be healthy and can serve the Lord's purpose. Our tensions can be resolved both in the church and in our families if, like St. Peter and St. Paul, we keep our eyes fixed on the risen Lord whose servants we are and whose purpose/reason we are always here for worship.

We Pray for the sick and housebound. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene Rice, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Peggy Sweeney. JJ Coyne. Bernadette McLaughlin. Dr Peter Harrison. **May God grant them good health of mind and body.**

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Mary Rowe. Bridie White. Lil Lund. Pat Hastings. Joe Toth. Mary Smith ex-parishioner of St Richards

Memorial Anniversary: Micheal Farrelly (6th)

Birthday Remembrance: Philomena Johnson

Father's day Remembrance: John Johnson

Special Intention: Michael Rice and Family. Eileen Toth. Gail. Happy Birthday's to Cath Cassidy, and two anonymous parishioners. Thanksgiving.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. St Richard's RC Primary School is currently seeking two new Foundation Governors to take up the role from September 2026. The main role of a governing body is at a strategic level, holding leadership to account; overseeing financial performance and setting the budget; managing admissions criteria; and being involved in recruiting to the most senior roles. Being a foundation governor involves attending on average three full governing body meetings per year as well as serving on a committee focusing on issues such as staff pay, or admissions. Free training is provided by the diocese. It is an important and rewarding role. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Kris.
2. Invitation to a community Summer Fest at St Marys Primary School on Wednesday July 1st 4:30pm-6:30pm. There will be lovely food, entertainment and games available, everyone is welcome.
3. The Funeral Mass for the late Mary Smith RIP will be held at St Peters Church, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA on 7th July at 12noon.
4. **Fr Ahern's Golden Jubilee Celebration** Saturday 18th July Mass at 6:30pm in St Marys. Then refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Next weekend we will have a 2nd collection, and the money will be a Parish gift to Fr. Ahern. Thank you for the donations so far.
5. Stop **assisted suicide being brought back**: Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. **Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here:** <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>
6. **You can now pay your donations to Church by using the card machine at the back of Church or by scanning this QR code on your phone. You then follow the simple instructions.**



Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses' Check the points in the newsletter for any changes to Mass times.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm @ St. Richard's 6:30pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday Masses: 9:30am @ St. Richard's 11:00am @ St. Mary's

Baptism: 12:30pm First and Third Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's

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Weekday Masses: St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday

St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday

EXPOSITION/ADORATION: *SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am*

Sacrament of reconciliation: *@ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am*