



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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Feast of Ss Peter & Paul
28/29th June 2025

Sts. Peter & Paul were very different people, but we honour them today because of their faith in the risen Lord. Both Peter and Paul had faith in Jesus as the 'Christ and the Son of the Living God'. That same faith must grow in the lives of Christians. A faith that sees Jesus as risen into our lives to bring the fullness of life and a faith that is able to hold the balance between Jesus's humanity and his divinity.

Both Paul's and Peter's lives provide evidence of continual conversion. For Paul, his conversion was not only on the road to Damascus - his writings showed that he grew day by day in greater and greater love for Jesus. This was the same for Peter - his denial of Jesus at the charcoal fire gave way to courage to profess the resurrection of Jesus, seen in Acts of the Apostles. Their confession of faith refers to the whole body of knowledge & teaching which we hold as precious, derived from both scripture and 'Tradition'. It is this awesome responsibility that the new pope accepts, as do all of us who are ordained. The responsibility to make the truths of our Catholic inheritance available to those we are called to serve. And that is every woman, man and child on the planet. And the people of our time are desperate to be set free by the wisdom that is God's gift to us in Christ.

The Pope is the careful custodian of those keys given to Peter at Caesarea Philippi - an authority which empowers the pope to keep the body of Church teaching intact and to 'bind and loose'. Pope Francis taught us how important the office of the pope is - in providing a focal point of hope for Christians, believers, and people of no faith. And to provide a voice for the poor and oppressed and those forced to the margins of society or culture.

We pray for That Christians may work for unity in action and greater understanding in belief

Jun 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

Sat	28th	10:00	Edmund Coleman, FM
		13:30	♥ 🛎 Wedding: Maria & Marc 🛎 ♥
		18:30	Melo Barretto, A Maria Josefa Rodrigues, A
Sun	29th	08:00	Jose Aniceto Fernandes, SI
		09:15	Mary Kane, A Brigid Moorhead, A
		11:00	Alba D'souza, SI
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	30th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church. Office closed
Tue	1st	10:00	Sian Boland, SI
Wed	2nd	10:00	Mimi Marley, RIP
Thu	3rd	10:00	Coleman Family, FM Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Fri	4th	10:00	Healing Mass (7pm in SEC)
Sat	5th	10:00	John Maina Ndagwa, RIP Alois Churuiyor Bett, RIP

A: Death Anniversary; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intentions

1st: Acts 3: 12:1-11 Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.

R. Ps 133 R/ From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2nd: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt 16:13-19 You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

CANCEL DEBT - Choose Hope

In this Jubilee Year, CAFOD is working with sister Caritas organisations to call for urgent action on the global debt crisis. Many of the world's poorest countries are suffering huge debt burdens with devastating impacts on ordinary people. Pope Francis spoke about the need for action, many times, saying, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of Justice." Pope Leo has endorsed this through his commitment to the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Please sign the worldwide Church Petition after all Masses!

Works of Mercy: Clothe the Naked

God calls us to give priority to the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our community so that they may live with dignity. There are many ways we can help "Clothe the Naked", through SVP Maidenhead, The Salvation Army or The Brett Foundation. Please leave donations of 'pre-loved', good quality, clean clothing at the Sacred Heart altar and they will be distributed to the charities. Our contributions can make a huge difference to the lives of many of our brothers and sisters. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to Me". (Matt 25:40).

"Lord, You call us to care for our brothers and sisters who are without. Teach us to clothe the naked with kindness and respect, remembering that You are present in every person. Amen."

IN THE CHURCH/PARISH

- **Sun 5pm Masses** will continue until the end of the year. Please do let the office know if you would like to sign up for music or as a reader/ sacristan/ eucharistic minister!
- **The Children's Liturgy** at 11am Mass
- **29 Jun CHILDREN'S LITURGY MEETING** There will be a very short meeting immediately after the 11 a.m. mass in St. Elizabeth's room to meet new helpers and outline the plans for next term. If you would like to join the Team or have suggestions, you are very welcome at the meeting. For more information, please contact Tricia 01628 627265 or email triciaweeksmail@gmail.com
- **5 Aug Baptism Course** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Contact Fr Ephraim/ Norma/ office (no course in July) Baptism request form: <https://forms.office.com/e/D1UavwBgqk>

REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **Saturdays 9-10am Eucharistic Adoration** in SJ
Confessions after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass
- ❖ **2nd Sundays 2.30-5pm Loss & Bereavement Group** SEC
- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3.00pm Filipino Mass**
- ❖ **Mondays: 7.30-9pm Badminton** in SJ Hall. Just turn up!
- ❖ **Wednesdays: 9-10am Eucharistic Adoration** in SJ
5-6pm Taiji in SJ Hall.
- ❖ **Thursdays: Zoom** www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp **2pm** Rosary
Bible studies on hold until September
- ❖ **Thursdays 7pm** Yoga with Una in SJ Hall
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC (term time)

OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **Getting Married?** See www.marriagecare.org.uk or call 0800 389 3801, Mon - Thurs 9am – 6pm
- **CAFOD School Volunteers needed** Do you enjoy working with, inspiring and empowering children and young people? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources! For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447
- **12 Jul 11th Divine UK anniversary Bible Convention & Healing Service** Chief Guest: His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson from the Vatican. £20/adult, £15/child. Include lunch. Gaumont State Theatre, Kilburn High Road, London. Coach leaves 7am from St Ethelbert's Slough SL1 1XU and returns 4.30pm. To book: 07397149269, 07878 851787, 07405 255261
https://pass.divineuk.org/user/london_convention_registration
- **2 Aug 8:00pm Charity Concert** Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi RG6 7DA church hall. The charity provides scholarships for orphaned or very poor children in Nigeria. Tickets at £10, children under 16 free. Email info@ngcf.co.uk for tickets.
- **27 Aug 10.30-4pm Celebration of St Faustina Birthday** in Aylesford Priory, Kent. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria. The day will include Divine Mercy teachings, Mass, Stations of the Cross, etc. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more info.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK *

Gift Aid: **£194.00** 📈 Non-GA: **£744.77**

SVP Smarties appeal: **£215.77**

Thank you for Gift-Aiding – HMRC contributed **£48.50!**

* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

PILGRIMAGES/ WALKS

7 – 11 Jul Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:

More info & form: [Portsouth-Diocesan-booking-form-2025-FINAL.pdf](https://portsmouth-diocesan-booking-form-2025-FINAL.pdf)

22-29 Aug Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Join as an assisted pilgrim or as a helper (new / experienced). All are welcome.

More info, call: 01732886 666 /email: frances@catholicassociation.co.uk
www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join to sign up

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Bernard School Slough is raising funds for chapel improvements. Donations welcome:

www.st-bernards.slough.sch.uk/2537/donations-to-the-school-chapel



Congratulations to **Peter Francis** (from St Elizabeth's), who was made an OBE in the recent King's Honours list!



Sign up for FHC 2026 now!

<https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/>

(closing date 29 Sept 2025)

Please be reminded that your child must be at *least in Year 4 in May 2026*

For your diary:

Briefing: Sat 4 Oct 5.30pm in SJ Church (Attendance is compulsory. We will give you the other key dates at the briefing)

FHC 2026 is on Sat 16 May (time TBD)