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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

St. Peter and St. Paul - Solemnity Year C.

Sunday, 29th of June, 2025.

1st Reading: Acts 12: 1-11

Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34

From all terrors the Lord set me free.

2nd Reading: 2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 17-18

There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

You are Peter and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Peter and Paul: From Weakness to Witness

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two towering figures and pillars of the Church, whose lives, witness, and martyrdom laid the foundation of our Christian faith and mission. Though very different in personality and path, Peter and Paul were united in their love for Christ, their tireless preaching of the Gospel, and ultimately, their courageous witness unto death.

Peter, the impetuous fisherman who first confessed Jesus as the Son of God, was chosen to be the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Though he faltered by denying Jesus three times, he was forgiven, strengthened, and entrusted with the keys of the kingdom (cf. Matthew 16: 16-19). He became the first Bishop of Rome, symbol of unity and authority, and was crucified upside down near the present-day St. Peter's Basilica.

Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. His life was transformed. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, he became the great Apostle to the Gentiles, taking the Good News to the ends of the earth. His evangelical zeal, theological insight, and prolific writings (nearly one-third of the New Testament) continue to shape the life and doctrine of the Church.

The Church is apostolic because she is founded on the apostles... and continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles through their successors" (CCC 857). Peter and Paul embody what it means to be faithful disciples (those who sit at the feet of the Master) and apostles (those who are sent forth in His name). They were not perfect, but they were faithful. They allowed Christ to shape their weaknesses into strength and their ordinary lives into extraordinary witness. Their martyrdom, Peter by crucifixion, Paul by beheading, testifies to a love stronger than fear, a hope stronger than death.

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Their story also challenges us. We may be tempted to say, “What do I have to offer? I’m not holy enough. I don’t know the Bible well. I’m not a preacher.” Yet we are reminded: you have more than you think. You have the grace of Baptism. The Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Liturgy nourish you. That makes you a disciple. And you are ready to be sent into the world to bear light, truth, and love. Each of us is given gifts, no matter how small: a kind word, an act of generosity, a listening ear, a heart for prayer, a passion for truth. When offered to God, these become powerful instruments for building up the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit works not only through the heroic but through the humble and faithful.

What gifts do you have to offer to God and His Church?

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: If God is for us	No. 354
Offertory: Blessed are you, God	No. 175
Communion 1: Soul of my Saviour	No. 628
Communion 2: Sweet Heart of Jesus	No. 634
Recession: Faith of our Fathers	No. 246

Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (Thursday)

Deaths: Alistair Ritchie, John Rooney, Kathleen Sweeney, Lynne Ragoubi, Catherine Gill, John Boyle.

Anniversaries: Robert Johnston, Denis Hacket Snr.

First Saturday Mass. The Fatima Devotion comes up on the 5th of July at 10 am. The Rosary begins immediately after Mass.

The SSVP Conference continues to donate to our local food bank and remains very grateful for your continued support. We collect foodstuffs and toiletries, which can be placed in the containers located within the church porch, and respectfully ask for any items that you would be willing to donate. We are eternally grateful for your support.

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Our Parish "**warm hubs**" continue to thrive and are open every Monday and Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm. Come and join us for a cup of tea, toast, or a sweet treat. We especially welcome any children you would like to bring with you during the school holidays. You are most welcome.

We are excited to announce that the Parish plans to launch a **Youth Club** this **September**, aimed at encouraging the active involvement of our young people in the life and activities of the Church. To make this initiative a success, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to support and help organize the program. If you are interested in contributing to this important work, please speak with Fr. Paulinus. Let's work together to nurture faith, friendship, and fun among the youth of our parish!

Collections 08/06/2025

Offertory: £ 627.87

Gift Aided: £ 354 Thank you for your generosity

Concert in St Andrew's Cathedral: Concert by the Cathedral of Christ the King Choir, Atlanta, U.S.A, in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm, under the direction of Dr. Michael Accurso. Please come along and enjoy an evening of sacred music by national and international composers. A free concert (no booking required).

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly - Sunday 27th July 2025. To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission invites everyone to St. Francis Xavier's, Carfin for Mass at 3pm with Bishop John Keenan.

Come along and enjoy this inter-generational event.