

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Sunday June 30 2024

GOSPEL : Matthew 16: 13-19



Peter and Paul are the principal pillars of the Church. Today we celebrate the feast of their martyrdom.

PETER was son of Jona and brother of Andrew. He was a professional fisherman from Bethsaida, a fishing town on the Lake of Galilee. He might have been a follower of John the Baptist. It was his brother, Andrew, who introduced him to Jesus, and Jesus changed his name from Simon to Cephas or Peter. Jesus made Peter the leader of the apostles. At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus promised to make Peter the head of the Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost, inaugurated the active life of the Church. Peter made missionary journeys to Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea. He also offered the decisive argument settling the question of Gentile converts and the Jewish Law at the first Council in Jerusalem. He wrote two epistles to the whole Church, and he was martyred in Rome by crucifixion under emperor Nero.

PAUL, the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and the greatest apostolic missionary, was a Roman citizen by birth (he was born in the Roman colony of Tarsus). His original name was Saul. As a Pharisee, he was sent to Jerusalem by his parents to study the Mosaic Law under the great rabbi Gamaliel. As a student, he learned the trade of tent-making.

**There will be Mass in Malpas next
Sunday;07/7/2024**

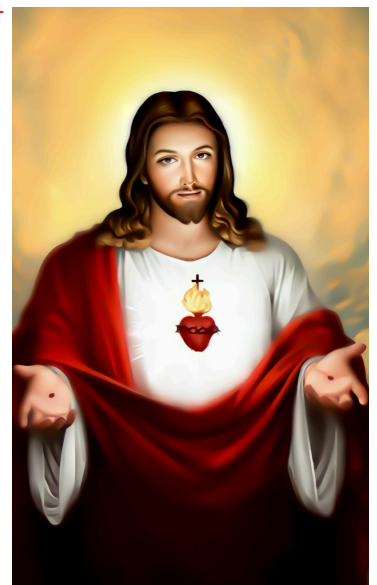
He was present at the stoning of Stephen and "consented to" this deed (Acts 8:1). But he was miraculously converted on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians. He made several missionary journeys, converted hundreds of Jews and Gentiles and established Church communities. Paul wrote 14 epistles. He was arrested and kept in prison for two years in Caesarea and lived under house arrest for two more years in Rome. Finally, he was martyred by beheading in Rome.

LIFE MESSAGE

- 1) Just as Peter and the other apostles did, we must open our eyes, ears, and hearts wide to see, hear and experience the Risen Lord coming into our life in various disguises, circumstances, and events, reminding us of our mission to proclaim the Good News in deed and in word.
- 2) We need to love, obey, and pray for Pope Francis and the bishops and priests who are the successors of Peter and the Apostles as they continue the work of the Risen Lord with and for us.
- 3) Each one of us has a unique mission in the church and we are challenged in our different professions or vocations to undertake and fulfil it.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Your blessings abundantly on Your holy Church, on the Supreme Pontiff, and on all the clergy. Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten infidels, bless our parents, friends, and benefactors, assist the dying, free the souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Your love. Amen.



**The Month of June is
Dedicated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 29 June	6:30pm	Sylvia & Kenneth Shore, BD James Ward
SUNDAY 30 June Ss PETER & PAUL	9:30am 11:00am	Philomena Cook Rip Kate Turner Rip
Monday 01 July St. Oliver Plunkett	10:00am	Tom Miles RIP
Tuesday 02 July	10:00am	J C
Wednesday 03 July St. Thomas AP	Sacristy	private intentions
Thursday 04 July St. Elizabeth of Portugal	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 05 July St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria.	6:00PM	Vocations
Saturday 06 July	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 07 July	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners



Say your daily rosary for peace in the world

Climate Change - what does it mean for Christians?

Following the Whitchurch Churches Together AGM on Tuesday 2 July there will be a presentation and discussion about climate change. What does it mean for Christians and what can we do about it? Dr Isabel Carter from south Shropshire who has wide experience of working with churches on issues of climate change is the speaker. The event starts at 7pm at the Watergate Centre in Whitchurch.. All are welcome.

There will be second collections next Sunday-Peter's Pence

There will be requiem mass for our late Choir Mistress -Kate Turner on the 15th of July. Time 9am.

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:00	Sun.11:00am
Jo Williams	Guy Churton	Helena Bellis

Mass Offering for June 23—£366.00

Standing orders-----£118.25

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke