



Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 29th – Sts. Peter and Paul
Tue 30th – First Martyrs of the
Church of Rome
Wed 1st – Bl. Ferdinand Maria
Baccilieri
Thu 2nd – St. Oliver Plunkett
Fri 3rd – St. Thomas
Sat 4th – Bl. Ubald of Borgo
Sansepolcro



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **29th July 2026** at
6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

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SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL YR. A 28TH JUNE 2026

Reflection

The readings for the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, form a single dramatic arc: Acts 12 shows God preserving his Church through persecution; 2 Timothy 4 shows the apostle offering himself in sacrifice and Matthew 16 reveals the living confession that makes everything possible.

The 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11, we find Peter in a prison, chained between two soldiers, with guards at the gate and an iron door sealing the outer entrance. The Church's response to this crisis is striking. The text tells us that "prayer was being made earnestly to God for him." (Acts 12:5). The Church does not panic. She does not convene an emergency strategy session. She prays with the concentrated fervour of those who know that the battle is ultimately not theirs to win by human means.

The 2nd reading from the letter of St. Paul to Timothy 4:6-8; 17-18, a second voice speaks from a different prison cell. Paul writes to Timothy from what tradition identifies as his final Roman imprisonment, the executioner already on the horizon: "As for me, I am already being poured out as an offering, and the time has come for me to be gone" (2Timothy 4:6). St. Paul does not reach for the language of defeat or tragedy. He reaches for the language of worship. His approaching execution is not a failure of divine protection; it is the completion of his priestly self-offering, participatory in Christ's own offering at Calvary.

The Gospel is taken from St. Matthew 16:13-19, Jesus asks the disciples directly; "But who do you say that I am? No more shelter behind the crowd's opinion. Simon speaks: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16). Faith is always, as the Catechism reminds us, "possible only through the grace of God and the interior help of the Holy Spirit" (CCC153). Peter is blessed before the others not because he is wiser or braver, the record of his impulsiveness makes any such claim absurd, but because the Father has chosen to reveal to him what no human reasoning could reach.



Week Silent Retreat at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight - 21st - 28th August 2026. Time to be renewed, empowered, re-energised by being with and listening to God. "Come to Me and you will live..." (Is. 55:3) For more info, please, contact us: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or www.uk.verbumdei.org.

Appeal for the Lighting System – As previously announced, the completed major repair and upgrade of our church lighting system has cost £40,000. We are deeply grateful that a generous parishioner has donated £10,000 toward this project. This will eventually increase to £12,500 due to the 25% of Gift Aid. We prayerfully invite other parishioners and friends of the parish to help match this generous gift, whether individually or together. Every donation, great or small, will help us meet the remaining cost and continue caring for our parish church. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and faithful support. May God bless you abundantly.

Mass Collections (20th & 21st June 2026) – £1,279 was received in the main collection, and £461 in the second collection for the Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.

YOUR GIVING BUILDS THE PARISH

Through Gift Aid, every £1 you donate becomes £1.25 for the parish. Gift Aid increases your donation by 25% — and it costs you nothing. Come and visit the parish office for further information.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the

Apostles

12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his

hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'



The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

R. From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called; the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who fear him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to

Timothy

4:6-8, 17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.



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(Year A) 28th June 2026

Gospel 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, alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

16:13-19

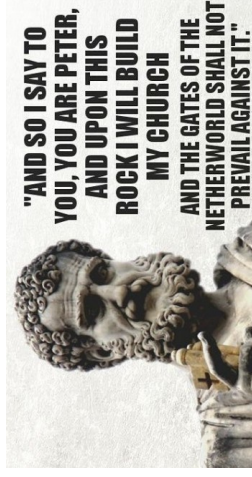
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.



I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow for following three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.