



The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle

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The
SOLEMNITY
of

Ss PETER & PAUL
29th June 2025

LISTEN TO THE WORD

Acts 12: 1-11 | Psalm 34 | 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 | Matthew 16: 13-19

Peter and Paul may never have been close friends but the combination of the sincerity of Peter's faith and the eloquence of Paul's words, through the power of God's love, set in motion the greatest movement our world has ever known. We cannot imagine the experiences of the humble fisherman, Peter, during those three years of travelling with Jesus. What we read in the Gospels can only give us a flavour of those days and nights spent in the company of our Blessed Lord. Paul was the learned one, steeped in the faith of the Jewish people, practiced in the Law and the Commandments; Saul stood as a beacon for the people of Israel, yet he was utterly changed on the road to Damascus and became Paul, the missionary, the scribe of the letters and a light for the pagans.

They both suffered, thrown into prisons, flogged, beaten almost to death, chased and harried by those who refused to believe. Yet they held to their faith in the Risen Lord, even as their Jewish Faith became more and more compromised by their faith in Christ. We cannot imagine their mental turmoil as they began to understand that to be a Christian meant that their old world, the faith of their childhood, was changing into a new world, a world lit anew by the glory of God.

Each week we take from the readings various phrases that resonate with our own experience. Today we have an image from Acts of Peter thrown into prison while "*earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church*"; how many times have we besieged heaven with our prayers, and they have been answered. Jesus asks, "*Who do people say I am?*" This is the question that each of us must answer in our hearts as we try to make sense of our faith in Him. Paul tells us "*The Lord stood by me and strengthened me*"; we can each recall times when things have been difficult and our faith, and the love of those around us, have seen us to a brighter dawn. This is the power of the Word; it creates graces for us that help us to understand our world of chaos; each time we listen to the Word it speaks to us; listen carefully then, so that you may hear and believe in the love of God.

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PETER'S PENCE

This weekend, the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for Peter's Pence. This annual worldwide collection provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps the Holy Father assist the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world.

The collection has ancient roots that reach all the way back to New Testament times. The early Christians provided material support so that the apostles—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with victims of war, natural disaster, and oppression in their time of need.

For example, on August 14, 2021, a powerful earthquake struck within 100 miles of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. More than 2,000 people were killed, 12,000 were injured, and 300 were missing. Then widespread damage to houses and other structures was worsened by a tropical storm that hit the island shortly afterward. In responding to the urgent needs of the victims of these disasters, Pope Francis donated €200,000 through the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to support immediate emergency relief efforts in the most affected dioceses in Haiti.

Let's help our new Holy Father, Pope Leo, to help others

NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

Sunday, 6th July - the Great North 10k road race is taking place, This will cause road closures on many routes across Newcastle including the Tyne Bridge from early morning through to early afternoon. It may affect your journey to 10am Mass. It will **not** affect the Saturday evening 5,30pm Mass.

St Catherine's School - a group of 44 children will be trialling a new Young Person's Guide to St Dominic's on Monday morning, the 30th June. Their exploration is a fun way to find out more about the features of our church.

Cloister Garden - John and George have spent many hours working in the garden. A big thank you for all their labours. Please feel free to enjoy the peacefulness it brings, with an opportunity to say a prayer at the grotto.

Voice of the Shepherd - Our catechists Susana, Andrea and Colleen have been working with a group of children on various Saturday afternoons throughout the year. The children are not attending catholic schools, At the same time Fr Peter has been meeting with their parents. Thank you for all the hard work and effort you put into each session. This year's programme will end with a mini retreat on Saturday, 5th July.

The Portuguese Club - has been meeting fortnightly on Saturday mornings. The meetings come to a close on Saturday, 5th July, *As crianças aprenderam a sua língua e exploraram a sua cultura nacional nestas sessões divertidas. Tenham umas ótimas férias de verão e serão muito bem-vindas no vosso regresso em setembro.* The children have been learning about their language and exploring their national culture in these fun packed sessions. Have a great summer holiday and there will be a warm welcome on your return in September.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Bishop Stephen will ordain Jemery Wynne to the Permanent Diaconate this coming Saturday, **5 July**, at 11am at the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no 10am Mass at the Cathedral on this day.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor (St Joseph's Home), Westmorland Road, Newcastle will hold a Summer Fayre on Saturday **5 July** from 12-3pm. All are welcome to attend.

ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Association of the Eucharist is holding its monthly Holy Hour at St. Andrew's on Sunday **6 July** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm followed by refreshments and it is open to everyone.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Gerald Williams speak about Jubilee: Redemption - a Hebrew Contract, a Christian Reconciliation, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Tuesday **8 July**, at 2.30pm.

ST ANDREW'S & ST MICHAEL'S SPONSORED WALK

Last year St Michael's organised a sponsored walk in which all who took part enjoyed. This year St Michael's are joining forces with St Andrew's to walk on Saturday **19 July** starting at 10am from St Andrew's via the Cathedral to St Michael's (under 2 miles) where there will be light refreshment. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of St Andrew's and St Michael's. If you are not taking part, please consider sponsoring someone

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

Cleaner, St Charles Gosforth. Permanent, part time (5hrs a week). Deadline for applications 4 July.

Parish Secretary, St Robert, All Saints, St George-English Martyrs, St Cuthbert Newcastle. Permanent, part time (17hrs a week). Deadline for applications 11 July.

For more information and to apply, please visit diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies or telephone 0191 2433301.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2025

The Newcastle and District Society of Organists are holding a series of recitals at St Dominic's on selected Friday nights, starting at 7.30pm for 70 minutes. Tickets are £10 and include refreshments. The next recital is on **18 July** with Eleni Kventsidou (Rugby School). The series continues on 15 August - Charles Wooler (Newcastle), and 19 September - Kris Thomsett (Newcastle Cathedral).

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need is inviting pilgrims from across the UK to join them on pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year to the historic city of York from **21-26 July 2025**. They will reflect on why over 50 Yorkshire men and women, such as St Margaret Clitheroe and St John Fisher, were prepared to die for our faith, and how their great sacrifices paved the way for the survival of faith now. The 2025 Aid to the Church in Need pilgrimage will be led by their Spiritual Director, Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, the ACN Pilgrimage Team and with Suze Mathews, pilgrimage historian. Pilgrimage cost is £285. For more information visit the ACN website at acnuk.org/event/acn-pilgrimage-york-and-the-north-heartland-of-faith-and-hope/ or email Bridget Teasdale at Bridget.Teasdale@acnuk.org

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

The Catholic Chaplains at the city hospitals are looking for practising Catholics to assist them with the distribution of Holy Communion each Sunday. They may already be assisting in their parishes or willing to be trained in this ministry. Once a week (Sunday) Ministers of Holy Communion would, on a rota, work alongside and under the direction of Fr Mariadass and Deacon Paddy Jackson. For further information please contact Fr Mariadass at arockia.pagyasamy@nhs.net or Deacon Paddy at paddy.jackson1@nhs.net

VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

Discipleship groups for children and parents: The sessions for these groups (called Voice of the Shepherd) are guided by a team of catechists, and the purpose is to nurture faith and friendship through play, and prayer, with the Bible. Children can enter from P3 upwards, and if they need preparation for Baptism and First Holy Communion that is given within their journey of discipleship with the Good Shepherd. With enough children joining, it is hoped that there will be 2-3 groups of different ages. While children are in their own groups, parents have their own session with Fr Peter or a catechist. These sessions commence in September, and will be held at St Dominic's, one Saturday per month. The timing of the sessions will depend on the group. For more information contact Fr Peter Randall by 18 August, to help us to prepare dates and groups. prandallsj@jesuit.org.uk 07852 591292

THE UPPER ROOM GROUP

Are you looking for a welcoming space to grow in faith and fellowship? The Upper Room Group is a vibrant community of Catholic adults (18+) who come together on the first Monday of each month at 7pm at St Dominic's Priory. We share in faith, friendship and great conversations, followed by a meal. Beyond our monthly gatherings, we stay connected through social events, attending conferences and our active WhatsApp group, making it a wonderful way to meet fellow Catholics. Want to join or find out more? Text or WhatsApp: Ronan – 07859 779062; Danko – 07474 051656. Come and be part of a community that supports and inspires each other in faith!

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Join March for Life UK on 6 September in London. The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is "Human Rights For All Humans." Unite with thousands of others at this family friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at www.marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SVP

The SVP manage the collections and sorting of clothing to donate both to refugees and others in need. There has been a logjam for weeks due to lack of volunteers to sort out donations and it is making it difficult to deal with requests. If you are able to volunteer at the SVP centre on New Bridge Street, just next door to St Dominic's, please visit svp.org.uk/microsite/st-vincent-centre-newcastle/volunteer

HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP

Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given and would suit someone wanting to give back to the Community by helping 9-12-year-olds have fun for a week. Term Time Camps need lots of volunteers if they are to survive. If you could find a few days in term time to help out with serving meals, prepping salads and washing dishes they would be truly grateful. By running term time camps, Summer Vacances Holidays for children can be sustained. If you'd like to chat about the role please email BarbaraT@svp.org.uk.

Who do people say I am

Some say I am a carpenter from the vale of Bethany.
Some say I am a fisherman from the sea of Galilee
Some say I am a shepherd and others I'm a lamb
But you my friend

Who do you say I am?

Some say I am a teacher from the green Judean hills
Some say that I work miracles, curing human ills.
Some say I am a mighty wind and others a dead calm
But you my friend

Who do you say I am?

If you listen to these voices, then I am many things
A carpenter, a shepherd, a breeze that sweetly sings
A king of Kings, a beggar, a solitary man
But you my friend

Who do you say I am?

You may say I am the saviour who sets the people free
You may say I'm a blasphemer and nail me to a tree
You may say I am the Christ, the sacrificial lamb
But deep within your loving heart
You know who I am.

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Join us for social time in the Chaplaincy Room after Sunday Mass at St Andrew's.

Mondays at 5.30pm: PREGO (on Zoom)

Wednesdays at 6pm: FIDEM

Please join the Chaplaincy WhatsApp group for further details.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

SUNDAY 29th JUNE The Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostle	4pm	St Michael's	People of the Parish
	5pm	St Andrew's	Florence Watson (A)
	5.30pm	St Dominic's	Ossie Taylor RIP
	9.30am	Cathedral	Ritson & Kathleen Thoburn (A)
	10am	St Dominic's	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Cathedral	People of the Parish
	6pm	St Andrew's	People of the Parish
Monday 30th June <i>First Martyrs of the Roman Church (Memorial)</i>	6.30pm	Cathedral	Bill & Nancy Jackson RIP
	12.05pm	Cathedral	Eileen Fay RIP
Tuesday 1st July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	St Dominic's	The Intentions of Fr Gero SJ
	10am	St Dominic's	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 2nd July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.05pm	Cathedral	Nnesochi Offor, 70th Birthday Intentions
	10am	St Dominic's	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	Cathedral	Olivia Darragh
Thursday 3rd July <i>St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)</i>	5.30pm	St Andrew's	Wellbeing of Baby S
	12.05pm	Cathedral	For the Healing & Health of Lourdes Garcia
	5.30pm	St Andrew's	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 4th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.05pm	Cathedral	Bernie Suttie RIP
	5.30pm	St Andrews	Wellbeing of JS
Saturday 5th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<u>11am</u>	Cathedral	Ordination to the Diaconate of Jeremy Wynne
SUNDAY 6th JULY The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4pm	St Michael's	People of the Parish
	5pm	St Andrew's	Celebrant's Intention
	5.30pm	St Dominic's	Trish Saxby RIP
	9.30am	Cathedral	Joan Browne RIP
	10am	St Dominic's	Dorothy & Brian Glancey RIP
	11.30am	Cathedral	Intentions of Karen Robson
	6pm	St Andrew's	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Cathedral	People of the Parish

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral

Monday, Wednesday & Friday after 12.05pm Mass

St. Andrew's

Wednesday to Friday 4.45pm-5.15pm; Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm.

St. Dominic's

Monday 5pm-5.45pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 11am-11.45am. (*Rosary on Fridays*)

St. Andrew's

Wednesday to Friday 4.45pm-5.15pm.

St. Dominic's

Monday 5pm-5.45pm.

CATHEDRAL OFFICE

The Cathedral Office, located in Cathedral House, is open at the following times this week: **Wednesday - Friday 9am - 5pm.**

SAFEGUARDING

Our parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times.

Each of the churches in our Partnership has a designated Parish Safeguarding Representative:

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Team are available Monday-Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm on 0191 243 3305/07940 390210 or by email at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

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