



Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

Parish Newsletter 28th June 2026

13th Week in Ordinary Time Year A

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL SOLEMNITY: FAITH STRONGER THAN WEAKNESS

This Sunday we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, two great Apostles who became the foundations of the Church's mission. They were very different men. Peter was a fisherman from Galilee who had accompanied Jesus during His earthly ministry. Paul had once persecuted Christians before encountering the risen Lord and becoming an untiring preacher of the Gospel. Neither of them was perfect. Peter denied Jesus three times, while Paul carried the painful memory of having opposed the Church. Yet Christ did not define them by their failures. He forgave them, called them and entrusted them with a mission. Their lives remind us that holiness does not mean never falling. It means allowing Christ to raise us up and continuing to follow Him. God can use our weaknesses, our past mistakes and even our fears when we place them in His hands.



Peter confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Paul declared: "The Lord stood by me and gave me power." Their courage came not from confidence in themselves, but from confidence in Jesus.

*As we honour these two Apostles, let us renew our own trust in Christ.
May He strengthen our parish, help us remain faithful in difficult moments and give us
the courage to profess our faith through our words, decisions and daily lives.*

PRAYER AFTER THE HOMILY

Lord Jesus Christ, You called Peter from his nets and Paul from the road of opposition to become courageous witnesses of Your Gospel. **Strengthen our faith** when we are afraid, raise us when we fall, and teach us to trust more in Your grace than in our own abilities. **Keep us united** with Your Church. **Help us** to use our different gifts for one common mission: **to proclaim Your love** through our words, our service and the witness of our lives. Through the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul, **make us faithful disciples**, humble servants and joyful messengers of the Gospel. **May we never be ashamed to belong to You** and may our parish communities remain steadfast in faith, united in love and generous in mission. **Amen.**



Today a Second Parish Collections is for Peter's Pence

On June 27/28 – the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. *This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.*

Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father and of solidarity with his mission to bring the Gospel throughout the world.

To donate through secure digital channels
<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html>

As every year, every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

HOSPITAL VISITS BY A PRIEST

If you know someone in hospital who would like a visit from a priest for prayer, spiritual support, Holy Communion (Viaticum: communion for dying), Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Priest on call, at 07842 538056 ASAP.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI LOVED THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE LOVED CHRIST

Although he recognised the weaknesses of Christians, he never separated himself from the community founded upon the Apostles. He wanted his way of life to remain faithful to the teaching of the Church. **Like Saints Peter and Paul, Francis understood** that the Gospel must be proclaimed not only with words but also through the witness of a transformed life. **His poverty, simplicity, prayer and care for others became a living proclamation of Jesus.** Through the intercession of Saints Peter, Paul and Francis, may we remain faithful to the Church and courageous in sharing the Gospel through our daily lives. **A Franciscan Jubilee Year challenge for the week: Like Saints Peter, Paul and Francis, take one small but courageous step in faith this week. Speak a word of encouragement, offer forgiveness, help someone quietly, or share with another person why your faith in Christ matters to you.**

PARISH COLLECTIONS PLUS DIRECT BANK PAYMENTS

April: 6/4 - £730.57 * 13/4 - £778.02 * 20/4 - £1,170.67 (Easter) * 27/4 - £808.87 || 2nd Collection Holy Places - £263.70 * Easter Bunny £38.50 ||
May: 4/5 - £841.88 * 11/5 - £770.91 * 18/5 - £595.73 * 25/5 - £684.93 || Gift Aid cash paid for year is £7,132.06 plus a further £2,000 still to come for loose cash collections tax allowance total = £9,132.06 || **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS. || The levy amount already paid to our diocese of £3,681.12 plus a further £6,000.00 which is paid by direct debit at £500.00 per month. Total of £9,681.13.**

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EXPERIENCING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

Parish Eucharistic Revival Project

Beginning in August, our parish community will undertake a new journey of prayer, learning and spiritual renewal.

The purpose of this initiative is **to help us appreciate more deeply the greatest treasure of our Catholic faith:** the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

As part of this programme, we will consider four central aspects of our Eucharistic faith: the identity of the One present in the Blessed Sacrament, the mystery celebrated at every Mass, the meaning of Eucharistic Adoration and the influence the Eucharist should have on our everyday choices and relationships. **These formation meetings will prepare our parish for a trial programme of monthly Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament.**

To adore Christ more fully, we first need to recognise His presence. To value moments of sacred silence, we need to understand the grace that He offers us within them.

All members of our parish community, together with those who are open to discovering this form of the Lord's presence—*perhaps for the first time*—are warmly invited to share in this journey of renewal and to draw closer to Jesus, who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34(33)

“From all my terrors the Lord set me free.”

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

“There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.”

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

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 Matthew 16:13-19

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES



Tuesdays: Holy Rosary 9.30am
Holy Mass at 10.00am. followed by coffee/tea in the hall

Thursdays: Holy Rosary 9.30am
Holy Mass at 10.00am.

School in attendance. Please come and join us!



**Our Lady's
RC Primary School
and ELCC Perth**

**As the school year comes to an end,
we give thanks to God for all that has been achieved
during these past months.**

We offer our sincere gratitude to all teachers and school staff for their dedication, patience and daily care for the children. SPECIAL THANKS to all the teachers who generously supported our children in their sacramental preparation, helping them grow in faith and guiding them with dedication, patience, and loving example.

To all the children, thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm and the joy you bring to our school and parish community. We congratulate you on everything you have learned and accomplished.

We wish the whole school community a peaceful, happy and safe summer holiday. May this time of rest bring renewed strength, many joyful moments and God's blessing upon every family.

**ALPHA IS FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO
EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**



We continue the ALPHA Course on Wednesday 1st July at 6.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes, in the church hall. *You are warmly invited to come along, to bring a family member, friend or anyone who is curious, to share some food and to get to know each other.*

Come along and see what you think

DROP-IN If you fancy a natter amongst friendly faces, **ALL WELCOME!** along with a cup of tea/coffee and a jammy dodger, please come and join us on **Friday afternoons, between 1pm and 3pm in the church hall.** We very much look forward to welcoming you all.