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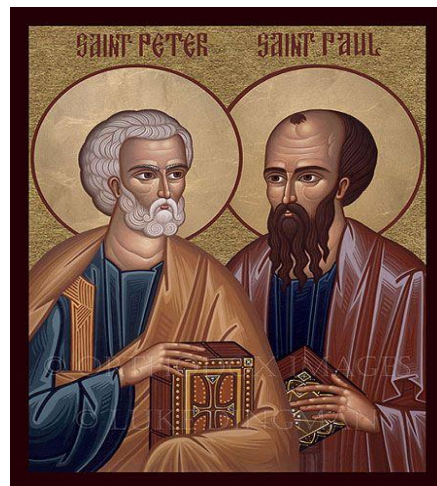
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SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS
PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
Secondary Patrons of the Diocese
28TH JUNE

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

9am (Cor) Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

Monday 29th June

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 30th June

Feast of the Dedication

of Clifton Cathedral

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Tony Sutton*)

Wednesday 1st July

Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 2nd July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Fr Millett*)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 3rd July

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Benefactors*)

Saturday 4th July

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME A

5TH JULY

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

9am (Cor) Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

with Children's Liturgy

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL this Sunday the Church celebrates the two great apostles Ss Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Our communion with the successor of Saint Peter, Pope Leo, is the touchstone of Catholic unity. They are the secondary patrons of our diocese. May the Holy Apostles pray for us and with us today.

PETER'S PENCE This Sunday's collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows Pope Leo to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

RCIA – JOURNEY IN FAITH Our 2026/7 preparation for Adult Baptisms or reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will begin in the autumn after the summer break. If you know anyone who would like to know more about Jesus Christ and his Church, please do encourage them to come along to Mass and then to join the 2026/7 journey. If anyone is interested in joining our team of catechists and helpers this year, please do speak to Michael. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in the mission of the Church.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION The next date for baptismal preparation for parents of children being baptized will be held on July 4th in St Mary's Church Office at 2pm. If you are planning to have your child baptized shortly at St Mary's or St Patrick's, please ensure that you attend this opportunity to prepare for your child's special day. The session is also open to Godparents.

SVP LUNCH The next SVP lunch at St Mary's will be on Friday 3rd July after the 12.10pm Mass. Please sign up on one of the sheets at both entrances.

DOWNSIDE ABBEY FESTIVAL 16th-19th July. Friday 17th July 7pm - 9.30pm 'Come and Sing' with Sir John Rutter. A unique opportunity for all who love to sing (and can read a bit of music) to spend a summer's evening in the glorious setting of Downside Abbey, performing a selection of beautiful choral works, under the direction of the internationally famous composer and conductor, Sir John Rutter. Copies of the music will be provided. Please

book at: www.ticketsource.com/downside-abbey-festival. Doors open for registration at 6.00pm.
www.downsideabbey.co.uk/downside-abbey-festival-2026/

THE ANNUAL BBQ AT SAINT PATRICK'S is held on Sunday 19th July from 11.30am onwards. Donations of desserts/puddings are most welcome. All are welcome to join us from both our parishes.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT We ask Chippenham parishioners to help to ensure that our weekly adoration continues during the holiday season. Would you please commit to an hour per month? Please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Please would you kindly notify the parish office asap if you would like to join a confirmation formation group. If there are sufficient candidates, we plan to hold Confirmation next year. Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church, alongside Baptism and First Holy Communion. It seals the believer with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens them for their lifelong Christian journey. Both young people and adults are invited to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is celebrated fortnightly in each of our parishes. This liturgy is for young children who have not yet made their first Holy Communion.

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL runs from 15th – 19th August in the Sussex countryside. The Celebrate Trust is a Catholic ministry that inspires and equips people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, in support of the family, to form the next generation and encourage local community. For further information please see: <https://www.celebratefestival.org>

REFRESHMENTS Saint Patrick's continues to offer weekly refreshments after the 9am Mass. The next refreshments at St Mary's is 12th July after the 11am Mass. Fr Michael celebrates his 30th anniversary of priestly ordination on this Sunday. Fr Bill celebrates his 32nd anniversary on Thursday 16th July. Ad multos annos.

MISSIO Many thanks to the two people who have come forward to count the Missio donations; one for St Mary's and one for St Patrick's. We will be asking box holders to return your red boxes for counting again in September.

CHIPPENHAM CARNIVAL takes place on Saturday 4th July and starts at 5.30pm from Chippenham College. Please be aware that there will be a shortage of parking that day.

THE PARISH OFFICE will re-open on Thursday 2nd July.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday masses and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Kath McDonald, Linda Scott, Nick King, Mo Brinn, Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Agnes Tegner, Michael Millard, Harry Purdon. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Tony Sutton, Harry Trowbridge, Robert Perkiss, Tom Birtles, Margaret Stringer, Bud Wainwright.

For Peace: in the Middle East, Ukraine, Gaza and all the places of warfare throughout the world.

The Holy Father's July Intention: Let us pray for the respect and protections of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Saint George, Warminster.

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

July - The Month of the Precious Blood



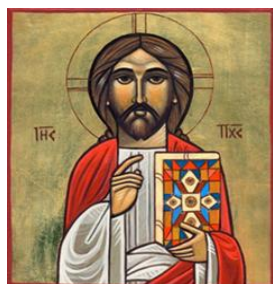
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we venerate is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

One of the oldest documents, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era of Pope St Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. says: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

Collect from the Mass of the Precious Blood

"O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through Our Lord. Amen.



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First reading

Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33)

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.