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SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL – Apostles

(JUNE 30, 2024)

Entrance Antiphon: **These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.**

Response to the Psalm: **From all my terrors the Lord set my free.**

Gospel Acclamation: **You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.**

Communion Antiphon: **Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| SUNDAY (Sat) | 06.00pm | Mass – Caetano Fernandes (RIP) Marcal Crasto (Intentions) Mariquinha Vas (RIP) |
| | 09.00am | Mass – Lucas Gonsalves (Intentions) |
| | 10.30am | Mass – Matt Smith (RIP) |
| Monday | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | 09.00am | Mass – Violante Cabral (RIP) |
| Wednesday | 09.00am | Mass – Nihal & Cerasela Blaj (Thanksgiving) |
| Thursday | 09.00am | Mass – Casmiro Vas (RIP) |
| Friday | 09.00am | Mass – Henry Fernandes & Crecy Pereira (Thanksgiving) |

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JULY 7, 2024)

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| SUNDAY (Sat) | 06.00pm | Mass – Nacimenta Pereira (Anniversary) |
| | 09.00am | Mass – Rachel, Kimberly and Agnes Afonso (Thanksgiving) |
| | 10.30am | Mass – Steve Kingsley (RIP) |

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

ANNIVERSARY: Fr Michael will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday 7th July. The 10.30am Mass on that day will be celebrated by our new Bishop, Bosco MacDonald. There will be cake and refreshments after the Mass. Several people have volunteered to help with refreshments. If any Parishioners would like to help in this way, please contact Deacon Elias on 07833 746001.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Maizie Crasto who is being baptised here in St Marys this week.

FEAST OF St PETER: There will be Mass on Saturday, 6th July at 11am to celebrate the Feast of St Peter in the Church.

SUMMER FAYRE on Saturday 6th July 10.30a.m-2pm at St. Catherine's School Davenwood SN2 7LL . Join us for lots of family fun - Circus Entertainer, Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Football Games, cakes, crafts and much more.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025: Many parishioners are asking about First Communion and Confirmation in 2025. Enrolment for the sacraments will be in November and December 2024 and the Catechesis will begin in January.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. All are invited to join a day of fun and celebration on Saturday 6th July at the School from 11am-3pm. There will be live music, a bar, food raffle, activities for children and tours of the school. For more details, poster displayed in the Church notice board.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August: The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

RED BOX 2023: In 2023 Parish raised £1210.73 through our Red Boxes and donations to mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! The missionary community here at our parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

YOUTH CONVENTION: 7th Annual Youth Convention in Swindon at St Peters Catholic Church, on 20th July from 10.30am – 4.30pm. An event for all 13yrs + Tickets/Passes available from Holy Rood Parish office.

PARISH DANCE: We are having a parish dance on Saturday 31 August 2024. If you would like to supply or sponsor some of the items mentioned on the list; which is put up on the notice board at the back of the Church, please call Natasha on 07720982226 between 4.30 and 8pm. Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

RAFFLE TICKETS: At the parish dance we will have a raffle. Raffle tickets are available from the parish office. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 a book.

GOAN SWINDON ASSOCIATION: is organising its annual Goan Summer Festival on the 13th of July 2024 at Stratton Jr Football Club Ground (located in St Luke's Academy), Cricklade Road, Swindon SN2 5BA. The band that will be playing is 'The Seven Notes'. The day begins with Mass at 12noon and ends at 9pm.

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE: Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic Weekly Newspaper. Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1284.60 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION this Sunday will be towards Peter's Pence.

*OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

First reading

Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 33(34):2-9**

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

or

The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
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 poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Second reading **2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.