## **GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**



We become attached to the celebrities in our TV soaps, but the directors are always keen to point out, that no celebrity is greater than the show itself. It is very easy on this feast day to get caught up by the larger-than-life personalities of Peter and Paul. This is understandable ... both men lived and died with a passion that we imagine beyond us lesser mortals. But it's in imagining that we are lesser mortals that we defeat the example of these great mean. Neither man would have wanted to be put on a pedestal. Neither man would want us to imagine that their

examples were impossible to emulate. Neither man would want to be a celebrity. Both men went to their deaths proclaiming that Jesus was the Son of God. Both Peter and Paul wanted Jesus' legacy to touch every generation and they would be the first to say that the work of the Church is down to each and every one of us, not just a couple of celebrities.

Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton, and we can look to their example. Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, making many mistakes along the way. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet like Peter we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always fight for what is right, no matter how difficult that might be.

**Bitesize –** 'Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.' ~*Edwin Hubbel Chapin* 

**PARISH PRAYER** – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary



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## Sunday 30th June 2024 – SS Peter & Paul, Apostles

[Sundays Year B, 13th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week1]

MASSES in the PARISH		
Saturda	y 29 <sup>th</sup> June	
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		SS Peter & Paul. Solemnity.
09.00	MASS	
11.00	MASS Live streamed	For the People of the Parish
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Feria
	Service of the Word & Ho	bly Communion
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		St. Thomas, Apostle. Feast
-	No Mass today	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	+Tony Whitehouse (EW)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July		Feria
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	MASS Live streamed	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30 EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy. Parish Safeguarding Representative: Kathleen Edmunds kathleenedmunds@yahoo.com For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Richard Downing, Elizabeth Mary Sharp, Leslie Neve, Fred Hawkins, Andre Kanssen, Irene Dorothy O'Brien, Mary Costen, Joan Mary Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.* 

**Hospital Visits:** If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

**Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for:** Shirley Liebenhals, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

**Money Matters:** Offerings for the last four Sundays: Plate: 2<sup>nd</sup> June £287.64 plus Easter offering £30; 9<sup>th</sup> June £225.55; 16<sup>th</sup> June £308.20; 23<sup>rd</sup> June £288.04. Collection for Day for Life on 16<sup>th</sup> June: £127.83. Thank you. **Peter's Pence:** *There is a retiring collection for Peter's Pence after all Masses this weekend.* 

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This is will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July | St Thomas, Parish Feast Celebration - Our Indian brothers and sisters in the Parish will lead the celebration of St Thomas, the Apostle, Feast day, at the 1100 Mass. Followed by lunch in the garden.

**Tony Whitehouse+** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Whitehouse, who died suddenly on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Tony faithfully served the parish over many years as Parish Treasurer and Chairman of the former Fabric Committee. His Funeral Service will be held on **Monday**, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am in the Parish. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Tony's family and friends.

**Patrick Monaghan+** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Monaghan who died on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Patrick faithfully served the parish over many years as Sacristan and 130 Club promoter. His funeral service is being arranged for **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July** in the Parish *(time to be confirmed).* We offer our heartfelt condolences to Patrick's family and friends.

**Community of Our Lady of Walsingham: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** at the **House of the Divine Will, Dereham –** The Sisters are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July with Mass at 12 noon.** Bishop Alan Williams

from the Diocese of Brentwood will be the main celebrant for Holy Mass. Arrivals are from **11am**, and there will be a bring and share lunch following Mass. The Sisters will be providing pulled pork baps, so bring whatever you wish to supplement this. There will also be a lovely COLW cake for all, with a GF and vegan option for those who require it. There will be games and activities, including a bouncy castle (for adults as well as children!), along with time for quiet prayer in the chapel should you wish to spend some time with the Lord. Do say a prayer for good weather! **Please RSVP to** <u>office@walsinghamcommunity.org</u> or call 01362 692574 by Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July if you wish to attend. Please also keep in your prayers members of our lay branch who will renew their promises that weekend and as we welcome new members. The Sisters look forward to seeing you and sharing in this time of thanksgiving and celebration!

Parish Events for the week 30 <sup>th</sup> June – 6 <sup>th</sup> July.		
Sunday: 1100	Children's Liturgy (for children in Y1 to 1st Holy	
	Communion age)	
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All	
	welcome.	
Friday: 1915-2030 Altar Servers Group – Emmaus Room.		
Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.		

**Tea Buddies, 8<sup>th</sup> July –** In view of the funeral of Tony Whitehouse+ on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, our monthly meeting of Tea Buddies due on that day **is being moved to Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July.** 

**The Shack** – The next issue of *The Shack*, the parish magazine, is due to be published next weekend. There is still some room for an article or two if anyone would like to submit something! **Deadline Wednesday 3**<sup>rd</sup> **July please.** *Email to* **elainewilkes182@btinternet.com**.

**Teach Us to Pray –** This is an excellent resource on prayer for families and parishes which can be downloaded from the following link: <u>https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/verso-il-giubileo/2024-</u> anno-della-preghiera/insegnaci-a-pregare.html. This prayer resource has

been prepared by the Vatican for this Year of Prayer. People can also download the resource in several languages from the Vatican website.



We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.

Our grateful thanks also go to Fr James Walsh & Fr Michael Stack who have so kindly celebrated our weekend Masses for us this last month while Fr. Jay has been away.