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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 29th June 2025 Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Sue Jenkins, Private Intention (C B) Peter and Pauline Stewart, RIP (S & M S) Parish Community Our Lady's Lamp: Jan Davies (C S)
Monday 30 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Jean Morgan, RIP Anniversary (J R)
Tuesday 1 st July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Sr Jerome, RIP (K O)
Wednesday 2 nd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Jim Sander, RIP Anniversary (S S) Coffee Morning
Thursday 3 rd St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)	7.00pm	Dominic & Monik, Wedding 5 th July (M P)
Friday 4 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Special Intention of the Donor (E T)
Saturday 5 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am	A Private Intention
Sunday 6th July 2025 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Joe Battershell, Private Intention (H P B) Holy Souls Our Lady's Lamp: Ann Lane (C S)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Rosanna Hooson-Jones, Valentine Oguejiofor, Sam Rees, Deisi Souza, Paul Kieft.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend for 'Peter's Pence'.

IN MEMORY OF NORMAN AND CHRISTINA THOMAS, RIP

Our Parish has acquired new sets of priests' liturgical vestments (six chasubles and two humeral veils) through the kindness of a bequest from Norman and Christina Thomas, RIP. We are grateful to the family of Norman and Christina for arranging this act of kindness in memory of their parents. Norman and Christina were devoted members of our parish. May the Lord grant them eternal rewards and rest.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6TH SEPTEMBER: March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6th September in London. Thousands of people will join together, united in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and standing up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. If you are interested in taking part, two coaches will be travelling up to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig's, Treforest contact Howard at Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk; for information about the coach leaving St Alban's, Cardiff and picking up from Newport, contact Clare on 07983 522 851

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd July** at 2pm in the Parish Hall, when we will hear about Joy Coles' recent travels. All Ladies welcome.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 8th July at 7pm.** All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 4th August at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 14. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 2nd July at 6pm.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 3rd July** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Miller, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Anna Dutkova, Roger Eddy.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians & Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £889	Thanks for your generosity
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From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(August 2025)

Friday 29 August 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later.
Sunday 31 August 1pm	PARISH GARDEN PARTY	More information later.

ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(Taken from the Homily of Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 29 June 2024)

Let us look at the two Apostles, Peter and Paul: the fisherman from Galilee whom Jesus made a fisher of men, and the Pharisee who persecuted the Church but was transformed by grace into an evangelizer of the nations. In the light of God's word, let us draw inspiration from their story and from the apostolic zeal that marked their lives. In encountering the Lord, they experienced a true passover: they were set free: the doors to a new life opened before them.

Brothers and sisters, on the eve of the Jubilee Year, let us reflect on that image of the door. The Jubilee will be a time of grace during which we will open the Holy Door so that everyone may cross the threshold of that living sanctuary who is Jesus and, in him, experience the love of God that confirms our hope and renews our joy. In the story of Peter and Paul, several doors open.

The first reading tells of the deliverance of Peter from prison; it is filled with images reminiscent of Passover. The event takes place during the feast of Unleavened Bread. Herod recalls the figure of the Pharaoh of Egypt. The deliverance takes place at night, as it did for the Israelites. The angel gives Peter the same instructions once given to Israel: he tells Peter to rise quickly, gird himself and put on his sandals (cf. Acts 12:8; Ex 12:11). The account, then, is that of a new exodus. God delivers his Church, frees his people who are in chains, and once again reveals himself as the God of mercy who sustains them on their journey.

On that night of deliverance, the doors of the prison are first miraculously opened. Then, we are told that when Peter and the angel accompanying him came to the iron gate leading into the city, "it opened to them of its own accord" (Acts 12:10). They did not open the door; it opened by itself. It is God who opens doors; he is the one who sets us free and opens the way before us. Jesus, as we heard in the Gospel, entrusted the keys of the Kingdom to Peter, yet Peter realizes that it is the Lord who opens doors; he always goes before us. This point is significant: the doors of the prison were opened by the Lord's strength, but Peter then found it hard to enter the house of the Christian community. The woman who went to the door thought that it was a ghost and did not open the door (cf. Acts 12:12-17). How many times have communities not learned this wisdom of the need to open the doors!

The journey of the Apostle Paul is also, primarily, a passover experience. First, he is changed by his encounter with the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus and then, fervently contemplating the crucified Christ, discovers the grace of weakness. When we are weak, he tells us, it is then that we are strong, because we no longer rely on ourselves, but on Christ (cf. 2 Cor 12:10). Seized by the Lord and crucified with him, Paul can write, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Yet this does not lead to a consoling, inward-looking religiosity – like that found in a few movements in the Church today – on the contrary, the encounter with the Lord ignites in the life of Paul a burning zeal for evangelization. As we heard in the second reading, at the end of his life, he could say: "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it" (2 Tim 4:17).