

Sunday Newsletter

St Ninian RC Church & St Joseph RC Church

28 JUNE 2026

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL



The Church today celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two very different men united by one faith, one Lord, and one mission. Peter was a simple fisherman who often acted before thinking. Paul was an educated Pharisee who once persecuted Christians. Yet God's grace transformed both into fearless apostles whose witness changed the world.

Peter teaches us that holiness is not about perfection but about trusting Christ after our failures. Though he denied Jesus three times, he repented and became the rock upon which Christ built His Church. Paul reminds us that no one is beyond God's mercy. His dramatic conversion shows that God's grace can change even the hardest heart.

Both apostles gave their lives for Christ in Rome, proving that faith is worth every sacrifice. Their courage challenges us to remain faithful in a world that often rejects Christian values. Like Peter, may we profess that Jesus is the Christ. Like Paul, may we proclaim the Gospel with zeal and conviction. Through their prayers, may we remain steadfast in faith, united in love, and joyful in the mission Christ entrusts to His Church. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW WEEK

Heavenly Father, as I begin this new week, I place myself and my entire family into Your loving hands. Thank You for the gift of life, Your unfailing mercy, and Your constant protection. Go before us in every step we take and fill our hearts with Your peace. Bless our work, studies, ministry, and daily responsibilities with success and purpose. Keep us safe from every danger, sickness, accident, temptation, and evil. Strengthen our faith when we face challenges, and help us to trust You in every circumstance. Fill our home with love, unity, forgiveness, and joy. Grant us wisdom to make good decisions and generous hearts to serve others. May Your Holy Spirit guide our words and actions so that we may glorify You in all we do. We entrust this new week to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Our Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Sunday Mass:

9.30am in St. Ninian's RC Church
11.00am in St. Joseph's RC Church

Daily Masses

St Ninian's RC Church:

Tuesday; 10am
Wednesday; 10am
Friday; 10am.

St Joseph's RC Church:

Wednesday; 11am
Thursday; 10am
Saturday; 10am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Day Masses:

Morning: As announced.

EXPOSITION;

Saturday; 10.30am to 11am in St Joseph's Church
Friday; 10.30am to 11am in St. Ninian's Church

Birthday Celebrations; 3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

St. Ninian; Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm
St. Joseph; Saturday 10.30am

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HAVE A CUPPA WITH US AFTER THE SUNDAY MASSES.

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Sunday 28 June 2026

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - Mass of the Day ●

Liturgical Colour: Red. Year: A(II).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 12:1-11 ·

‘Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.’

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.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

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.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

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.

From all my terrors the LORD 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.

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

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.

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.’

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.

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.’

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.’

Celebrant:

United in faith with the Apostles Peter and Paul, let us bring our prayers before God, who strengthens his Church in every age.

1. For the Holy Church:

That the Church, built on the faith of the Apostles Peter and Paul, may remain steadfast in proclaiming the Gospel with courage and fidelity.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

2. For the Holy Father, bishops, priests and deacons:

That they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to shepherd God’s people with wisdom, humility and love.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

3. For world leaders:

That they may work tirelessly for justice, peace and reconciliation among nations, respecting the dignity of every human person.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

4. For those who suffer persecution because of their faith:

That, inspired by the courage of Saints Peter and Paul, they may remain faithful to Christ and find strength in God’s un-failing presence.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

5. For our parish community:

That we may grow in faith, hope and charity, becoming joyful witnesses to Christ in our families, workplaces and neighbourhoods.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Eco Prayer: That we may be faithful stewards of God’s creation, caring for the earth with gratitude and responsibility, and inspiring others to protect our common home for future generations. **Lord, in your mercy:** *Hear our prayer.*

6. For the sick, the lonely and all who are burdened:

That the Lord may grant them healing, comfort and hope through the loving care of those around them.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

7. For the faithful departed:

That all who have died, especially our relatives, friends and parishioners, may share in the eternal glory promised by Christ.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant:

God our Father, you called Saints Peter and Paul to proclaim your Son to the world. Hear the prayers we offer today and strengthen us to follow Christ faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KNOW YOUR FAITH!

THE GIFT OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of God’s greatest gifts to His Church. Through it, Christ offers us forgiveness, healing, peace, and the grace to begin anew. Jesus entrusted this ministry to His apostles when He said, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23). Every confession is therefore a personal encounter with the mercy of Christ through the ministry of His priest.

Sometimes, the Church celebrates a penitential service with **general absolution**. This is different from individual confession. General absolution is the collective imparting of absolution to a group of people without individual confession beforehand. However, the Church permits its use only in exceptional circumstances, such as when there is imminent danger of death and there is not enough time for priests to hear individual confessions, or when there is another grave necessity as determined according to the norms of the Church. It is **not** intended as a substitute for the ordinary celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The ordinary and preferred way of celebrating this sacrament is through **individual confession to a priest**, followed by personal absolution. This allows each person to examine his or her conscience honestly, confess sins personally, receive appropriate spiritual counsel, and hear the comforting words of absolution spoken directly by the priest. It is a deeply personal encounter with Christ’s healing mercy.

Even when someone has validly received general absolution, the Church teaches that anyone conscious of grave sin must make an individual sacramental confession as soon as reasonably possible before receiving general absolution again.

Let us never be afraid of the confessional. The priest is not there to condemn but to reconcile. Every sincere confession brings freedom, restores our friendship with God, and strengthens us to live as faithful disciples. May we make regular use of this beautiful sacrament, approaching it with humility, confidence, and gratitude, knowing that God’s mercy is always greater than our sins.

- THIS WEEK’S WEEKDAY MASSES :**
- TUE 30 JUNE ST NINIAN AT 11AM**
- WED 1 JULY ST JOSEPH AT 1.30PM**
- THURS 2 JULY ST NINIAN AT 11.15AM**
- FRI 3 JULY: ST NIIAN AT 6PM /SAT 4 JULY 10AM AT JOSEPH**



PARISH PRIEST DESK

PARISH EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This announcement is for the two parishes: Please block these dates for us;

Combined Parish Harvest day : Sunday 27th of September at 10am at St Ninian RC Church

Parish Retreats:

St Ninian: Saturday 22 August 10.30am

St Joseph: Saturday 15 August 10.30am

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are sick– Franks Forbes, Pam Herron, Jim Ashwood, John McGuire, Bernadette Dailly, – Maureen and Stan Clementsmith, Mike McKernie, May Cosgrove, Irene Blaney, Maggie Stewart, Cathie Soave, Albert Soave, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Gordon Sangster, Bill Martin, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCarten, Alan Newell, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Saul Sangster, Gillian Donnelly, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday and Margaret McDonagh. **May they feel the healing power of Christ, in body and in spirit.**

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith - for the souls of for the souls of Ephraim Agu, Ebim Peter Akaya, Alice Ebim Abua, of Ida Peters, Adrienne Amos, Jim Maguire, Tina Vettrano, Bill Newall, David Stewart, Deacon Charles Hendry, Bob Peat and Ron Scrimgeour, whose anniversaries occur around this time. . **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. THERE IS A 2ND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY – PETERS PENCE – PLEASE SUPPORT.

ST JOSEPH

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 21 JUNE

Loose Plate £167 Gift Aid Envelopes £168 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £10 Maintenance Fund £0 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £701

2nd Collection Sunday 21 June – THE DAY FOR LIFE - £104

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please try to give a little more each week to help St Jo's.

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ST JOSEPH'S – 200 CLUB 2026 – JUNE PRIZE DRAW

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £100 – Ticket number 131 - Maggie Stewart

2nd Prize £25 – Ticket number 118 - Yvonne Gadalla

Yvonne has kindly donated her winnings back to the church and we will use as the first donation to our NEW RESTORATION FUND. Many thanks.

ST JOSEPH'S – GARDENING GROUP

May we take a few moments today to admire the work currently being carried out by a small team of parishioners who form the gardening group. Led by Head Gardener - Chris Cardosi - and supported by his Under-Gardeners – Moira Cardosi, Anne Ireland, Theresa Moran, Isabel Doogan, Linda Gow, Rita Fox, Romana Hunter, Margaret Sinclair and Chris Ditchburn. Their work makes such a positive welcoming look to our lovely church. Thanks to you all – and watch out for the church seagull!

ST NINIAN

CPR Training

A free CPR Training session will take place in the church hall on Thursday 2 July at 7pm. This is not exclusive to adults only. It is a great skill for all ages. If you signed up to attend previously please let Louise know if you can no longer attend.

Church Hall Refurbishment

You are all invited to 'pop in' after Mass this weekend as we cut the ribbon for a soft opening our lovely refurbished hall. The Grand Opening will take place at our Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September.

Cake and Candy

Please remember to visit the cake and candy stall this weekend.

Medicine Blister Pack Recycling Returns

We're delighted to let you know that our Medicine Blister Pack Recycling Scheme has restarted.

You'll find the collection box at the back of the church, where you can recycle your empty medicine blister packs. It's a small action that can make a real difference in helping to reduce waste and care for God's creation.

For everyone's safety, please only place completely empty blister packs in the box. We cannot accept any medicines, nor packs for strong painkillers or controlled medications, and please do not place plastic bags or any other packaging in the collection box.

Thank you for supporting this initiative and for helping us care for our common home.

Offertory collection 21 June

OFF £331.00 GA £261.00 DFL £104.10 GA £41.00

TOTAL £737.10