

**First reading****Acts 12:1-11**

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 From all my terrors the LORD set me free. Ps 34(33)**

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| <p>1. I will bless the LORD at all times,<br/>praise of him is always in my mouth.<br/>In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;<br/>the humble shall hear and be glad.</p> | <p>2. Glorify the LORD with me;<br/>together let us praise his name.<br/>I sought the LORD, and he answered me;<br/>from all my terrors he set me free.</p>                      |
| <p>3. Look towards him and be radiant;<br/>let your faces not be abashed.<br/>This lowly one called; the LORD heard,<br/>and rescued him from all his distress.</p>         | <p>4. The angel of the LORD is encamped<br/>around those who fear him, to rescue them.<br/>Taste and see that the LORD is good.<br/>Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.</p> |

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

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**

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**Gospel****Matthew 16:13-19**

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.'

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**Saints Peter and Paul Apostles - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026****MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	St's Peter & Paul	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Ronald Johnson
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	Frank Firth
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday			<i>No Service</i>
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday	St A	10.00am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</i>
Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday	St P	10.00am	George Owens
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Thomas Apostle	St A	10.00am	Raymond Isaac
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>		St P	10.00am	Tommy Graham

St A = St Alban's; St P = St Patrick's

Weekday Masses at St Patrick's are Celebrated in the Parish Centre

Weekday Masses at St Alban's are Celebrated in the Chapel in the Presbytery

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** available on Request and

**First Saturday** of each month: 10.00-10.15am at St Patrick's and 5.30-5.45pm at St Alban's

*'The supreme rule of the Church is love. No one is called to dominate; all are called to serve. No one should impose his or her own ideas; we must all listen to one another. No one is excluded; we are all called to participate. No one possesses the whole truth; we must all humbly seek it and seek it together'. (Pope Leo)*

**The Order of Mass can be found on Page 200**  
in the **middle of your Hymn Books** indicated by the grey page markers.  
**The Gloria is on page 202. The Creed is on page 205.**

### **Journeying with the Word of God**

#### **Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his Name!**

This week we celebrate the feast of the two 'chief apostles' – St Peter and St Paul. Both were faithful rocks on whom Jesus built his Church, unshakeable in their belief that Jesus was the Christ, and ever-faithful to the universal mission he gave them. They can greatly encourage us as we, too, try to be Church today, following Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

The Church prays continuously for Peter throughout his ordeal as he lies enchained in Herod's prison. But then an angel comes to release him and Peter realises that the Lord really has saved him. **(First Reading)**

The **Psalmist** has also been released from his distress, and invites us to glorify God with him. We, too, can trust that the Lord will answer when we seek refuge in him, and will free us from our terrors.

Paul, like Peter, is also in prison, and knows that the end of his life is near. But he rejoices that he has kept faith: God has always been with him in his struggles and will bring him safely home. **(Second Reading)**

As Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Son of the Living God, Jesus establishes him as the rock on which he will build his Church, and entrusts him with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. **(Gospel)**

This week, as we give thanks for the lives of St Peter and St Paul, we pray for that same courage to put our trust in Christ Jesus, whatever trials we may face in life. Let's ask, too, for God's help as we work together to try to build up the Church.

**Children's Liturgy** for all primary school aged children will be held on the following Sundays at St Patrick's: **June 28<sup>th</sup>**, and July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**There will be a Collection** as you leave church today for **Peter's Pence** to support the work of the Apostolic See.

**The parishioners of the Sacred Heart, North Gosforth** extend a warm invitation to the parishioners of St Alban's, Pelaw and St Patrick's, Felling to join with them in celebrating the **Golden Jubilee of Fr Patterson's ordination** to the priesthood on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at the 10.30am parish Mass** at the Sacred Heart.

**Newman Tyneside Circle** invites you to come and hear Tom O'Loughlin speak on Luke 5:27-32 as a discipleship text: Christian hospitality and the contemporary rejection of liturgy, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on **Tuesday 14 July 2026, at 7.30pm**.

**Garden Tidy up** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at St. Patrick's from 10am. Many hands make light work and Tea/Coffee will be supplied.

**On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** a gathering of 30+ laity and clergy held a second meeting at St Mary's Whickam to further explore the Partnership response to the Diocesan Discernment Process. Once again the meeting was facilitated by Amy Cameron and Emma Wynne. A further meeting will be held to consider plans for the reduction in the priests of the partnership by one third and also by half. In practical terms this means reducing from the current 8 priests firstly to 5 and then 4. How could 5 or 4 priests serve our current 18 churches/parishes? We continue to pray for our diocese and your parish representatives during this time of discernment.

**Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Night:** 50s and 60s night at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle, Live entertainment, licenced bar, bingo. **7pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026.** Tickets £7 from 0191 273 1279. All proceeds to St Joseph's Home

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi** will be Led by Bishop Stephen, **22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2027.** £1725 per person. The itinerary etc. can be found on diocesan website ([www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)). Still a few places left.



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