

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.*

COLLECT

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R. 5

R: From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

1. 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. **R.**
2. 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. **R.**
3. 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. **R.**
4. 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. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:18

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord,
accompany the sacrificial gift
that we present to your name for consecration,
and may their intercession make us devoted to you
in celebration of the sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

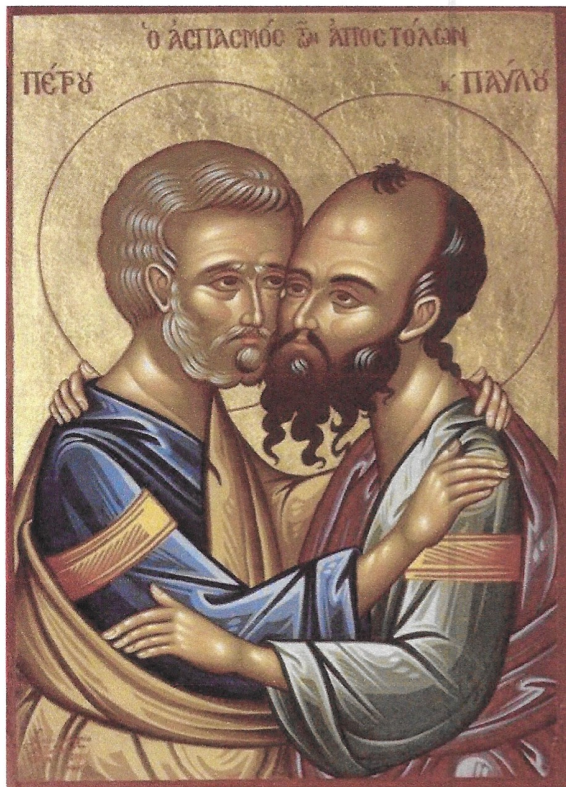
Grant us, O Lord,
who have been renewed by this Sacrament,
so to live in the Church,
that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread
and in the teaching of the Apostles,
we may be one heart and one soul,
made steadfast in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

June 29th, 2025

Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles



Today is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two saints we most have to thank for the formation of the early church and its spread across the Mediterranean and beyond. St Peter was 'the rock' on which Jesus built his church, and St Paul was the man converted on the road to Damascus from persecutor into the most effective missionary and church planter we have ever seen.

Entrance Hymn

293 The saints who toiled from place to place

Offertory Hymn

287 Let the round world with songs rejoice

Recessional

290 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 1)

30th June: Monday of week 13 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

1st July: Tuesday of week 13 in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade 1700;

2nd: Wednesday of week 13 in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Lunch Club 1200-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

3rd: Feast of St Thomas, Apostle. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

4th: Friday of week 13 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

5th: Saturday of week 13 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 6th July: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

We are also hosting the Deanery evening prayer service at 1730 here at St Anselm's. Please support us by being present!

FUTURE DATES

We are having a barbecue after mass on Sunday 3rd August! Please put the date in your diaries. We would welcome offers of assistance on the day, as well as offers of food or drinks for us to serve. Please speak with Fr Josiah if you are able to help.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Desiree Loderick; Tom Shipman, Mr & Mrs DeGale, Anselm Charles, Shirley Thomas, Jean Charnock, Maggie, George Norwood. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

29th June: Phyllis Mann, Graham Polley

30th June: James Jones

2nd July: Ronald Barrass [priest], Philip Couling

3rd July: Sr Agnes Mary, Eileen Grove

4th July: Reginald Burnham, Bill Coughlan, Julie Hopkinson

5th July: Stan James, John Mothersole [Priest]

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During May 2025, our income was £1,786.64, and our outgoings were £2,098.07 (excluding exceptional one-off donations paid into our reserve fund). Once again, our outgoings have exceeded our income, so please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already use that service.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: Sanctuary lights cost £3.50; votive candles £1.00; 100 communion wafers £1.50. We'd be very grateful for your support.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!