

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Carrying the Baton



At certain times in history the Church has been guilty of making mistakes, and doubtless it will continue to make mistakes in the future because we are all human. There are those who complain that the Church is out of step with an increasingly secular world. There are even those who point to diminishing Mass attendances and predict that the Church is living on borrowed time.

The bottom line, however, is drawn in today's gospel. Jesus turns to Peter and says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Whether Jesus' idea of 'Church' is our idea of 'Church' is debateable, but one thing is for sure, Jesus intended to leave behind a group of followers initially led by Peter, united in their belief of Jesus and God until the end of time.

Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Fortunately, today's Christians don't get thrown to the lions anymore, but we face different sorts of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton.

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:

One measure of leadership is the calibre of people who choose to follow you.

Dennis A. Peer



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.

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson

Parish Music team: Judy Reid & Kathleen Edmunds.

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Sunday 29th June 2025 – SS PETER & PAUL

[Sundays Year C, 13th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 28th June	18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 29th June			SS PETER & PAUL
	09.00	MASS	Mgr. Harry Wace (<i>Fdn</i>)
	11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Rosario Preston & family (Healing)
Monday 30th June			Feria
	-	No Mass today	
Tuesday 1st July			Feria
	10.00	MASS	David Jenning
Wednesday 2nd July			Feria
	10.00		Gretta Cummings+ (RB)
Thursday 3rd July			St Thomas
	10.00	MASS & ADORATION	Mary Reeder+ (RB)
Friday 4th July			Feria
	17.30	MASS	
Saturday 5th July			Feria
	18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Elaine Wilkes+ (RB)
Sunday 6th July			14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
	11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Joy Bussey+ (RB)

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.

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: Anthony O'Connor, Richard Downing, Elizabeth Sharp, Leslie Neve, Fred Hawkins, Andre Kanssen, Irene O'Brien, Mary Kosten. *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, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Margaret Glendon-Doyle, Mila Kaunaite, Elaine Wilkes, Anne Sibley.

Money Matters: Offering for the week was as follows:
Sunday 22nd June: Plate £342.45; and additional £21 for the Plant Sale
There is a Second Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence

Mission Appeal Collection for the weekend of 8th June 2025
Fr Erasmus writes: On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal that took place recently at your parish. With gratitude, we received **£419.48** from your parish. This amount will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help.

130 Club Monthly Draw Result for June 2025:
Quarterly Prize £25 - Ticket No. 188 Chris Sayer; 1st Prize £20 - Ticket No. 59 Sheila Goldner; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 17 Myrna Kemp; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 64 Andrew Rogerson; 4th Prize £10 -Ticket No. 163 Liam Dunne.

We are deeply saddened at the death of Gretta Cummings, condolences to her friends and family. The arrangements for her Funeral are as follows:
Thursday 17th July 4pm Reception into Church
Friday 18th July 11.30am Funeral Mass

Diary for the week Sunday 29 th – Saturday 5 th July	
Sunday 1100	Children's Liturgy – <i>for children in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age</i>
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1830	Parish Finance Committee – Emmaus Room

Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Wednesday 1900-2000	RCIA Final Meeting – Emmaus Room
Friday 1915-2030	Altar Servers Group – Emmaus Room
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	



Next **Saturday, 5th July 2025** at the 6pm Mass five parishioners will be received into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults.
Graham Frost, Alex Holley, Andrew Morris,
Lia Simpson and Stephen Wallis
Please keep them in your prayers

100TH
Anniversary

The Parish Centenary Mass Friday 25th July 2025 6pm
Bishop Peter Collins will be attending our Parish Centenary Mass next month – please make a note of this important date in your diary. Further details about the Mass and celebration are to follow.
There is now a list at the back of the Church for people to sign up to bring food for this very special occasion in our Parish.

Retreat Day for Men: "Men of Evangelisation" Saturday, 12th July, 09:30
You are invited to Walsingham to join Fr Alvan Ibeh and Catholic men from across the Diocese as we discuss and reflect on our call to holiness and mission of evangelisation. Includes confession, Mass, Holy Mile and Rosary as well as talks and discussion. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea, coffee, refreshments included. Cost for the day is £12.50. Booking can be found on EventBrite, or email Marriage and Family Coordinator on mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Marriage Preparation: For any couples seeking to be married in the autumn/winter 2025, or early 2026, the dates for the Diocese marriage preparation Saturday Days, and further information on the web page: rcdea.org.uk/marriage-preparation/

Volunteers needed - after the Parish Meeting on 25th June we are seeking volunteers to help the following groups for small amount of time on a rota basis:

- Counters – half an hour on a Monday morning
- Flower arrangers – money spent on flowers can be claimed back
- Cleaner – there is a vacancy in one of the teams

Please consider helping the Parish, and let Fr Jay know if you can help so he can put you in touch with the relevant person.

Thank you! to all the Parish Volunteers.

Please note that the new garden tap is now installed and ready to use

