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Newsletter

Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul

June 28th, 2026

My dear parishioners,

It was a pleasure during the week to celebrate the end of term Thanksgiving Mass at St. Paul's on Tuesday and then with St. Mary's here in the church on Wednesday. They were joyful occasions and we wish the teachers and pupils a good relaxing break during the school holidays.

The Bishops of Scotland have released the following statement and have asked that it be made known in the parishes:

In recent weeks, discussions about our diocesan structures have taken place among the clergy, religious and lay faithful in all of Scotland's eight dioceses. Following these local consultations, the bishops devoted significant time at the recent Bishops' Conference meeting to prayerfully reflect on the contents of these reports. The Conversation in the Spirit prayer-method has proved particularly fruitful in providing rich insight and direction at this stage of our discernment.

What emerged from local reports were encouraging areas of convergence. There is a clear desire to see the process as more than a consideration of administrative structures alone. Rather, it presents an important opportunity to reflect afresh on our mission and vision of the church in Scotland and on how best we can proclaim the gospel in our time.

The bishops recognised a strong appreciation for greater collaboration across dioceses, including the sharing of curial resources and expertise, enabling us to support one another more effectively. We also acknowledge strong local identities which belong to each diocesan community. Above all, there was a shared conviction that this moment can help renew our commitment to evangelisation and to the Church's mission to bring the hope of the Gospel to every corner of our nation.

We thank all those who contributed their voices to this important consultation and for generously sharing feedback as the fruit of sincere Spirit-led prayer. As bishops, we will continue our reflections in the months ahead and look forward to hearing further views from all those involved, as we evaluate concrete options to present to the Holy See towards the end of the year. In harmony with the hopes of the Holy See, we look forward to continuing this process as a synodal journey with the active participation of clergy and faithful,

We pray that the Holy Spirit will help us listen attentively to God's will and to each other as we move forward together with faith, hope and confidence.

**Bishop John Keenan
President, Bishops' Conference of Scotland.**

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday June 29th: Mass at 10am;
Rosary at 9,40am; Novena at 7pm

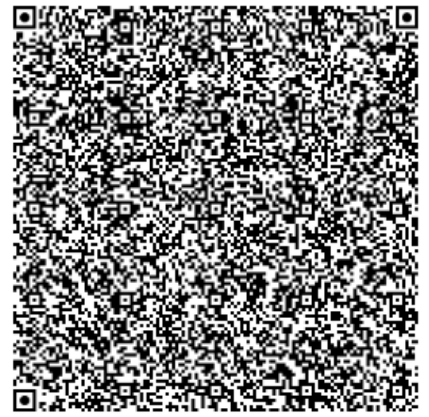
Tuesday June 30th: Requiem for Esther Agnew at 10am;
Reception on Monday at 6pm.

Wednesday July 1st: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday July 2nd: Mass at 10am

Saturday July 4th: Nuptial Mass at 1pm
Marriage of Louis McCaffrey and Nicola Morrison

The church's daily liturgy is a wonderful way to begin the day; you are always welcome to join us for the Rosary and Mass.



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Sincere thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for the various ways in which they serve our parish community. The Council will take a break for the summer and will meet again in August; the PPC is there to serve the parish community and your suggestions, comments and observations are welcome; Please speak to a member of the Council or put a note in the box at the back of the church or email PPC1846@hotmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference in our parish; thank you to those who have offered to serve our parish through the good work of the SVDP: Ronnie Boyd will serve as President, Paula Walker as vice-President, Kevin Irvine as Treasurer, Angela Lynch as Secretary. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, June 30th at 6.30pm.**

Congratulations to Louis and Nicola who will be married here on Saturday and to Simon and Kerrie, who will be married in Italy on Friday. We wish them and their families and friends a wonderful wedding day.

Recently Deceased: Esther Agnew, Jim Carter, John Holton, Nancy Muir, Antoinette Girasoli, Michalina Tedesco, Eileen Hickey, Helen Walsh, Jim Bain, Christine Collinder, Linda Anderson, Agnes Dupeire

Special Remembrance: Gavin Clark, Owen Turner, Ines and Tommy Maxwell, Angelina Di Marco, Peter and Ida Maxwell, May White, Alec Wilson, Robert and Ellen Boylan, Moira Boylan, Charlie Daly, William Donnelly, John Francis Moore, Anna McCool, and deceased relatives, friends and benefactors of our parish.

*The newsletter will take a break during the summer;
information will be given at the end of Mass.*