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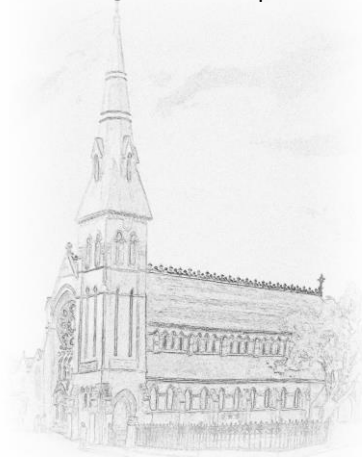
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## Mass Times

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) @ 10 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM & 11:30 AM

## Baptism

Normally on 2nd and 4th Sundays  
of the month at 12.30pm.  
Enquiries to the parish office.

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## PARISH NOTICES

### MASS INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayer at mass this weekend the following whose anniversaries and month's mind occur at this time:

- **Brian O'Flynn (A)**
- **David O'Connor (A)**
- **Vera O'Leary (A)**
- **Kay Walsh (A)**
- **Lauri Kelly (A)**
- **Mary & Charles McGrath (A)**
- **Bernard Diffley (1<sup>st</sup> A)**
- **Áine MacGuigan (A)**
- **Thomas Delahunty (A)**

### FIRST FRIDAY – 4TH JULY

Mass will be offered next Friday for all those whose names are on the altar list of the dead.

### DEANSGRANGE

#### CEMETERY SUNDAY

The annual Mass and Blessing of Graves in Deansgrange will be held next **Sunday, July 6, at 3pm**



### FEASTS & MEMORIAL DAYS

Feasts & Memorial Days for the coming week:

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup> St. Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr**  
**Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast)**  
**Fr 4<sup>th</sup> St Elizabeth of Portugal**

### Parish Lotto

The jackpot has still to be won. As there is no winner of the lotto, the winner of the weekly draw is **Denise Beardmore**.

### Choirs Summer Break

Both of our parish choirs, the Family Mass Group and the Choir have finished for the summer. We are very appreciative of the commitment of all who are involved in music ministry in our parish. They add so much to our liturgical celebrations. We wish them a good summer and look forward to their resumption in September.



### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

**"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14)**

The **Peter's Pence** collection which aims to **support the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV's mission** will take place on this weekend of **June 28/29**. This special collection will replace the Share Fund second collection. The collection not only helps to support the Holy Father's mission – proclaiming the Gospel, promotion of integral human development, education and peace – it also supports the many charitable works that help people and families in difficulty, populations living through natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance.

### Lourdes Collection

There will be a collection to support the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes after mass next weekend (**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> July**)



### 2025 Jubilee Year Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2025 Jubilee Year – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Led by Archbishop Farrell 4th to 9th September 2025.

Fully Escorted Tour from Joe Walsh Tours, Tel: 01 241 0800 or [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie) for Further Information.

Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary in the Pilgrimage Office, Tel 01 808 7555 or email: [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie)

### Commentary on the readings

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul invites us to reflect on the foundational role these apostles played in shaping the Church. The readings for this feast highlight themes of divine providence, faithfulness, and the mission entrusted to them.

#### First Reading (Acts 12:1-11)

This passage recounts Peter's miraculous escape from prison, emphasizing God's intervention and the power of prayer. It reminds us that, even in moments of persecution and uncertainty, God remains faithful. Peter's deliverance is a testament to the Church's reliance on divine protection and the strength found in communal prayer.

#### Second Reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

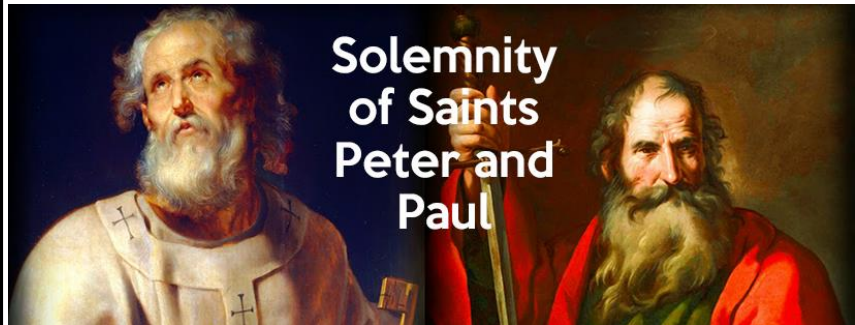
Paul reflects on his life's mission, describing himself as having "fought the good fight" and kept the faith. His words express confidence in God's ultimate salvation, even as he faces the end of his earthly journey. This reading challenges us to persevere in faith, trusting that God will sustain us through trials.

#### Gospel (Matthew 16:13-19)

Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's response—"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"—leads to Jesus declaring him the rock upon which the Church will be built. This passage highlights Peter's unique role in the Church and reminds us of the importance of professing our faith boldly.

#### Reflection

Saints Peter and Paul embody two distinct yet complementary aspects of discipleship. Peter represents steadfast leadership and the foundation of the Church, while Paul exemplifies missionary zeal and theological depth. Their lives remind us that faith requires both stability and movement—rootedness in Christ and a willingness to go forth in mission. As we celebrate their feast, we are invited to reflect on our own faith journey. Are we, like Peter, trusting in God's guidance even in difficult times? Are we, like Paul, committed to spreading the Gospel with courage and conviction? Their witness encourages us to deepen our relationship with Christ and embrace the mission entrusted to us.



### Fr Kevin's Reflection for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Imagine a roaring river that separates a village from a great city. A group of villagers come together and, despite the danger, take on the hard work of constructing a bridge. They endure hours of backbreaking labour, the ridicule of onlookers, and the danger of the treacherous river itself. Finally, the bridge is completed. The villagers discover the wonders of the city they could barely imagine from their side of the river. Some villagers take on the work of maintaining the bridge, repairing and replacing broken planks and pylons. Others assist the elderly and sick across the bridge so they can receive care in the city that is unavailable to them in their village.

Of course, there are those who ignore the bridge, happy to stay in their village, wanting nothing to do with the city. There are also those who regularly use the bridge but contribute nothing to its upkeep nor provide assistance to other users. And then there are the despicable few who devise schemes to scare people away from the bridge or control access to the bridge for their own power and profit.

The Church is like that bridge. Christ is both the designer and builder of this bridge from our world to God over life's treacherous waters. Peter and Paul and the great teachers and missionaries who came before us have maintained that bridge and have guided so many travellers across its span to the city of God.

The bridge that is the Church is now in our care, that we may cross the treacherous waters of our lives to God's city and help others do the same. As we celebrate today the solemnity of two of the great builders of the Church, may we recommit ourselves to being generous and committed builders and caretakers of this holy bridge from our village to the city of God.

