



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Parish Diary

Sat	29 June	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	30 June	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass Peter's Pence
Mon	1 July	9.30am	Mass
Tues	2 July	~~~	No services
Wed	3 July	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	4 July	9.30am	Mass
Fri	5 July	7.00pm	Mass
Sat	6 July	8.45am - 9.15am 9.30am 5.30pm	Confessions Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	7 July	8.30am 11.30am	Mass Mass Sea Sunday

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading	Acts 12:1-11
Psalm	33(34): 2-9
Second Reading	2 Timothy 4: 8,17-18
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-19

Last Sunday's Collection

Non Gift Aid	£322.62
Gift Aid	£333.05
Total	£655.67



Please pray for



Those who are sick ~

Joan Jones, Msgr. Basil O’Sullivan, Seamus Freyne (Father Mike’s younger brother), Natalie Otalini, Jade Dicerbo, Stuart Mason, Sean McCann, Nellie Gallon, Carly Mournian, Brendan Murphy, Vincent McDaid, Peter Douglas, Mary Gordon, Mary Hughes, Peter & Margaret Stark, Sarah Jane Connelly, Duncan McGregor, Maria McIntyre, John & Trisha Smith, Drs. Diane & Mike Basquill, Maurice Di Duca, Heather Stewart, Cathy McCallum, Archie Gallaway, Fr John Callaghan, Bishop Stephen, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, Peter Caproni, Laura Laing, Susan Duvall, Alex Mulholland, Shirley Smith.

Those who have died ~

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## And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Agnes Roberts, Bob Huber, George Campbell, Richard Clarke, Winnie Conlan, Moira Doherty, Iain Burns, Margaret Reid, Susanne Hughes, Emma Drysdale, Tom Harvey and Mgr. Tony Duffy

### **Pope Francis asks us to pray “for the gift of diversity in the Church”**

In particular, Pope Francis mentions the Eastern Churches: “They have their own traditions, their own characteristic liturgical rites, yet they maintain the unity of the faith. They strengthen it, not divide it.”

There are numerous Eastern Churches in communion with Rome, such as the Byzantine Catholics, the Greek-Catholic Ukrainian Church, or the Melchite Greek Church.

Other examples of ritual diversity within Catholicism are the Syro-Malabar Church and the Catholic Syro-Malankar Church, both of which originated in India; the Maronite Church, of Lebanese origin; the Catholic Coptic Church, of Egyptian origin; the Armenian Catholic Church; the Chaldean Church, predominantly in Iraq; as well as the Ethiopian-Eritrean Catholic Church, among others.

Pope Francis explains: “If we are guided by the Holy Spirit, abundance, variety, diversity, never cause conflict.

“The Holy Spirit reminds us first and foremost that we are children loved by God - everyone equal in God’s love, and everyone different.”

# **This Sunday Feast of Peter and Paul - second collection for Peter's Pence**

## **Peter's Pence?**

According to the official Peter's Pence website, the practice of Christians donating money to the successor of St. Peter the Apostle has its roots in the New Testament. It notes that St. Paul encouraged the communities he founded to take up a collection for the Mother Church of Jerusalem (see 1 Corinthians 16:1-4).

The website says that the institution of Peter's Pence "took on a stable form" in the 7th century, following the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons, and was associated with the feast of St. Peter.

The fund's sources changed considerably over the centuries. In the Middle Ages, it drew from donations made by local authorities under the pope's sovereignty. In modern times, it has consisted of a worldwide annual collection on or around the June 29 feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Today, the fund, known in Italian as the *Obolo di San Pietro*, has a twofold aim: supporting the pope's mission, including the activities of the Roman Curia, and charitable works.

For the second year running, the Vatican has published a detailed breakdown of the money flowing into - and out of - its Peter's Pence fund. The 2022 report explains that the donations came from four sources - dioceses (63%), foundations (29%), private donors (5.5%), and religious orders (2.5%) - and in three ways: via the worldwide collection, the website, and bequests.

While the U.S. retained the top spot (by a huge margin) in 2022, there was considerable change in the rankings, with South Korea and Brazil rising up the table, and Italy and Germany slipping.

The 77.6 million was spent in the following areas:

- Supporting local churches in difficulty and specific contexts of evangelization (41.2%)
- Cult and evangelization (12.0%)
- Message diffusion (11.2%)

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- Charity service (9.5%)
- Apostolic nunciatures (9.4%)
- Organization ecclesial life (4.6%)
- Historic patrimony (4.1%)
- Academic institutions (2.8%)
- Human development (2.6%)
- Education, science, and culture (1.6%)
- Life and family (1%)

The 16.2 million assigned to the needy supported 192 projects in 72 different countries, principally in Africa. The Apostolic Mission Group donated a total of 36 million in 2022, around 45% of which came from Peter's Pence.

The Peter's Pence money was spent in three areas: social projects (65.4 %), "supporting the evangelizing presence" of local churches in need (20.4%), and the "expansion and preservation of the evangelizing presence" in new local Churches (14.2%).

The top item in the social projects category was a donation of 1.6 million to war-torn Ukraine. For the "supporting the evangelizing presence" section, it was 91,000 euros for training religious women in Malawi. For the "expansion and preservation" category, it was 91,000 for building two chapels for Brazil's indigenous communities.

Please give generously.

*Fr. Mike*

## Feed the Hungry

Please place non-perishable & tinned items, etc in the box at the back of the church. Our KSC & SVDP will distribute goods to the needy in our area and also support "The Gate" food bank.

