

**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, one 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

THE PCC MEETS AFTER MASS TODAY.



Usually, if a saint's day falls on a Sunday, that saint has to wait until the following year for their memorial celebration, since the Church considers that that very few people or occasions are important enough to displace the usual weekly Sunday celebration of Jesus's resurrection. But the feast of St Peter and St Paul is

one of those occasions. And SS Peter and Paul are *so* important that their usual feast day of 29<sup>th</sup> June (tomorrow) has been brought forward to today deliberately to allow it to be celebrated on a Sunday when more people are able to be present. Why have these two saints been afforded such privilege? Quite simply, because without them none of us would be sitting in this church today. Without Peter, because it was Peter who first recognised who Jesus truly was and became the rock on which the church was built. Without Paul, because it was his missionary zeal that spread the church beyond the narrow confines of the Jewish faith within which it had began.

## Entrance Hymn

605 We have a gospel to proclaim

## Offertory Hymn

290 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth  
(During this hymn the collection is taken. Please give as generously as you can.)

## Recessional

230 Forsaken once, and thrice denied

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THIS WEEK (Year A[2]; Psalm week 1)

ALL MORNING PRAYER SERVICES EXCEPT ON THURSDAYS, AND ALL EVENING PRAYER SERVICES INCLUDING ON THURSDAYS, ARE NOW ONLINE. To attend these online services, visit [www.stanselm.co.uk](http://www.stanselm.co.uk), select 'Services and events', then 'Online Morning Prayer' or 'Online Evening Prayer' as appropriate, and click on 'MORE INFO'.

29<sup>th</sup> June: Monday of 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0900 online.  
30<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday of 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0900 online. Evening Prayer online 1700.

1<sup>st</sup> July: Dedication of the Cathedral. Online Morning Prayer 0900. Online Evening Prayer and Bible Study 1700.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Thursday of 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer at 0945 IN CHURCH, Mass 1000. Evening Prayer online 1700.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Feast of St Thomas, Apostle. Morning Prayer 0900 online.

4<sup>th</sup>: Saturday of 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time. Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association 1700.

## NEXT SUNDAY

5<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Elise Asmar; Kathyan Fenton; Sylvia Fenton, Desiree Loderick, Mr & Mrs DeGale, Fitzroy Sandiford, Peter Wickham, Cora Freeman, David Couling and Shirley Thomas. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Fr Josiah or Fr Stephen.)

## RECENTLY DEPARTED

Jean Foster; Mary White

## ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

28<sup>th</sup> June: Ethel Duckitt, Gary Middleton, Leslie Giddens [priest]

29<sup>th</sup>: Phyllis Mann, Graham Polley

30<sup>th</sup>: James Jones

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Ronald Barrass [priest], Philip Couling

3<sup>rd</sup>: Sr Agnes Mary, Eileen Grove

4<sup>th</sup>: Reginald Burnham, Bill Coughlan, Julie Hopkinson

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 at the end of mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During May 2026 our income was £1,177.76, and our outgoings were £1,701.99. Once again, we are living beyond our means. As there is very little opportunity to reduce our expenditure, increasing income is our only option. Could you help us by making a small increase in your contribution to St Anselm? Please flash this QR code to get started!



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