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**28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Saints Peter and Paul**

**CYCLE OF CATECHESIS - JUBILEE 2025. JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE. III. THE PASSOVER OF JESUS. 6. DEATH. "JESUS UTTERED A LOUD CRY AND BREATHED HIS LAST" (MK 15:37).**

We are accustomed to thinking of crying out as something disorderly, to be repressed. The Gospel confers an immense value to our cry, reminding us that it can be an invocation, a protest, a desire, a surrender. It can even be the extreme form of prayer, when there are no words left. In that cry, Jesus gave all that he had left: all his love, all his hope.

Yes, because there is this too, in crying out: a hope that is not resigned. One cries out when one believes that someone can still hear. One cries not out of desperation, but out of desire. Jesus did not cry out *against* the Father, but *to* him. Even in silence, he was convinced that the Father was there. And, in this way, he showed us that our hope can cry out, even when all seems lost.

To cry out therefore becomes a spiritual gesture. It is not only the first act of our birth, when we come into the world crying: it is also a way of staying alive. One cries when one suffers, but also when one loves, one calls, one invokes. To cry out is saying who we are, that we do not want to fade away in silence, that we still have something to offer.

In the journey of life, there are moments in which keeping something inside can slowly consume us. Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to cry out, as long as it is sincere, humble, addressed to the Father. A cry is never pointless, if it is born of love. And it is never ignored, if it is delivered to God. It is a way to not give in to cynicism, to continue to believe that another world is possible.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us learn this too from the Lord Jesus: let us learn the cry of hope when the hour of extreme trial comes. Not to hurt, but to entrust ourselves. Not to shout at someone, but to open our hearts. If our cry is genuine, it can be the threshold of a new light, of a new birth. As with Jesus: when everything seemed to be over, in reality salvation was about to begin. If it is made manifest with the trust and freedom of the children of God, the suffering voice of our humanity, united with the voice of Christ, can become a source of hope for us and for those around us.

## OUR PARISH VISION & MISSION

We are a warm & welcoming community of faith rooted in the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Belonging is at the heart of what we do as members of the body of Christ. We believe worship is not just found in prayer; it's something expressed in everything we do.

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2026

For the value of sports. Let us pray that sports can be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

<b>MASSES FOR WEEK</b>				
Sunday	<b>SAINT PETER &amp; SAINT PAUL</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Mary Dooley R.I.P.	<b>SP</b>
		<b>11am</b>	People of the Parish	<b>OL</b>
<i>Tea &amp; Coffee are served after both Sunday Masses</i>				
Monday	Ferial	<b>9am</b>	Anne Marie & Baby Jacob O'Hanlon (Blessings)	<b>OL</b>
Tuesday	Ferial	<b>9:30am</b>	Mary Cranney (Birthday Blessings)	<b>OL</b>
<i>Tea &amp; Coffee are served in the Saint Joseph chapel after Mass on Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome!</i>				
Wednesday	Ferial	<b>9am</b>	Moira McLaughlin	<b>OL</b>
Thursday	Ferial	<b>1:30pm</b>	Funeral Service for Terence Caslin	<b>OL</b>
Friday	<b>Saint Thomas</b>	<b>11am</b>	Mary Dooley R.I.P.	<b>SP</b>
Saturday	Ferial			
Sunday	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	People of the Parish	<b>SP</b>
		<b>11am</b>	Andrew & Joe O'Leary R.I.P.	<b>OL</b>

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

#### *Those who are sick*

*Stuart & Jackie, Samuel Adodo, Lily Baker, Christopher Browne, Gerard & Paul Carey, Pat Cockran, Anna Coughlan, Teresa Denye, Chloe Fortune, Anne Gillet, Aidan Hampsen, Colin James, Clare McElroy, Moira McLaughlin, Canon Philip Moor, Helen Ryan, Philip Smith, Eileen & Julia Ward, Sarah & Gary Williams & Pat Wise.*

#### *Those who have died*

*Beryl Ann Brown, Terence Joseph Caslin, and Sheila Clarke.*

## SAINT JOSEPH LAMP

The lamp burns for the intentions of Anna Coughlan at Our Lady's and Sr Damien O'Mahoney at Saint Pauls. Envelopes for intentions are at the back of each church. A £5 donation is requested.

## PARISH

WIRRAL FOODBANK are seeking new volunteers to work in their distribution centres, warehouse or driving their vans. Please see the poster for more information or visit [www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk)

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2027 - The parish of Our Lady & Saint John, Heswall are planning their Walsingham pilgrimage again for 2027 and are opening it to other parishes again. There will be an information session next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10am in Our Lady and Saint John's church. This meeting will review this year's pilgrimage and provide information about next year's. The meeting is open to everyone who took part in this year's pilgrimage and anyone interested in hearing what happened or about plans for next year's pilgrimage.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED? - the programme will continue on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in Our Lady's. Come along & find out more! We will meet every two weeks for an hour following the Sycamore programme a short video presentation with pauses for reflection, questions and discussion.

PARISH BBQ will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July after 11am Mass in the presbytery garden at Our Lady's. Donations of bottles are welcome for the bottle stall, please leave them at the back of each church. Helpers will be needed to help with set-up, running the BBQ & especially clearing up. Please see the sheets at the back of church to register your support.

BBQ RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale from today £1 per strip and will be drawn at the BBQ so please keep your tickets safe until then.

DREAM OF GERONTIUS - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. It's an experience like no other: the story of a lonely soul's journey towards eternity, told in music that'll break your heart. To book tickets and for more information please visit: <https://www.liverpoolphil.com/whats-on/classical-music/elgar-the-dream-of-gerontius/9562>

SEA SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families. A retiring collection to support the work of Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) will be held, envelopes to gift aid your donation will be available at the back of each church. A volunteer for each church is requested to read out the appeal at the end of each Mass. If you can kindly do this, please contact [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org) or Fr Michael after Mass on Sunday.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT (RETROUVAILLE) - From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - if you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

THE TABLET AND NEW HALL FESTIVAL 2026 - Faith in Action: Justice, Peace & the Future of the Church 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at New Hall, Boreham House, Chelmsford. Join a powerful two-day Catholic festival, bringing people from across the UK together to pray, reflect and act for justice, peace and human dignity. A joyful, welcoming space for worship, dialogue and renewal. See the poster for details.

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026, at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the

joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us at the historic and beautiful setting of Saint Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Book your tickets at [www.webelieviefestival.com](http://www.webelieviefestival.com)

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE DAY AT SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH - As part of the Jubilee Year and in preparation for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, Franciscan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where the faithful may obtain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions. We are therefore inviting parishioners from across the Diocese to join us for a special Pilgrimage Day at Saint Francis Church, Chester, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026, the Feast of the Stigmata of Saint Francis.


SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN - are holding a fightback day this weekend. They exist to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable, as self-induced abortion up to birth is now permitted in England and Wales. Cards are available at the back of church, please complete and return to Fr Michael.

A&K COMMUNITY HUB - For information about activities held there during each week please contact Laura on 0151 458 5562 or [Laura.akcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.akcommunity@gmail.com)

BOOGIE BEARS MUSIC & MOVEMENT - Sessions at 9:30am & 11am; Tuesday @ Little Centre, Beechwood; Thursday @ A&K community hub. No booking required: £5 per child, discount for siblings. Tea & Coffee for grown-ups, snack for little ones.

BONUS BALL SCHEME - The winning number on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June was 44 congratulations to the winner from Saint Pauls. If you would like to join, a list of available numbers is at the back of each church.

EASY FUNDRAISING As you are shopping online, don't forget to use the Easy Fundraising! *Our latest payout was an amazing £171.35!!!!* Thank you to everyone who has used it. Don't forget to use it when shopping for car, home or travel insurance!

<p><b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b> <b><u>Sunday 21st June 2026</u></b> <b>Offertory £533.68 (Cash); £77.50 (Standing Orders)</b> <b>£2 (Card/Contactless/Web); Zambia/Caritas £20</b> <i>Thank you for your continuing generosity.</i></p>	<p>To donate online, please scan the QR code.</p> 
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## **CHARITY**

WIRRAL FOODBANK - The immediate shortages are Shampoo, Tinned Fruit & custard, Tinned vegetables. Donations can be left outside the Saint Joseph chapel at Our Lady's or in the sacristy at Saint Paul's. Please see the poster in the porch for further details or visit [www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk).

STAMPS & GLASSES - These are donated to the RNIB to support their work with those suffering sight loss. There is a box at the back of each church for any used stamps or glasses you have.

USED TABLET BLISTER PACKS TO SUPPORT THE MARIE CURIE CHARITY - can be donated at each church but **PLEASE ENSURE THAT NO OTHER ITEMS ARE INCLUDED.**