



Parish Newsletter

St Fillan, King St, Newport-on-Tay
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St, Tayport



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Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles — 28th June 2026

Christ the Lord has promised us the Holy Spirit: come, let us adore him, alleluia.

Year: A(II). Psalm week: 1. Liturgical Colour: Red.

First reading: *Acts 12: 1-11.* ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod’.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 34 (33).* From all my terrors, the Lord set me free.

Second reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18.* ‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-19.* ‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5pm

St Fillan's: Sunday 10:15am

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Monday and Friday 10 am.

St Fillan's: Services suspended until further notice

Weekday Mass in St Fillan's

Bishop Andrew will continue to say Mass in St Fillan's during the week, on those days on which his pastoral duties allow him to do so. The days will be posted on WhatsApp - Sam Morton has set up a dedicated group for this purpose (Daily Mass at St Fillan's) - and placed the link on the Parish Group. It is reproduced here for those who might not have seen it already: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>.

Mgr Pat's Corner

Lost Certainties

Robert Runcie, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, died in July 2000. People liked him. He once said of himself: "I had an agonising ability to see clearly both sides of a question". He thought that this way of looking at things was less problematic than being 'dead certain'.

Peter and Paul, on the other hand, whose Feast we celebrate today, were both men of 'absolute certainties'. Peter was strong-minded, straightforward and plain speaking. Paul, too, knew exactly what he was and what he believed.

Despite Peter's denial of Jesus 3 times, and Paul's persecution of the early Christians, the Lord restored both these men to health and strength after the crushing experiences they had been through. The strong front is usually a protection against inner fear. The Lord reminds us, once again, that 'there is no need to be afraid'.

Peter and Paul had both been afraid of losing their particular certainties and securities - but they lost them anyway. It is a common experience for most of us. In the course of our lives, like Peter and Paul, we journey through periods of doubt and darkness. But the Lord is always with us and will give us the power of the Holy Spirit to help and sustain us in all the challenges that our Christian faith puts before us.

Mgr Pat

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Special Prayers: Anita Keenan, a longstanding member of the St Fillan's community, is very unwell in Ninewells at present. She does not wish to have visitors at this time, but let us all remember her and her family in our prayers. We also pray for those caring for the sick, those mourning the loss of loved ones or struggling to cope with difficulties in their lives, and for those who have died recently, or whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Saints and Feastdays

Today, 28th June: **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles and Martyrs.** Mgr Pat has highlighted the certainty and power with which both these remarkable men declared the truth about Christ and his teaching, after their rehabilitation by God. We know just how different their backgrounds were – Peter, the fisherman, with limited education and what seems to have been a blunt and straightforward character, Paul (as Saul, whom we first encounter as an interested observer and cloak-holder at the murder of St Stephen), the educated member of the lower echelons of the Jewish religious organisation, eloquent, single-minded and apparently already marked for advancement. Their experience of Jesus was also very different – Peter lived alongside the Lord throughout his ministry, while Paul had a single, dramatic encounter with Him while on his way to Damascus in pursuit of his ‘mission’ of persecution. Both lives were changed thereafter, both stood up for what they firmly believed in, and both took this commitment to the ultimate end, that of martyrdom for the sake of the faith. Legend has it that both died in the final years of Nero - on or near the same day, by some accounts. From early days, their commemoration has taken place on the 29th of June, but whether this was chosen as it was the day on which they died or that upon which their relics were translated is the subject of debate.

If God can take a simple, fallible man like Peter, given to huffing and puffing and sometimes spectacular episodes of loss of faith, and a somewhat unlovable (at least by today’s attitudes), unswerving character like Paul and use them to advance his plan for humanity, he can surely do the same with us – if we are prepared to let him.

Musical Alternatives for the weekend

We are spoiled for choice in music this weekend, both in style and in location.

An afternoon with Beethoven

Kathy Mowle’s husband, David, will be performing 3 Beethoven piano sonatas (Pathetique, Moonlight and Appassionata) in St Vigean’s Church this Sunday, 28th June, starting at 2.30pm. Entry is by donation, and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church Hall.

This performance is part of the series, entitled ‘Music in St Vigean’s’, which has run through June.

Ferryport Fiddlers

The Ferryport Fiddlers are giving a concert in Tayport Parish Church this Sunday, 28th June at 3pm. Admission is free, but any donations received will go to the World Land Trust and Taybridgehead Food Bank. Refreshments will be available.

A vote of thanks

A big ‘Thank you’ is due to the ‘Tayport Garden Angels’, who have been doing sterling work in the car park and borders at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Their efforts have contributed massively to making the church and its grounds feel welcoming and loved.

THE SUNDAY CAFÉ. All welcome to stay after Sunday Mass at St Fillan’s for coffee/tea and a chance to chat with fellow parishioners. Volunteers to join the rota are always welcome. If you would like to help occasionally, please talk to one of the team at the back of the church. Donations are always welcome and will keep this channel of communication open.

Cleaning in St Fillan’s

Can you spare 15 minutes after Sunday Mass at St Fillan’s to help clean the church, or on any other day to suit? Contact **Angela Davey** on **07768406946**.

THE FOOD BANK STILL NEEDS YOU. In fact, donations have been tailing off, while demand remains high. Non-perishable foods and toiletries can be left at the back of the churches or at local collection points: the Co-op in Tayport, Scotmid in Newport and Spar in Wormit. Financial donations also welcome. The Taybridgehead Foodbank still needs volunteers, particularly in the Tayport area. If you are willing and able to volunteer some of your time to help the Foodbank, please get in touch by calling 07840 957039 or through the ‘Contact Us’ link on their website.
<https://www.taybridgeheadfoodbank.org.uk/>

From the Evening Prayer of the Church tonight

We pray to Christ who built his Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. – *Lord, be with your people.*

Simon the fisherman was called by you to be a fisher of men: call others today to share in his task. – *Lord, be with your people.*

When the disciples feared that the ship was sinking, you commanded the sea and there was calm: protect your Church in the midst of trouble and give her the peace that the world cannot give. – *Lord, be with your people.*

After your resurrection you gathered your Church around Peter: gather all your people now into the unity for which you prayed. – *Lord, be with your people.*

You sent Paul as an apostle to all men: let your good news be preached today through all creation. – *Lord, be with your people.*

You entrusted the keys of your kingdom to your Church: open the gates of life to the dead who put their trust in you. – *Lord, be with your people.*