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SAINTS PETER and PAUL APOSTLES

13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 27 June	5.30 pm	Mary Murray RIP
Sun 28 June	9.30 am	Mary & Trevor Savage RIP
Mon 29 June	9.00 am	MASS IN SCHOOL. All welcome. Intention: For the school community
NO MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH		
Tues 30 June	9.30 am	For the deceased clergy of our diocese of the last year, including Fr Marcel Sean Kennedy for good health
Wed 01 July	9.30 am	Kathleen Connally, anniversary, RIP, and Tom Connally RIP
Fri 03 July	9.30 am	The Gillen family and McAleavey family
Sat 04 July	9.30 am	For parishioners who are not well, including Joseph Dussroth
	5.30 pm	Margaret Fortune RIP, 9 th anniversary
Sun 05 July	9.30 am	People of the parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

On this feast day of Ss Peter and Paul we focus on the gift of revelation through which these giants of the Christian faith entered into the mystery of the Christian life.

Revelation can best be understood as a gift of grace through which we grasp or receive fresh or new insight into the mystery of God. Revelation is a form of knowledge which reason itself cannot penetrate. We are blessed today to see revelation in action. Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ did not and could not come from 'flesh and blood' or human reasoning alone. Jesus is explicit where this gift of revelation came from – not from Peter but from his heavenly Father.

St Paul, having suffered intensely at the hands of his fellow believers, who constantly questioned his authority and credentials, pointed to this gift of revelation as the way in which he took hold of the gospel: 'For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ' (Gal. 1:11-12). There you have it, in a nutshell: the two apostles were recipients of the grace of revelation.

We too seek this grace of revelation and as St Pope John Paul II explained, our search must draw us to the Father: 'How had Peter come to this faith? And what is asked of us if we wish to follow in his footsteps which ever greater conviction?

Matthew gives us an enlightening insight in the words with which Jesus accepts Peter's confession: 'Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven' (16:17). The expression 'flesh and blood' is a reference to man and the common way of understanding things. In the case of Jesus, this common way is not enough. A grace of 'revelation' is needed, which comes from the Father' (*Novo millennio inuente* 20).

Lord Jesus, grant me in ever-deeper measure the grace of revelation into the rich panorama of Christian truth. I humbly confess that I cannot come to the fullness of contemplation of your face by my own effort and must let you take me by the hand.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.**

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Peter's Pence. Our donations go towards supporting the office and works of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 30th June: First martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.
Wed 1st July: St Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr
Fri 3rd July: St Thomas, Apostle

A DEFINING QUESTION

He said to them, "but who do you say that I am?" MATTHEW 16:15

Clearly, Jesus is a teacher. First, he asks the disciples to give him feedback about what everyone else is saying about him. Then Jesus zeroes in on a question directed toward each of them: "But who do you say that I am?"

There is no escaping this defining question. This is a time when students in a class would cast their eyes downward as if studying their notes hoping the teacher wouldn't call on them. A good teacher knows that if we can name something we can grow in clarity and understanding. Peter's seemingly spontaneous response is profound.

Jesus' question is directed toward each of us as well. "Who do you say that I am?" Alternatively: Who am I in your life? How might knowing me make a difference to how you move through this world day by day?

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

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

CONFIRMATION

The classes have begun at English Martyrs Church led by Fr Mark Brentnall. Confirmation will be celebrated at English Martyrs on Sunday, 12th July at 11 am.
Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.