

Saint Peter

Peter was a fisherman, one of the first apostles. He was hot-headed but practical and hardworking and he learned difficult lessons of betrayal and forgiveness. Importantly, he recognized the presence and goodness of God in the world and in his life. He believed that Jesus was the Son of God. Peter was willing to put his unflinching faith into words and more significantly, into action. Peter travelled as far as Rome to spread the message of Jesus, where he was eventually crucified for his faith.



'Always be ready to give reason for the hope you have.'

(1 Peter)

Let us pray:

Lord, give us faith, that we will recognise you in our everyday lives, through the people we meet and the situations we encounter. Teach us to know you and have the courage to believe in your presence and goodness so that we are not afraid to speak up against injustice and guide us to be confident to make the right choices in our lives. Amen

The Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. **"Who do you say I am?"** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **And I tell you that you are Peter, on this rock I will build my church,** and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven'



Saint Paul

Paul was a student of the law of Israel, well known for persecuting and killing of the early Christians. This was until his conversion on the Road to Damascus when his world was 'turned upside down' and he learned of God's infinite mercy and forgiveness. Paul was a man of deep emotion, sometimes angry, but above all, he had complete faith in God and through his travels and many letters, spread the Good News of Jesus Christ across the world. Paul died a martyr, beheaded in Rome, dying for the faith he professed.



'...and above all these, put on love'

(Colossians 3:14)

Post-it Challenge:

- Imagine that you are going to meet a stranger. How will you describe yourself so that the stranger will recognize you?
- How do you think Jesus would describe you?
- How are the two descriptions different?

Each of us must answer for ourselves what is personally most meaningful about the life we have in Christ. Who do people say you are?

- Are you the person that God created you to be?
- How would a stranger know this?
- How can you be the best possible version of ourselves?